

## 11<sup>th</sup> Edition

### *SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT*

*In the framework of the*

*2010 UN International Year of Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding*

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The University on Youth and Development<sup>1</sup> (UYD) is an activity jointly organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, the Spanish Government (INJUVE), the European Youth Forum (YFJ), the Spanish Youth Council (CJE) and other international youth organisations.

Since its first edition in 2000, the University takes place once a year bringing together representatives of youth organisations and youth movements from all over the world who gather in the CEULAJ (Euro-Latin-American Youth Centre) to discuss, train and be trained as well as to take political action around the main issues on the global agenda.

In 2010, the University on Youth and Development will be gathering for its 11<sup>th</sup> Edition launching renewed hopes and aspirations, objectives and challenges for the partners, reinforcing this as the space and home of Global Youth Work and the Global Youth Movement.

The University on Youth and Development is composed of various activities (Seminars, Training Courses, Workshops) organised by more than 10 partners and will gather close to 300 young people from all over the world.

#### **Main Goals**

- To create a political space where youth can act upon and acknowledge the role they play in Global Development.
- To initiate and encourage debate aimed at defining the role youth play in elaborating development policies and in co-operation with development initiatives.
- To facilitate a process aimed at defining and implementing projects within the field of youth.

## **Joint Theme 2010**

On the occasion of the International Year of Youth, proclaimed by the United Nations, the 11<sup>th</sup> Edition of the University on Youth and Development will be held around the promotion of awareness and discussions on sustainable development and its connection with human rights and fundamental freedoms, progress, solidarity, peace and security, the fulfilment of which are essential to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. The key role that young people and youth organisations play in this process will be also emphasized.

The Joint Programme, the training activities, seminars and discussions that partners bring to the university are encouraged to be a contribution to this debate. Activities organised in partnership between various organisations and resulting in partnerships and co-operation processes are highly encouraged. The University itself is a result of these kinds of synergies.

## **Joint Programme and Evening Activities**

To complement the different activities taking place simultaneously during the week, the 11<sup>th</sup> UYD offers an informal social space of amazing possibilities to share, give, receive, transform, discover, create and re-create ... our common humanity so rich in diversity! We are all invited to make the 11<sup>th</sup> UYD a celebration of global youth energy, joy, creativity and social innovation!

The joint programme provides opportunities for participants to share cultural expressions and propose different activities inviting us all to travel during the week around the globe.

The Joint Programme team will support the daily implementation of participants' proposals to live and explore the potential of being together in this resourceful youth centre.

**The Global Café** - The central joint meeting space where a number of events will take place during the week, most of them proposed by participants. There you can find programme information, fair trade products like coffee, tea and biscuits, music, video projection possibilities, plastic arts space for your exploration, musical workshops, live music, daily thematic nights like the "30 minutes global talks", followed by the different proposals put forward by You (for instance music, dances, theatre, storytelling, etc).

**The Global Games** - Everyday in the indoor sports pavilion of the CEULAJ, with the support of the Joint Programme team, you can share with other participants your traditional games from the region in focus.

The Joint Programme team is composed of experienced young facilitators of theatre, music, plastic arts, sports and games, dances and other sorts of cultural expressions, ready to help you put into action your ideas and proposals for the joint social programme - in the spirit of

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Ubuntu, an African word meaning “I am because we are” - the University is Us! We are the University! Let’s share and discover each other.

**Unicology** - Over the last years the partners of the University on Youth and Development have developed and encouraged inspirational practices in order to build a socially and environmentally sustainable activity. This is also expected in the 2010 UYD (e.g.: non-paper policy, low energy consumption, using recycled and recycling materials, using fair trade goods etc). The Five pillars of the Unicology approach are Reflect on our consumption habits; Refuse products that cause damage to the environment or our health; Reduce the garbage production; Re-use whenever it is possible; Recycle to create a new product.

### Partner Activities

#### **Global Youth Work Training Course - 12-19 September**

This training course is implemented through the Joint Management Agreement between the EuropeAid office of the European Commission and the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, in partnership with the International Co-ordination Meeting of Youth Organisations (ICMYO). The course involves 30 to 35 youth leaders and workers from all over the world, coming from member organisations of the International Co-ordination Meeting of Youth Organisations. The course aims at strengthening participants’ understanding of the complexity of globalisation, engaging them in an analysis of its impact and having them build sustainable responses. The course will serve as a place to discuss the roles, possibilities and limits of global and interregional youth work, its strategies and the responses to globalisation. This will be achieved through the training of multipliers to develop youth organisations and implement programmes that aim to further a common agenda for global youth co-operation.

