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Strasbourg, 31 March 2011



Programme
Group A
First Residential Seminar
3-10 April 2011
EYC Strasbourg

Sunday, 3rd April 2011

Arrival of participants

19:00 Dinner

21:00 Welcome evening

Monday, 4th April 2011

08:30 Travel reimbursement desk

09:30 Welcome and Opening

Ralf-Rene Weingärtner, Director of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe

Antonia Wulff, Chair of the Joint Council on Youth

11:00 Break

11:30 Group building

13:00 Lunch break

14:30 Introduction to the Youth Peace Ambassadors Project

Overview

Expectations and feedback

16:00 Break

16:30 Vision of the Youth Peace Ambassadors' role

Introduction to peer groups

18.00 Reflection Groups

19:00 Dinner

21:00 "Ambassadors' Reception"

Tuesday, 5th April 2011

09:30 Introduction to the Council of Europe's political and ethical framework

Ulrich Bunjes, Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe

11:00 Break

11:30 Human Rights Essentials

13:00 Lunch break

14:30 Sharing realities

16:00 Break

16:30 Sharing realities (continued)

18:00 Reflection Groups

19:00 Dinner

Wednesday, 6th April 2011

- 09:30 Human Rights – concepts and mechanisms
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Human Rights – concepts and mechanisms
- 13:00 Lunch break
- 14:30 Exploring the complexity of human rights
- 16:00 Break
- 16:30 Exploring the complexity of human rights (continued)
- 18:00 Reflection Groups
- 19:00 Dinner

Thursday, 7th April 2011

- 09:30 Making links between human rights, intercultural dialogue and conflict transformation
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Council of Europe's actions in relation to human rights, intercultural dialogue and conflict transformation, with:
 - David Cupina**, DG Human Rights and Legal Affairs of the Council of Europe
 - Anne Weber**, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe
 - Penelope Denu**, Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- 13:00 Lunch break
- 14:00 Visit to the European Court of Human Rights
 - Egbert Myjer**, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights of the Council of Europe
- 15:10 Free afternoon
- 19:00 Dinner in town

Friday, 8th April 2011

- 09:30 The Role of the Youth Peace Ambassadors
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Self-assessment
- 13:00 Lunch break
- 14:30 Learning Space – Community Competences Development
- 16:00 Break
- 16:30 Learning Space – Community Competences Development (continued)

19:00 Dinner

Saturday, 9th April 2011

09:30 E-learning

Practice phase and follow-up

11:00 Break

11:30 Practice phase and follow-up (continued)

13:00 Lunch break

14:30 Practice phase and follow-up (continued)

16:00 Break

16:30 Final evaluation and closing

19:00 Dinner

21:00 Farewell party

Sunday, 10th April 2011

Departure of participants

Aims and objectives of the project

The Youth Peace Ambassadors project promotes and supports the role of young people in peace-building activities that contribute to living together in dignity and dialogue through a network of specifically trained young people who strengthen the presence and promote the values of the Council of Europe in conflict-affected areas and communities.

The main objectives of this project are:

- To promote the presence and the role of young people as positive actors of change in peace-building processes;
- To strengthen the role of young people in identifying and speaking up against human rights violations, including discrimination, hate speech and those human rights violations affecting especially young people and children;
- To support the field presence and activities of the Council of Europe by fostering cooperation with key stakeholders, partners, non-governmental organisations working in the field of peace-building in order to promote the values of the Council of Europe;
- To develop the impact and the expertise of the Council of Europe's youth sector in conflict affected areas through non-formal education activities with young people;

- To develop the competences of 50 youth peace ambassadors in human rights promotion and protection, conflict transformation, peace-building and intercultural dialogue, as well as other specific competences according to the participants' needs, related to their role as future ambassadors;
- To support and give visibility to at least 50 local youth-led projects for peace-building in conflict-affected areas and communities;
- To enhance the youth ambassadors capacity to take action at a local level in environments affected by previous or ongoing conflicts;
- To advance youth policy's role in peace-building and conflict transformation;
- To create and support a European network of youth peace ambassadors to secure the sustainability and medium-term impact of the project.

Within this wider framework, the first training seminar will focus on deepening participants' competences in the field of human rights and human rights protection in conflict-affected communities. The first seminar will also be an opportunity for understanding more about the Council of Europe and its main actions related to the promotion of human rights.
