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Call for participants

Training-course on democratic citizenship and youth participation for specialists from authorities at national, regional and local level working with young people and for representatives of youth non-governmental organizations from Ukraine ("50-50" training)

26 October – 1 November 2015 (including arrival and departure dates)
Cherkassy, Ukraine

Activity

Within the biennial Framework Programme on Co-operation in the field of youth policy with Ukraine for 2014-2015, the Youth Department of the Council of Europe is co-organising the Training-course on democratic citizenship and youth participation for specialists from authorities of national, regional and local level working with young people and for representatives of youth non-governmental organisations from Ukraine ("50-50" training).

The training-course will bring together civil servants and representatives of non-governmental organisations to discuss youth participation and youth policy development in view of the State Strategy of Youth Policy in Ukraine for 2015-2020, involvement of young people in making-decision processes at regional and local level, a role of youth work and non-formal education in the youth policy implementation and how to improve the interaction of state structures, non-governmental organisations and youth.

A particular focus of the training-course is to prepare youth leaders, activists and workers to act within the new conditions of administrative reform in Ukraine. After recent changes, the priorities of youth policy will remain within the responsibility of regional and local authorities. Currently there is a need to train young people and the people working with youth on how to implement youth policy standards at local and regional level in co-operation with all the stakeholders in these areas.

The training course will be based on "Have your Say!", a Manual on the revised European charter on the participation of young people in local and regional life, recently translated into Ukrainian, as one of main tools for supporting implementation of good practices of local and regional youth policies, for increasing youth initiatives in the socio-economical processes in the Ukrainian society and for strengthening cooperation between local authorities, non-governmental organisations and youth.

Aim and objectives of the Activity

The aim of the TC is to improve participants' competences in promoting youth participation, in developing capacity of young people to influence decisions and in strengthening cooperation between different stakeholders of the youth field at local, regional and national level for further development of youth policy and youth work in Ukraine according to principles of pluralist democracy and human rights.

Objectives:

- ✓ to reflect on the current situation in youth policy in Ukraine, and what is required of youth policy;
- ✓ to familiarize participants with the recent developments in legal provision of the youth field in Ukraine and their connection with the European dimension;
- ✓ to reflect upon and promote the Council of Europe's youth work values, principles and concepts, with a focus on dialogue and partnership between

government/state/local authorities and NGOs, youth participation, non-formal education, social inclusion, intercultural dialogue;

- ✓ to raise participants' awareness about the role and importance of youth work and its links with youth policy;
- ✓ to raise awareness about using the Revised Charter on Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life and to provide learning opportunities on how to use a manual "Have your Say!" in cooperation between young people and public authorities;
- ✓ to develop key competences of participants as multipliers and support them in implementation of follow-up activities on regional and local levels;
- ✓ to create a space for open dialogue and promote mutual understanding and respect between actors within NGO and governmental sectors and encourage co-operation within the Framework Programme on co-operation in the field of youth policy between the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine and the Council of Europe's Youth Department .

Organisers of the Activity

The activity is co-organised by the Council of Europe Youth Department and the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine in cooperation with the Ukrainian Network for Adult Education and Development of Innovations "Insha Osvita".

Profile of participants

The training course will bring together up to 30 participants who are active in the youth field of Ukraine within:

- ✓ national youth non-governmental organisations, associations or platforms,
- ✓ regional and local youth non-governmental organisations,
- ✓ state public authorities in charge of youth policy,
- ✓ regional and municipal public authorities responsible for youth policy,
- ✓ academic and research institutions.

Interested candidate should:

- have experience and interest to further work on the issue of youth participation, democratic citizenship, youth work and non-formal education;
- be motivated and be in an active position to use the gained competences on their work/activities;
- be interested to follow up and networking with other participants;
- be resident of Ukraine;

The organisers will take into account a composition of a diverse and representative group between various stakeholders and regions of Ukraine.

General conditions of participation

The following conditions apply to all participants. When applying to take part in the activity, applicants and future participants are expected to have adhered to them.

- The training course will be held in Ukrainian and Russian languages.
- Participants are expected to attend the duration of the training`s programme.
- The programme of the training starts on 26 October at 18:30 and ends on 31 October at 18:00.

Financial conditions of participation

Travel expenses to the venue of the training course, accommodation and meals will be covered by the organisers.

Application procedure and selection of participants

All interested candidates should apply by completing in the online application form available at <http://youthapplications.coe.int/Application-forms> by midnight of 5 October 2015.

All participants will be selected by the team of organisers from the Council of Europe and Ukraine on the basis of the profile outlined above taking into account experience and motivation.

Applicants will be informed about results by 12 October 2015.

Further information

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For information about other youth activities:

www.coe.int/youth – Youth Department of the Council of Europe,

www.dsmsu.gov.ua/index/ua – Ministry of Youth and Sport of Ukraine.