

Call for participation

Peace+ Building a culture for Peace and Nonviolence Training Course

August 19-28th, The Netherlands

Application deadline: June 15th 2016

Peace+ is a one week training course for youth workers to acquire knowledge and professional skills in nonviolence and peacebuilding, so that they can integrate these in their work. It is build on a two week training course from last year, Towards a Nonviolent World (ToNoWo). The training will focus on several core concepts from Johan Galtung, such as 'positive peace', (which refers to the title "Peace+"), structural violence, cultural violence and direct violence, and gives excercises to practice Constructive Nonviolence and Peacebuilding.

Aim and objectives:

The over-all aim is to empower youth workers by knowledge, skills, insights and experiences so they can build a culture of peace and sustain peaceful international relations in and around the EU. The objectives are:

1. To give youth workers the chance to reflect on nonviolence and their way of dealing with it in their personal and professional life, offering tools to resolve conflicts, possibly prevent them and build more peace in both their jobs and private lives.
2. To present the opportunity to practice conflict resolution and communication skills in a culturally diverse setting, so that youth workers can understand the democratic principle 'agree to disagree', as well as the principle 'different but equal'.
3. To counter radicalization of youth by letting them experience and understand 'positive peace' (valuing diversity and establish respect in community building), structural and cultural violence, meaning they challenge and deconstructing prejudices and get a birds-eye perspective on how different social problems are inter-connected in systems of violence.
4. To facilitate intercultural understanding and cooperation as well as synergy in the field of youth work, by exchanging insights and knowledge among youth workers during (and after) the program and develop connections among them.

Participants:

This training is for youth workers, by which we understand: people who can impact youth directly, in both the NGO and nonformal education sector and formal education, or indirectly through policy, advocacy, lobbying, or research. The training is aimed at youth workers who experience a lack of knowledge, skills, and competences in Nonviolence, Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding. It is addressed to people who work in contexts where they could benefit from a learning experience where they can share their difficulties, discovering methods to improve communication, tolerance and cooperation. We are looking for 21 participants in total, coming from Egypt, Georgia, (3 places), Turkey, Germany, Spain, Greece, Hungary, Kosovo, The Netherlands (2 places each) and Romania (1 place).

The Working language is English, so a good level of English is necessary to participate.

The program:

The training is 8 days (+ 2 travel days). Participants will learn more about responses to violence, forms of violence, forms of nonviolent action, historical examples, elements for a culture of peace and nonviolence, including dealing with cultural and religious diversity, and practical tools such as Non-Violent Communication and campaigning.

All the workshops involve acquiring knowledge, understanding attitudes and behaviour, and practicing skills

through sharing, collaborative assignments, role-plays, reading and exchanging knowledge. Learning will also take place outside the workshops: living in a communal building is a chance to create a peaceful society on a micro level. Moreover, participants create a new network that they can use for future projects.

Costs:

We ask a participation fee of 50-80 euro (sliding scale based on your ability). In case this is an obstacle, please contact us.

The expenses we cover for you are:

100% of accommodation costs+ 3 meals a day (breakfast, lunch, dinner) and coffee breaks

100% of training and material costs

Travel costs up to the maximum amount of:

530 euros/person for participants from Egypt and Georgia

360 euros/person for participants from Turkey and Greece

275 euros/person for participants from Germany, Spain, Romania, Hungary, Kosovo

180 euro/person for participants from The Netherlands (if living more than 100km away from the venue).

Please note that if you use less for travel, we can use this for other expenses, which will be highly appreciated :-).

Organizer:

Peace+ is facilitated by three trainers: Nina (Netherlands – SVAG), Hulya (Turkey- NVRC) and Alexandra (Romania – PATRIR).



SVAG

SVAG – Stichting voor Actieve Geweldloosheid (Association for Active Nonviolence) was established in 1966. It is mainly involved with publishing educative information materials and translations of books. In the past (until the early nineties) the organization also frequently organized trainings. The training materials are still valid and available. The association owns a library of about 1000 books and brochures and since 2008 the association is compiling and publishing a "Handbook of Nonviolent Power for a Peaceful Society" (in print in Dutch and online in English in late 2016). Twice a year SVAG publishes an information bulletin.

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Partners:

Anazitites Theatrou (Greece)

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Ecoservice (Hungary)

European Intercultural Forum, EIF (Germany)

Forum for Progressive Initiatives, FPI (Kosovo)

Goal Oriented Learners, GOL (Egypt)

Nonviolence Education and Research Center (Turkey),

Peace Action Training and Research Institute of Romania, PATRIR (Romania)