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"50-50" Euro-Arab training course

Youth Participation and Gender Equality

17-20 November 2018 Doha, Qatar

Draft Programme

Friday 16 November

Arrivals 19:00 Dinner Welcome evening

Saturday, 17 November

9:15 Opening

Introduction of the Euro-Arab youth dialogue activities

Introduction to the Council of Europe and the League of Arab States

Exchange with Rui GOMES, Council of Europe and Abdulrahman Mohammed AL-Hajri, Ministry of Culture and Sports of Qatar

10:00 Programme and methodology

Expectations of participants

Break

11:30 Team building

Intercultural learning & dialogue

Lunch

- 15:00 Defining Gender, gender roles and gender stereotypes Break
- 17:00 Gender equality through Human Rights Reflection groups
- 19:00 Dinner

Intercultural world café

Sunday, 18 November

09:15 The role of gender in youth participation

Experiential exercise based on Compass, Manual for Human Rights Education with Young People

Break

- 12:00 Conclusions on the role of gender in youth participation
- 13:00 Lunch
- 15:00 Concept of youth participation

Existing mechanisms and frameworks

17:00 The ladder of youth participation "Glass ceiling" in youth participation opportunities **Reflection groups**

19:00 Dinner Organisational world café

Monday, 19 November

09:15 Visit to a local youth centre in Doha

Exploring challenges and opportunities for youth participation in Doha, finding similarities and differences

Local practices of Youth Participation and Gender Equality

- 11:30 Human Rights Education Joint session in the local youth centre in Doha
- 13:00 Lunch
- 15:00 Identifying common challenges in promoting youth participation and gender equality
- 17:00 The potential within the Euro-Arab youth cooperation
- 18:30 Dinner

Visit to El Beit Jalmud Free evening

Tuesday, 20 November

- 09:15 Toolbox for follow-up projects: Advocacy, social media, campaigning, success stories
- 11:30 Open space: Further exploration of topics or exchange of tools and good practices
- 13:00 Lunch
- 15:00 Applying new ideas into existing work of the participating organisations or institutions Creating informal support groups
- 16:30 Networking and follow-up
- 17:30 Evaluation of the training course
- 18:00 Closing of the training course
- 19:00 Dinner

Farewell party

Wednesday, 21 November

09:15 Visit to local youth centres in Doha Departures

The training course

The Council of Europe introduced the "50-50" training course model as a way to support youth organisations and public authorities to work together in developing and implementing youth policy strategies and approaches. The "50-50" training courses are educational activities where half of the participants come from youth organisations and the other half from public institutions (local and regional authorities, national level ministries etc.). The course evokes also the spirit of co-management in place in the Council of Europe youth sector based on cooperation and communication between public authorities and organisations representing young people.

The course in Qatar focuses on ways to increase meaningful youth participation based on the principles of the Council of Europe Revised Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life and relevant similar dispositions in the Arab region, more specifically by looking into how young people participate in the decision-making processes and in other forms of social and political participation. A specific emphasis will be placed on gender equality, notably how to secure gender equality in youth participation and how participatory approaches can enable (better) gender equality. The role of human rights education – as proposed in Compass, the manual for human rights education with young people – will be specifically addressed. The course should result also in proposals to further enhance youth participation and gender equality in and through Euro-Arab youth cooperation.

The aim of this course is to enable and to motivate participants to develop and implement youth work or youth policy practices that support meaningful forms of youth participation and gender equality in a context of Euro-Arab intercultural dialogue.

Organisers of the activity

The activity is co-organised by the Council of Europe Youth Department and the League of Arab States, in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture and Sports of the State of Qatar and with the support of the European Youth Forum.