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The role of young people in conflict transformation and intercultural dialogue

Conference Centre
Andorra La Vella, 15 - 16 April 2013

Presentation and programme

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Background

Since 2011, the Council of Europe's youth sector has been running a training project for youth workers active in communities in a conflict or post-conflict situation. This "Youth Peace Ambassadors" programme helps participants to develop conflict management and transformation skills and to set up local projects to promote intercultural dialogue and a culture of peace and human rights. The main features of the project in spring 2013 will be two consolidation seminars, one of which is due to be held in Andorra in the context of the Andorran Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers.

This offers an ideal opportunity to organise a seminar bringing together Youth Peace Ambassadors and Andorran youth workers and leaders.

A further reason for this meeting is the wish of the Council of Europe and the Andorran authorities to involve young Andorrans more in the Council of Europe's activities and, of course, to gain a better knowledge of the situation in the principality with regard to youth and youth work.

The meeting will be followed by the consolidation seminar for Youth Peace Ambassadors from 17 to 21 April. This seminar will be held at a holiday camp in Andorra La Vella.

Aims

- To foster co-operation between Andorran youth workers and leaders and their European partners and encourage young Andorrans to participate in the Council of Europe's activities ;
- To increase mutual knowledge of youth policies at the Council of Europe and in Andorra ;
- To develop skills in the field of conflict mediation by young people, including at local level ;

- To promote the dissemination and use of the Council of Europe's tools in the field of human rights education and intercultural dialogue.

Participants

- 15 youth workers and leaders from Andorran youth organisations and groups, including youth workers active at local level, trainers and youth leaders, and officials from the Department of Youth and Voluntary Work and the National Youth Forum
- 15 participants in the Youth Peace Ambassadors programme
- Trainers and members of the secretariat

Working languages

- English and Catalan (with simultaneous interpretation)

Draft programme

Sunday 14 April

- Meeting of organisers
- Foreign participants arrive
- Dinner
- Informal activities

Monday 15 April

09:30 Opening of the seminar and introductions

- Roser SUNE, Minister for Education and Youth of Andorra
- Ólöf OLAFSDOTTIR, Council of Europe Director of Democratic Participation and Citizenship
- Michael O'Brien, Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Getting to know each other

11:00 Break

11:30 Achievements and challenges of intercultural dialogue: the Andorran perspective

- Input by Joan Mico, expert of the Sociological Research Centre of Andorra
- Questions and answers

12:30 The Council of Europe's approach to and work on intercultural dialogue and youth work

13:00 Lunch

15:00 Challenges to dialogue and the culture of peace: young people's perspective and role – good practices and discussion

18:15 Sharing outcomes from the previous activity

18:45 Conclusion and end of the first day

19:30 Dinner

Free evening

Tuesday 16 April

09:15 Introduction to the day's programme

Introduction to the Council of Europe's educational tools and programmes relating to human rights education, intercultural dialogue and conflict transformation

09:45 **Experiential skill development workshops** on:

- Conflict transformation
- Human rights education
- Intercultural learning

13:15 Presentation of the workshops' conclusions

- 13:45 Evaluation and closing of the seminar
- 14:00 Lunch
- 14:55 Tour of the town (and perhaps visit to the Andorran participants' associations)
- 20:00 Dinner in a restaurant close to the hotel

Tuesday 17 April

Start of the consolidation seminar for Youth Peace Ambassadors