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RENEWING PEACE EDUCATION IN INTERCULTURAL YOUTH ACTIVITIES

A consultative meeting about key contents and approaches to peacebuilding and conflict transformation in the intercultural youth activities of the Council of Europe

Organised in cooperation with the European Youth Foundation.

24-25 January 2023
European Youth Centre, Strasbourg
Room 0.1

Programme

DRAFT Programme

Tuesday, 24 January

09:30 INTRODUCTIONS

1. Opening and introductions to the meeting with:
 - *Rui Gomes*, Head of Education and Training Division, Youth Department
 - *Gordana Berjan*, Head of the European Youth Foundation, Youth Department
 - *Armine Movsesyan*, member of the Advisory Council on Youth
2. Introduction of the participants, experiences and expectations
3. The Council of Europe work in the field of peace education, peacebuilding and conflict transformation
 - The work of Youth Department, with *Rui Gomes*, Head of Education and Training Division, Youth Department
 - In the field of confidence building measures with *Anna Capello*, Head of Confidence Building Measures Division, Directorate of Political Affairs and External Relations

11:00 Break

11:30

4. Key concepts and role of peace education in Europe today, with Prof. Dr. *Andreas Oberprantacher*, Innsbruck University and the UNESCO Chair for Peace Studies
Exchange of views with the participants

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 18:00 ESSENTIAL CONTENTS AND COMPETENCES

5. The essentials and importance of Peace Education with *Cécile Barbeito Thonon*, Escola de Cultura de Pau (School for a Culture of Peace)

16:00 Break

16:30

6. Experiences in defining essentials and competences in peace education, peacebuilding and conflict transformation in intercultural youth activities (working groups):
 - a) activities implemented by the participants and their organisations including:
 - b) addressing current challenges to peace education
 - c) responses to the challenges
7. Conclusions of the working groups

18:00 Closing of the day

19:00 Dinner

Wednesday, 25 January

09:30 – 13:00 PEACE EDUCATION AND CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

1. The role of peace education and conflict transformation with young people in and outside of conflict affected territories with *Prof. Dr. Rina Alluri*, UNESCO Chairholder for Peace Studies
2. World café on examples of peace education and conflict transformation focusing on challenges, resilience and successes in:
 - Ukraine with *Yuliya Ielfimova*
 - Armenia, with *Anush Petrosyan*
 - Azerbaijan, with *Lala Safarli*
 - Cyprus with *Loizos Loukaidis*
 - Italy, with *Ilaria Zomer*
 - Poland, with *Maciej Rotowski*

11:15 Break

11:45

3. Tensions, dilemmas, and good practices in peace education and conflict transformation with young people (parallel working groups):
 - a) Peace education combined with peacebuilding;
 - b) Involvement of youth living under the armed conflict;;
 - c) Sustainability, measuring impact and results of peace education;
 - d) "Peace education beyond peace" - how to deal with human rights challenges in peace education?

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 17:30 PROPOSALS FOR PEACE EDUCATION

4. Youth Peace Camps as an example of peace education and conflict transformation intercultural activity with young people, presentation by *Rui Gomes*
5. Proposals for enhancing and mainstreaming peace education and conflict transformation in the Youth for Democracy programme, including activities supported by the European Youth Foundation. In working groups:
 - a) Mainstreaming peace education in intercultural youth activities
 - b) Making peace education sustainable
 - c) Advancing and deepening the Youth Peace Camp
 - d) Supporting youth educators and multipliers in their communities
7. Presentation of the outcomes of the working groups

17:30 Conclusions, evaluation and closing

18:00 Closing of the day

19:00 Dinner

BACKGROUND

The meeting is organised to pool together experiences, approaches and identifying methodologies for credible activities in peace education and conflict transformation that take into account the realities of today's Europe and the concerns of young people.

The meeting will explore the following questions:

- 1.** Which (new) experiences and approaches to peace education and conflict transformation with and by young people are being developed and implemented?
- 2.** What are the essential contents and competences that peacebuilding and conflict transformation in intercultural youth activities should secure in order to be credible and effective?
- 3.** How to involve or address young people living under armed conflict in peace education and conflict transformation activities?
- 4.** How to support young peace activists and educators in their role as multipliers in their communities and organisations?

Objectives of the consultative meeting:

- To review approaches and practices of youth activities for peacebuilding and conflict transformation in the Council of Europe, including the activities at the European Youth Centres and activities supported by the European Youth Foundation
- To renew the role of peace education and conflict transformation in the programme Youth for Democracy and support the implementation of this priority in the Agenda 2030 of the youth sector of the Council of Europe
- To strengthen the role and sustainability of the Youth Peace Camp as a unique confidence-building and conflict transformation activity by updating the methodology and format of the activity;
- To propose additional measures and activities to further mainstream and integrate peacebuilding and conflict transformation in the Youth for Democracy programme, including activities supported by the European Youth Foundation.