

Call for participants to the training course

Democracy in Action – From the Personal to the Political

23rd–30th September 2017

Zagreb, Croatia

We are happy to invite 23 multipliers (educators, trainers and youth workers) from Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Croatia, Poland and Germany who work in the field of (international) youth work and/or civic education to take part in the training course Democracy in Action – From the Personal to the Political which will take place in Zagreb, Croatia from 23rd to 30th September, 2017.

Project overview

During this training course participants will have a chance to become familiar with two civic education methods respectively - Betzavta and Applied debate. Further, participants will engage in reflecting upon these methods and developing ideas regarding the way in which they can utilize them in their own working context. Finally, the international composition of the training aims to foster development of intercultural cooperation on the international level.

About methods

Betzavta is a Hebrew word which means "together". The title of this method for learning about democracy, which was developed by the Adam Institute in Israel, makes up the programme and philosophical background at the same time. Betzavta questions the traditional and unsatisfactory paths of conventional conflict resolution with surprising seminar units and presents in its place the concept of creative conflict resolution. With the help of a special conflict dilemma method, it achieves the essential conditions for tolerant social interaction: the willingness to mutually recognize the right to personal freedom and other peoples' needs. On this basis, the four steps of democratic decision-making provide the conflicting parties with a valuable tool for dealing with conflicts in a novel way. Betzavta is an internationally renowned democracy education programme used in schools and non-school educational institutions.

Applied debate presents several different approaches to debate outside of its usual, competitive setting and explores debate's potential, across different contexts, to engage with discrimination and build understanding between various groups in society. Through the Applied Debate course, the participants will improve their critical thinking, argumentation, rhetorical and empathy skills, widening their perspective to seek alternatives to the polarized, dichotomous thinking (us versus them) so widespread in the current local and international political domains.

Organizer

Kreisau-Initiative, Germany

Partners

MODOM, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Youth Initiative for Human Rights, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Open Communication, Serbia

HERMES, Croatia

Krzyżowa Foundation for Mutual Understanding in Europe, Poland



Meeting place

The training course is going to take place at two locations. The first part of the training will be held at Sljeme (in a hotel at the top of the mountain Medvednica north of Zagreb which is accessible by public transport from the city of Zagreb) in order to provide a chance to work in a peaceful surrounding of natural beauties of Medvednica mountain. On the fourth day of the training a short brake will be made by moving to the city center of Zagreb and getting to know the historical and political context of the city. The following days training will be continued at the seminar place in the city center.

Details concerning the training course

- **Date:** September 23rd to 30th, 2017
- **Place:** Zagreb, Croatia
- **Countries:** Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Croatia, Poland and Germany
- **Language:** English
- **Fee for course:** (covers accommodation in a triple room in 3* hotel, training, all meals and one day excursion in Zagreb; a reduced fee for students, apprentice, and unemployed upon request)

Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia – 40 € (30 € reduced fee)

Bosnia and Herzegovina – 40 € (30 € reduced fee)

Serbia – 40 € (30 € reduced fee)

Croatia – 50 € (40 € reduced fee)

Poland – 80 € (60 € reduced fee)

Germany – 150 € (115 € reduced fee)

- **Travel Costs:** (costs will be reimbursed after the training)

Bosnia and Herzegovina – maximum 180 €

Croatia – maximum 180 €

Poland – maximum 275 €

Germany – maximum 275 €

Serbia – maximum 180 € for travel distance between 100 and 499 KM

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Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia – maximum 275 €

Application: Please fill out the application form below and send to bubalo@kreisau.de at latest by 31st July, 2017

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September 23rd to 30th, 2017

in Zagreb, Croatia

- Deadline: July 31st, 2017 -

First name, Last name:

Email:

Address:

Phone number (mobile):

Occupation/field of study:

Organization:

Date of birth:

Vegetarian: y/n Vegan: y/n Food allergies: _____

Special requirements _____

I have been in touch with democracy education before: yes no

Please specify:

Please describe how do you intend to utilize knowledge gained during this training?

I accept the above mentioned terms of application and payment. The participation fee is due after confirmation of participation through the organizer.

Date, signature* _____

