

# CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

## GLOBAL DIALOGUE TRAINING COURSE

16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 2012, HONG KONG, CHINA

**DO YOU** want to travel to Hong Kong to develop a long lasting work programme between Europe and China?

**CAN YOU** make a difference in creating a common understanding of sport and physical activity between Europe and China?

**WILL YOU** challenge yourself and those around you to increase awareness among local political decision makers and community leaders in Europe and China on the diversity of sport and physical activity cultures and their potential for positive exchanges and tolerance among the youth?

The Global Dialogue training course is part of a larger project called Non-Formal Education in China and Europe (NOYCE) and is organised by the International Sport and Culture Association (ISCA) in close cooperation with its partner organisations, Ollerup Academy of Physical Education, Denmark and Hong Kong Gymnastics Association, China. The aim is to enable 30 young leaders from China, Asia and Europe to have a deeper understanding of intercultural processes in sport and physical activities, as well as to plan and organise common international youth projects centred on sport and physical activities.

As such, the Global Dialogue will tackle questions such as:

- How will a Global Dialogue effectively communicate sport and physical activity to the next generation?
- Can sport act as a catalyst to bringing geographies together?
- Can you play an important role in developing sustainable partnerships?

## OBJECTIVES

The project has the following objectives:

- 1) To use the method of non-formal education through sport and physical activity in a series of activities to boost intercultural understanding, cultural exchange and networking among young people from EU countries and China.
- 2) To initiate a sustainable network of and communication platform for youth and sport organisations from China and EU countries.
- 3) To increase the capacity of youth leaders and their organisations as well as key youth multipliers, all part of the project, to use education through sport and physical activity as a means to achieve international understanding and dialogue.
- 4) To increase awareness among local political decision makers and community leaders in Europe and China on the diversity of sport and physical activity cultures and their potential for positive exchanges and respect among the youth.

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### METHODS

The working methods will be based on the principles of non-formal education, education through sport and youth to youth experience. Many activities will be interactive and learner-centred, to address the real needs of the participants. The program of the training course is based on eye-to-eye-level, living words as well as the whole human being (body and intellect).

Viewing physical activities and sport as a fundamentally cultural expression is not new. But the understandings of the cultural values of physical activity have very different connotations across the world. Thus, a common European understanding of physical activity and sport as an expression of cultural identity as well as a means of communication and individual liberation will, in this project, be contrasted with a Chinese approach. This entails a view of sport and physical activity to be a bearer of tradition, and activities that are well-structured and cohesion-building and often bound to a precise definition of disciplines.

The project takes a starting point in the needs and interests of YOU, the young leaders. Not only listening to YOUR needs, but allowing YOU to independently formulate and implement activities, as this is a key value of the project. While strong partner organisations back them up, the ethos of the project is to give YOU, the young leaders, the space for exchanging ideas and putting them into practise.

### MAIN COMPETENCES ADDRESSED IN THE TRAINING COURSE

- Understanding of culture and one's own identity;
- Understanding of stereotypes and prejudices, how they are formed and how they influence our lives;
- Understanding the role of sport in the lives of people in different cultural contexts;
- Communication skills such as listening, questioning, observing;
- Ability to lead and coordinate youth and sport activities;
- Ability to formulate ideas in written project proposals
- Openness towards others and a genuine curiosity and willingness to question one's own automatic reactions and judgements
- Proactivity, taking action whenever needed; resourceful and committed

### CRITERIA

Participants will be selected among young applicants that comply with the following criteria:

- Leaders representing youth and sport focused organisations/institutions in Europe, China and other Asian countries;
- Hold a decision making role in their organisations;
- Have a strong interest in creating new contacts and initiating new projects between Europe and China and are able to follow up the new initiatives that will be created
- Aged 18 to 30 (a limited number of participants could be above 30, with the condition that they are working directly with and for youth)
- Able to communicate in English, the official language of the training course

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### LANGUAGE

The working language for this training course is English. Applicants are expected to have a good knowledge of English.

### COST OF PARTICIPATION

The project covers the costs of accommodation, food and training activities.. Participants travelling from Europe will be reimbursed for their travel costs, up to the total amount of 500 euro. Participants travelling from Asia (except China) will be reimbursed up to 100 euro. In order to receive the mentioned reimbursement, all receipts and boarding passes must be provided.

All participants have to be covered by a travel insurance, which is a compulsory condition for participating in the training.

### HOW TO APPLY

Please complete the online application form before the 15th of October. Only complete applications from eligible countries will be considered. Successful applicants will be notified by the 23rd of October. Eligible countries are:

Europe: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Croatia, Turkey.

Asia: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, the People's Republic of China (including Hong Kong and Macau), India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Yemen.

Link to application: <http://www.isca-web.org/english/youth/trainings/globaldialogue2012applicationform/>

### ABOUT THE PARTNER ORGANISATION

#### International Sport and Culture Association (ISCA)



The International Sport and Culture Association is an international non-governmental association open to youth, sport and culture organisations from all over the world. ISCA has 130 affiliated members in about 65 countries from all over the world, totalling some 40 million individual members. We strongly believe that everybody should have the opportunity to participate in international sports and cultural activities such as festivals, exchanges, seminars, tournaments and education programmes. We call it Sport and Culture for All. Please find more information on the ISCA website: [www.isca-web.org](http://www.isca-web.org)

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### Gymnastikhøjskolen i Ollerup (The Academy of Physical Education in Ollerup)



Gymnastikhøjskolen i Ollerup is one of the oldest academies of physical education in Denmark working entirely with non-formal education. The school was founded in 1920 and is a boarding school with more than 220 students each year and 60 employees divided between administrative department, educational department and practical and kitchen department. The school is based in a local community outside of Svendborg on South-Funen. Each student is part of an environment based on social responsibilities, which brings along exceptional challenges and possibilities for personal development. Please find more information on the associations website: [www.ollerup.dk](http://www.ollerup.dk)

### Hong Kong Gymnastics Association



中國香港體操總會

The Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China

Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China formally established April 1, 2003 and formerly known as the Hong Kong Amateur Gymnastics Association was organized in 1965 by a group of enthusiastic gymnastics and aims to promote Hong Kong's gymnastics development. The association is committed to promoting the development of the sport of Gymnastics. The association has shown continuous efforts to promote and develop the activities of the various types of gymnastics and at present, their gymnastics activities has become diversified, including artistic gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, gymnastics and trampolining. Please find more information on the associations website: [www.gahk.org.hk](http://www.gahk.org.hk)

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