



Study Session:

“Gender equality through human rights education and youth leadership”

IGLYO, Loesje Armeina, ISCA, CID and Egyesek in cooperation with the Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe

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IGLYO is the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Youth and Student Organization. It was created in 1984 as a reaction to the need for better co-operation among local, regional and national LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer) youth and student organizations. Today the IGLYO network is an important meeting point for LGBTQ youth in the European region, having member organizations in almost every European country and beyond.

Loesje Armenia – a part of Loesje International, which has organized and led a large number of international youth exchanges, trainings and seminars relating to many different themes, including freedom of speech, diversity and Human Rights. It receives funding from the Council of Europe and Youth in Action Programme to create projects which seek to engage with society in a positive way, and with a unique outlook to solve problems and empower youth.

ISCA is a global organization bringing together sport, culture and youth organizations from across the globe. ISCA believes that international activities such as festivals, exchanges and sports tournaments are an unrivalled means of creating international understanding, and that everyone should be given the chance to participate. Taking into consideration Gender equality is also an issue that ISCA is dealing with and has experience in via the Olympia project.

Center for Intercultural Dialogue is a non-governmental, non-profit youth voluntary organization. The mission of the Centre for Intercultural Dialogue is to promote and support intercultural understanding and cooperation, peace and solidarity through active youth participation in the society, and especially through volunteer involvement on local and international level.

Egyesek Youth Association has been working in the field of youth work for 14 years. We are group of young people, volunteers, youth workers and trainers. Our aim is to inspire, empower and support youth in successfully taking responsibility in their lives and the lives of their communities. Our activity is focused on non-formal personal development of youth and young adults. We organize youth exchanges, voluntary service programs, trainings for youth leaders and peer educators, as well as support volunteering which serves learning and personal development.

The study session will gather 30 young individuals from all across Europe willing to discuss, experience and participate in activities addressing gender equality using the approach of human rights and non-formal education.

The main aim of this study session is to raise awareness of youth leaders about gender inequality and stereotypes in an intercultural context and build their competences to empower groups to address gender based discrimination.

Objectives:

- exploring and understanding gender as social construction and its effects on social expectations and influence on young people,
- analysing the process of automatic categorization and stereotype forming,
- empowering youth leaders and developing their competences to challenge the gender stereotypes and inequalities through youth work,
- develop critical thinking in regards to gender issues in an intercultural context,
- developing the understanding of human rights, intercultural learning and the use of human rights education to address gender based discrimination

Profile of the participants

- Youth Leaders interested in working with the topic of gender equality
- Between 18 and 30 years old
- Able to work in English
- Committed to participate actively in the full duration of the study session
- Committed to contribute to the follow-up activity (working on ideas for new tools/methods and future projects)

Application, procedure and selection of participants

The application form can be found on the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dGF0ek5aY3o3eWdBQjZqLUxrOGRVUnc6MQ>

The deadline is 30.05.2012

The preparatory team will select thirty participants on the basis of the profile outlined above. It will try as far as possible to respect the organizations' priorities, but also to ensure a gender balance, geographical regions, different types of experiences, cultural backgrounds and organizations, institutions and projects. A waiting list may be established. Candidates will be informed whether their application has been accepted, rejected, or if they have been put on the waiting list, by 1st June 2012.

Travel expenses

Travel expenses and visa fees for the Study Session in Budapest are reimbursed according to the rules of the Council of Europe. Only the participants who attend the entire training course can be reimbursed. The payment will be made in cash during the study session or by bank transfer after the study session.

Accommodation

Board and lodging for the residential training seminar will be provided and paid for by the Council of Europe.

Enrolment fee

An enrolment fee of 50 Euros is payable by each participant. This amount will be deducted from the amount to be reimbursed for travel expenses or paid at the EYCB during the residential seminar.

Working languages

English will be the working language of the Study Session.

**If you have questions related with study session, feel free to contact us by
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