



International seminar

“Identifying youth work and youth work quality”

under **THE AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION
BETWEEN FLANDERS AND THE BALTIC STATES**

Dates: 12 – 17 April 2010

Place: Latvia

Theme:

Identification of youth work and youth work quality.

Target group:

Youth workers, youth leaders and policy makers in/of (local, regional, national) governmental departments involved in youth work from Flanders-BE, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania.

Aim:

Assessing what approach the policy and the youth sector adopt towards youth work and come to common grounds on youth work from three perspectives: policy, practice and youth.

Objectives:

- To provide a basic framework(s) of youth work and to find common grounds for youth work;
- To exchange examples of good and bad practices (analyzes);
- To set and strengthen common understanding of youth work and youth work practice;
- To share and understand different backgrounds and histories of youth work development;
- To build bridges between policy, practice and young people needs;
- To provide a tool for multiplication (output).

Key-questions dealt within this seminar:

- What are the (social) goals and characteristics (including values (both directions), ideas, competences, etc.) of youth work (definition of the youth partnership and EU as a starting point), link with history of youth and youth policy in Europe?
- What are legal aspects and structures, programs and supporting mechanisms in the different countries)?
- What are indicators to measure the quality of youth work?
- What are systems to guarantee the quality: training, standards, youth worker portfolio, European programs (EYF, YIA, ESF, ERDF, etc.)?
- What is youth work?



Training approach

This seminar is organised within a context & approach of Non Formal Education (NFE) and we will use a lot of TRAINING METHODOLOGY. This means that we have an active, participatory, non-academic approach. IT WILL BE NOT A SITTING AND LISTENING SEMINAR, WE WILL ASK ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF ALL PARTICIPANTS ☺ !

Working language

Working language of this training course will be English. Your level should be from that kind that you can fill out the application form in English without assistance. Your English doesn't need to be perfect (neither is ours)! It should be good enough to actively participate and to be able to express yourself in simple sentences.

Profile of participants:

Participants should fulfil following profile:

- Each participant has a mutual understanding of youth work from examples in their own country and their perspective;
- Each participant has a already strong link with youth work;
- Each participant is capable to contribute to and work on common understanding of youth work ideas;
- Each participant has active English knowledge
- All participants are expected to fully take part in the programme, from the first day till the last

The organizers:

This seminar is organised within the frame of the "youth" subcommittee in implementation of the agreements on cooperation between Flanders, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.



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Ministry for
Education and
Science

Latvia



Department of Youth
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Lithuania



the Youth Department of the
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Estonian Youth Work Centre

Estonia



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Application form

All people interested in the participation in this seminar, should fill out the application form and send it to jaanika.palm@entk.ee by email at latest 10th of March 2010. Application form is available on the website of Estonian Youth Work Centre: www.entk.ee



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Additional information:

Additional information will soon be provided via emails for applicants.