#### **Seminar on African diaspora youth living in Europe - “Inclusion has to come from inside - The role of youth organisations” - ADYNE - 13 -16 September 2010 and “Building” 17 - 18 September 2010**

40 leaders coming from around Europe will be working on the theme of how to empower young African migrants and young people with an African migrant background to better represent their interests in our society, discussing the role and challenges of youth organisations and youth networks in this process. This will also be a space to reflect on ways to fulfil the current gap of youth diasporas and of the African youth diaspora in particular, regarding their representation in existing youth organisations and other structures involved in decision-making of youth policies. Using a non-formal education methodology, we will ensure the participation of all, this way empowering the group to have a more active role in shaping today’s European and African societies. This space has the purpose of promoting dialogue between youth and African diaspora organisations, to provide a better integration of young African migrants and youth with African background into European societies, creating a space

to discuss ways to maximize the engagement of African diaspora youth living in Europe, both in the countries of origin and in the host countries, and have them recognized as key development actors for European and African societies. It also has the capacity to involve and reflect with other actors, the role and challenges of ADYNE in a way contribute for the enlargement of the network's vision, representation and impact in European and African societies.

### **International Preparatory Meeting for the COP 16 - 12-19 September**

Following the work accomplished over the last couple of years and the failure of the Conference of Parties (COP 15) negotiations in Copenhagen, the European Youth Forum is continuing its attempt to strengthen youth voices in the climate change processes. The next Conference of Parties (COP 16) will take place in Mexico and will therefore see the much-reduced participation of European youth organisations. It is therefore crucial that there be strong international co-operation among youth. The meeting aims at preparing the COP16 by discussing the co-operation between different organisations and different regions, gathering YFJ Member Organisations' representatives, as well as representatives of the Latin American Youth Forum and the Caribbean Federation of Youth and external guests from the European and International Youth Climate Movements. The objectives are therefore: to assess the state of play with regards to youth participation in the COP 16; to discuss the potential for co-operation between different regions and organisations; and to elaborate an advocacy strategy for the COP 16.

### **13<sup>th</sup> School of International Youth Work, Spanish Youth Council (CJE) 12-19 September**

The **School of International Youth Work (CJE)**, is consolidated as a space for training in the international field the Spanish Youth Council member organisations. It has grown stronger with the University for Youth and Development.

**Title: "With or Without Crisis: MDGs more than ever"**. This year, the CJE's International Training School aims to develop a critical reflection on the MDGs in the context of the economic and financial crisis, from a youth perspective. This reflection would help the participants to start building up a MDG's strategy or action plan for the CJE and its member organisations for the next two years.

The contents of the course will draw a process from the more global analysis of international relations, interdependence and the role of different actors, to the tools and campaigns carried out from different organisations, and finally the construction of a youth friendly MDGs approach in the current context. Participants will be selected from the CJE's member organisations.

### **Euro-Latin American and Caribbean Youth Forum 2010 - 13 - 14 September**

The Euro-Latin American and Caribbean Youth Forum (FEULAC) is a follow-up of the Euro-Latin American Youth Forum (FEULAT) as the annual meeting aimed at fostering the coordination of a joint agenda to facilitate youth participation processes in Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean region. FEULAC 2010 is organised by the European Youth Forum (YFJ), the Latin American Youth Forum (FLAJ), the Caribbean Federation of Youth Revitalization Committee, the Spanish Youth Council (CJE), the Spanish Youth Institute (INJUVE), the Ibero-American Organisation of Youth (OIJ) and the North South Centre of the Council of Europe in the aim of following up the First EU-LAC Youth Summit, held in Madrid on 7-9 May 2010 and the EU-LAC bi-regional partnership. This meeting brings together youth leaders from both regions to address core challenges and strengthen the dialogue and co-operation on regional and global issues, contributing to the further development of the EU-LAC strategic partnership.

### **Training of Trainers for young Roma trainers, Roma Civic Alliance of Romania/Nevo Parudimos Association - 12-19 September**

The Roma Civic Alliance of Romania/Nevo Parudimos Association will attest, through workshops, that participants will be encouraged to be as creative as possible, to be innovative, and to become part of the learning process. As the training course evolves, they will become active “actors” in the process. During the last days of Training of Trainers (TOT) each of the participants will prepare and lead one training session for the group, putting into practice the lessons learned so far. The training process will be highly dynamic as trainers will become participants and participants will become trainers. The team will create a space for them to think about future projects. Also, one of the activities will be the presentation of the Youth in Action programme. This training process targets the preparation of Roma trainers on how to include sustainable development in human rights, social inclusion, community development and organisational management trainings. It will allow for the creation of a space where Roma youth trainers can act upon and acknowledge the role they play in the social inclusion process of the Roma ethnic group all around the world and the creation of a space where the participants can share their own experiences and benefit from them. This exercise also intends to acknowledge the connection between the Roma ethnic group inclusion process and the Millennium Development Goals, by all TOT participants and to plan and develop projects and/or use the new learned methodology in their daily environment.

