

Strengthening education for democracy

Trainer training course 2016/17, Module A

Strasbourg, France

04/10/2016 – 07/10/2016

Deadline for application: 01/06/2016

Number of national participants: 0

Number of international participants: 45

Working languages: English, French, simultaneous interpretation provided

Summary

The systematic development of competences for democracy – transversal attitudes, skills and knowledge – and the strengthening of education for democracy, and within that, education for personal development, democratic citizenship and intercultural dialogue is more important than ever.

This course for pre-service and in-service teacher trainers will look at how to integrate the development of these competences in pre- and in-service teacher education.

The preliminary outcomes of the project “Competences for democratic culture” and the work results of the Pestalozzi Programme as well as relevant project results from other education projects will form the resources pool the participants will discover, and use to discuss develop and to test ways of integrating these concerns in their teacher education and development practice.

The participants will develop and test training formats and materials for these purposes which are published afterwards and serve as examples of practice to be disseminated and developed further.

Expected results

After the training course the participants will be in a better position to contribute to the integration of education for democracy into pre-service and in-service teacher education; in particular they will be better equipped to:

- raise awareness in colleagues and students, in their peer groups and academic communities of the importance of the role of teacher education and professional development for the future of our democratic societies
- integrate the development of the necessary attitudes, skills and knowledge in their teaching and training practice in a structured way
- take action in their institutions and peer community to promote the strengthening of education for democracy

The participants will form a network of education professionals equipped to continue the training on the international, national, regional and local level with a shared view of the competences which need to be developed and of the appropriate methodology of training and teaching. A collection of tried and tested training resources and/or pre-service curricula proposals and in-service training programmes will be available online to serve as a support for teacher education institutions and as a stimulation to further develop resources and programmes along similar lines.

Target group

Participants should come from a pre-service or in-service training context of formal or non-formal education. More precisely, the programme favours the participation of trainers of trainers, trainers of teachers in either pre-service or in-service training and other multipliers (authors of textbooks, university professors ...) in contexts of formal and non-formal education.

Participants need to be competent users of one of the working languages (minimum level B2) and commit to participating actively in all the phases of the work from July 2016 to autumn 2017.

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