

“Restorative Circles for Citizens in Europe”

An international training on understanding and debating Euroscepticism, 08.-13.10.2016 in Lecce (Italy)

WHO CAN APPLY?

Professionals of non-formal education (18 years upwards) from Germany who are interested in the topic of Euroscepticism and moreover want to learn a method on how to understand and debate it. We seek candidates who have a University degree (preferably psychology, sociology, or other fields in the humanities or social sciences), group facilitation experience, self-reflective and good communication skills as well as critical thinking and problem solving skills (preferably mediation). Participants from Germany will be trained in the method of “*Restorative Circles*” and will be enabled to facilitate the debate weekends in Germany.

RESTORATIVE CIRCLES consists of:

- A 6 day training in Lecce, Italy (08.-13.10.2016)
- Facilitating the six Restorative Circles (once per month from January till June 2017)
- Attending online consultations
- a 3 day conference in Budapest, Hungary (22.-24.09.2017)

Since parts of the project (training in Lecce, online consultations, conference in Budapest) are going to be held in English, a high level of English is required. In order to become a Restorative Circles trainer, the attendance on the preparatory training in Lecce, Italy is obligatory. **Please apply individually by August 22nd** (please see application information below).

SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT + METHODOLOGY

“Is it a good idea for our country to be a part of the EU, or not? What works well in this union, and what doesn’t? How does being a citizen of a member state affect us individually?”

Among others, these questions will be part of the project *Restorative Circles for Citizens in Europe*. It is a unique, innovative, and collaborative project that aims to create true dialogue among citizens holding different views on the topic of Euroscepticism, linked to specific EU measures. A Restorative Circle is a community process for supporting those in conflict. It brings together the three parties to a conflict – those who have acted, those directly impacted and the wider community – within an intentional systemic context, to dialogue as equals.

For more information visit <http://www.restorativecircles.de/interview/>

Our professional international team will use the restorative approach to launch a series of Circles in different cities across five countries in Europe (Germany, Hungary, Italy, Greece and Denmark). The project seeks to engage citizens in the debate weekends who have no previous experience in civil society projects, are members of underprivileged and underrepresented groups and large numbers of youth who will determine the future of Europe.



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Trainers of the Restorative Circles' weekends will receive a preparatory training (08.-13.10.2016 in Lecce, Italy) that enables them to facilitate the debate weekends in Germany. Those weekends will start with two groups holding opposing views, prepare participants in both groups and finally mix them in one Circle to engage in an open, respectful dialogue.

Trainers will collaboratively design the Circle processes to include both the European dimension and the local characteristics of each country. The in person and online collaboration of the team will continue throughout the project and will lead to an International Conference where they will present their findings to professional audiences and the general public.

TRAINING'S VENUE

Salento University, Lecce, Italy

https://international.unisalento.it/home_page

HOW TO APPLY?

Please fill out the application form and send it back to the address mentioned in the form.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 22nd, 2016

PARTICIPATION COSTS

- **Participation fee** (covers accommodation, full board and all programme activities): **150 EUR**
- **Travel costs to Lecce** can be reimbursed **up to 170 EUR** per person of the economy class travel costs.

PARTNERS

Inter Alia (Greece), Kreisau-Initiative e.V. (Germany), Demostene Centro Studi per la Promozione dello Sviluppo Umano (Italy), Salento University (Italy), Hungarian Association for Community Development (Hungary), Mellem Education (Denmark)



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Confirmation of Participation in the training “Restorative Circles for Citizens in Europe” in Italy (08.-13.10.2016)

Please return via e-mail, mail or fax until **August 22nd, 2016**, the latest to

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Telephone/Mobile: _____

Special food preferences (vegetarian, no pork etc.): _____

Further comments: _____

Gender:

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Travel expenses: It can be reimbursed **up to 170 EUR** per person of the economy class travel costs. Therefore please keep all tickets and receipts you will get during your journey. After the meeting make sure to send all original documents to the following address:

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