### **Euro Games 2010 - 10 - 14 September**

In this seminar, the Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU) will ensure that participants have a variety of perspectives on the issues of sustainable development and accessibility and experiences of working with young people. In this way, we hope to ensure that the resources produced will be understandable and usable for practitioners who are inexperienced with Non

Formal Education (NFE) and that through this resource their interest and capacities in using NFE will be increased. Hence, the proposed targets of this activity are to develop and finalise the content of a new NFE resource, Euro Gaming 2010, a tool designed for anyone working with young people. It will focus on capacity building for sustainable development, volunteering and active citizenship. The included tasks, games and exercises, will take into account accessibility for young people with disabilities and quality assurance in NFE. Developing this resource in the context of the UYD will also give it every possibility of becoming a truly global one.

### **Exchangeology - 15 - 20 September**

This training course will develop the participants' competence to be youth leaders organising international youth exchanges with awareness not only about the impact on the immediate participants and the local communities directly connected with the exchange but also with the potential impact on the whole world. In this way, we will highlight and promote our roles as global citizens in a global world developing a sense of solidarity and acting responsibly in order to reduce the environmental impact of our activities and to pro-actively combat climate change especially when it could be a direct consequence on the activities we are developing with the goal of creating a positive impact.

### **MAP volunteering values: Motivation, Action, Participation! - 12-19 September**

This seminar activity will look to develop and support volunteer networks, specifically by exploring the different values those networks have in relation to the Youth for Understanding YFU mission and to more global issues such as the Millennium Development Goals. Exploring volunteer values, different approaches and structures related to volunteering reveals itself as a vital first step to being able to successfully address the needs of YFU volunteers and their organisations. This conceptual process will lead to the practical objectives that motivate the organisation of this seminar. Hence, EEE-YFU aims at identifying diverse personal and organisational values related to volunteering, mapping approaches, practices and structures. Different YFU organisations have to explore the potential of volunteering within the worldwide role of the YFU network in promoting global solidarity. This includes environmental sustainability, gaining a deeper understanding of the impact volunteering has on society and identifying the links between volunteering and active citizenship. The seminar will also aim to develop recommendations for future trainings, seminars and meetings on volunteering.

### **Global Education Seminar: from practice to policy - 17 September**

Global Education is a core practice of many youth organisations but it is not yet part of the main discussion on education policy in Europe. The Global Education Seminar wants to look

into why this is so and how this can be altered. The seminar is organised by the Working Group on Education of the European Youth Forum and intends to take an in-depth look into GE and its inclusion in different European, national and global policy processes on education and to develop better strategies for youth advocacy on GE. This will be done through a one-day discussion with experts from other organisations (GLEN, NSC, DEA, DEEEP), a common activity for all participants on the University and an internal working session to prepare the European Youth Forum work plan on GE and education for the next two years.

### **The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Monitoring Group of the Africa Europe Youth Co-operation - 17 September**

This group was set up in February 2009 to observe and monitor the implementation of the Africa Europe Youth Activities inscribed in the Joint Management Agreement as well as the Euro African training Activities inscribed in the partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of Youth, to act as a think-tank on Euro African Youth Co-operation, and to guide the efforts on Africa Europe Youth Co-operation. Since then, the group holds bi-annual meetings which are facilitated by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe. It consists of representatives from the Pan-African Youth Union, the European Youth Forum, the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe, the Steering Committee on Youth of the Council of Europe, the African Union Commission, and the European Commission. The Meeting at the University will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the monitoring group and will be the last meeting of the monitoring group before the 3<sup>rd</sup> EU-Africa Summit of Heads of State and Government and 2<sup>nd</sup> Africa Europe Youth Summit to be held at the end of November 2010.

### **Steering Group of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Africa Europe Youth Summit - 19 September**

In the lead up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Africa-Europe Youth Summit, a steering group has been formed to prepare the Summit, namely to oversee the link between the Heads of State Summit, to define the criteria of participation, to select the participants and to develop the programme of the Summit. The steering group is expected to be composed of the European Youth Forum, the Pan-African Youth Union, ICMYO organisations, the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe, the European Union, the African Union, the Directorate of Youth and Sports of the Council of Europe and the local organisers: National Organization of Libya Youth (NOLY) has confirmed its commitment as a local partner.

After a first informal meeting of the Steering Group held in July (during the 2nd African University on Youth and Development, a 2nd meeting of this steering group is planned for 19 September in the framework of the 11th University on Youth and Development.