

FINLAND/FINLANDE

Democratic citizenship and human rights in basic education

1. **General approach and framework:**

The general aim of the training activities of the Pestalozzi Programme is to train education professionals to become multipliers for Council of Europe standards and values in education.

The work is based on three main pillars

- Content : standards and principles as well as project results of the Council of Europe
- Methodology: learner-centered, peer-training, collaborative work on issues of common concerns to find fit solutions for diverse contexts
- Four-fold concept of competences development: developing sensitivity and awareness, knowledge and understanding, individual practice, societal practice.

2. **Number :** CoE 2014 1007-1010 Finland

3. **Related Council of Europe Project :**

- Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)7 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the Council of Europe Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education
- Recommendation 1849 (2008) of the Parliamentary Assembly for the promotion of a culture of democracy and human rights through teacher education
- 'Learning and Living Democracy For All'.

4. **Dates:** 7/10/2014 – 10/10/2014

5. **Deadline for application:** 13/6/2014

6. **Working language:** English (minimum level B2)

7. **Venue :**

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8. Number of available places:

- 12** participants from the signatory States to the European Cultural Convention
- 3** participants from the host country

9. Target group :

Class and subject teachers (especially Lower secondary education /classes 7-9), heads of schools, student counselors, teacher trainers and government officials in basic education.

The programme consists of introductory lectures and visits to a local lower secondary school. Co-operative learning will be the working method throughout the workshop: the participants will share their experiences and professional practices with peers from other participating countries.

Participants commit themselves to actively participate in all phases of the work:

- preparatory tasks before the workshop
- active participation throughout the whole duration of the workshop
- reporting, follow-up and dissemination after the workshop.

10. Focus of the training activity :

The workshop will focus on the best practices and activities in teaching and learning about democracy, the different forms of democracy in every day's schooling life especially from the following points of views:

- Children's rights and participation in school's operational culture
- Different cases on how the Rights of the Child are promoted all around Europe
- The role of student boards and student associations in basic education.

11. Expected results:

- To strengthen democracy as a basic value in education
- To implement the participation practices and activities in everyday school life in basic education
- To get innovative ideas and share best practices between the participating countries concerning child activating philosophy and appropriate methods on active participation in school's operational culture
- Co-operation on fostering democracy and child participation with NGO's and other out-of-school networks.

12. Outline of programme :

A detailed programme and all practical information will be sent to the selected participants one month before the workshop.

Provisional starting and ending times of the workshop:

Tuesday 7 October at 18.00 pm - Friday 10 October no later than 13.00 pm.

13. Organising body :

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15. Travel and subsistence expenses:

Travel expenses :

- i. Travel expenses of participants from the signatory States are covered by the Council of Europe according to the rules.
- ii. Travel expenses of participants from the host country will be reimbursed by Finnish National Board of Education.

Subsistence expenses :

Subsistence expenses – accomodation and meals - are covered by the host country for all participants. Any travel or activity, included in the programme of the European Workshop, is also taken care of by the organiser.

16. Other information

The success of the training activities depend on the commitment of all the participants. By accepting to participate in the Pestalozzi programme, participants and facilitators agree to participate actively and assiduously in all the phases of the activity.

Information for participants from the signatory States to the European Cultural Convention :

Travel expenses : Participants benefiting from reimbursement of their travel expenses are advised to consult carefully on the website the section about “Rules”. Application form : Candidates must send their application form duly completed to the National Liaison Officer of their country of residence. All information available on : <http://www.coe.int/Pestalozzi>