

Training “Working with historical memory in non-formal citizenship education”

in the frames of long-term project
“History and Memory Culture as Topics for Youth Work”

The coordinating organization:



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The aim of the training is to raise awareness of educators and youth workers of dealing with issues on history and memory (with focus on changes in Europe in 1980th-1990th) through offering them new perspectives on such work, experience and debriefing non-formal educational methods and working together on visions of such work in frames of international youth exchanges.

The objectives of the training are to promote opportunities for the participants:

- to raise awareness of their own attitudes towards history and memory (with focus on changes in Europe in 1980th-1990th), the connected practices connected and impact these issues have on them and their work;
- to get an opportunity to reflect their work with youth and get feedback on their approaches from different perspectives;
- to learn (to experience and understand the specifics) non-formal educational methods, that can be used in work with issues of history and memory;
- to understand new perspectives and aspects of non-formal citizenship education, programme design and international youth exchanges as well as try to reflect own practice and work together through them;
- to get to know different narratives and interpretation of changes in Europe in 1980th-1990th, it's complicity and implications and discuss what can be focus of international youth projects on this topic;
- to reflect how addressing to issues of memory and history (and specifically connected with the changes in Europe in 1980th-1990th) can deal with needs of young people and developing their competences to live in today's divers society.

The following topics will be in focus of the training:

- What is Memory, History, Remembrance (Commemoration practices)? What are the meaning(s) of dealing with them? What for and how can we work with them in non-formal citizenship education?
- What needs of young people can be addressed through working with history and memory? Memory and Identity. Memory work or duty of memory?
- What does it mean to work with history and memory in the International context: new opportunities and risks, new focuses, questions and approaches.
- Narratives of 1980th-1990th Changes in the participants' countries.
- Non-formal citizenship education as a space for participation for everybody. Diversity conscious approach.
- Design of a programme of international youth exchange. Learning aims – content – methods. Working with group dynamic.
- Experiencing and reflection on methods of working with history and memory issues. Discussing on pedagogical levels of their objectives, opportunities, limits, risks, possibilities for adaptation, requirements to moderation and possible place in programmes.

These topics will be the base for design of the training programme. Due to complex interconnections some overlapping between them different aspect of the topics can be addressed in different parts of the training as well as some sessions/methods can deal with more than one topic.

Following the principles of orientation for group dynamic and learning process the trainers reserve the right to correct the programme (schedule, proportions of time for different topics, offers of new issues etc.) on different stages of preparation and implementation of the training programme.

The approach and methodology

Working with the named topics will be organized through interactive methods of non-formal education. Most of them can be adapted for international youth exchanges and other activities with young people. Active participation of everybody in all phases – “play” (doing “exercises”) and debriefing *as participants* as well as meta- (pedagogical) reflection – is necessary contribution into learning results of the group, other participants and oneself.

The training approach promotes interaction and reflection. The participant are invited to take part in discussions, simulation games, visits, opinion sharing and other interactive methods. Working individually, in different small groups and in plenary (all together) will be alternated.

Since non-formal citizenship education is focused more on dealing with values/attitudes, social practices and relevant skills, it is important that trainers/educators also examine and become more aware concerning they own ones. Due to that, the training topics will be exploring not only on pedagogical and/or social, but also on personal level. It's important if the participants are ready

to reflect their experience (with memory/history and with youth work), think critically about their own attitudes and approached and share their thoughts and feelings with the group.

Participants' profile

- young people of 19-26 (as exception 18-30) years with some experience as youth workers / youth leaders/ educators, who are:
 - interested to learn about non-formal citizenship education dealing with issues of memory and history (on example of changes in Europe in 1980th-1990th) and its application in context of international youth exchanges;
 - open to have new experience, share and appreciate different ideas and perspectives, reflection on their own memory culture and educational practice;
 - ready to take part in all activities of intensive training programme, based on interactive and dialogue methods of non-formal education;
 - able to participate in English (following discussions and presentations, express their thoughts);
 - current residents of Estonia, Germany, Poland, Russia or Ukraine;
 - can organize their trip to the venue and back home, including tickets and visas (if necessary).

After the training some of the participants can be invited to take part as teamers/camp-leaders in the following youth exchanges

Trainers:

Mikhail Zhukov, a freelance educator in the field of non-formal citizenship education and international youth exchanges, researcher in the field of historio-political education at the University of Rostock (Germany), coordinator of the project.

Stefano Merzi, an educator of non-formal citizenship and peace education at the memorial site "Peace School Foundation of Monte Sole" (Italy).

Terms of participation:

There is no participation fee.

Accommodation and full board during the programme will be provided by organizers. Accommodation will be organized in "Meininger Hotel Berlin-Airport". The participants will be accommodated in 3-4 beds-rooms with participants from other countries.

Schedule

Arrival: May, 31, afternoon (up to 6 p.m.)

Obligatory programme: May, 31 evening – June, 6 evening. Visit(s) to memorial(s) of Berlin wall will be part of the programme.

Optional programme: June, 7 - a guided tour between breakfast and lunch + lunch and a guided tour in the afternoon + dinner. It's possible to participate in one or both guided tours or have whole day as free.

Breakfasts on June, 7 and 8 as well as accommodation for the night between June 7 and 8 will be offered to everybody. Lunch, dinner and tickets to center of Berlin and back to venue will be provided only to those participants who take part in the optional programme (also depending of their attendance in one or both guided tours). The guided tours will be connected with topic of history and memory culture in Germany.

Departure: The earliest departure from the venue possible late evening of June, 6, the latest – in the morning of June, 8. To be reimbursed the tickets back should be dated by June, 7, 8, 9 or 10 (this date only for those who take part in the programme on June, 7).

Travel reimbursement will be done in the end of training in Euro (by the rate on the date of payment, mentioned in the tickets) if:

- the travel was organized in economy way and according agreement with the organisers (confirmed by email);
- all tickets are provided in originals (including boarding passes);
- the participants took part in whole programme of the training.

Alternative ways of dealing with travel costs can be discussed with sending organisations.

Travel health insurance as well as damage liability insurance will be provided for all participants for the dates 31.05 – 07/08.06.

How to apply

Deadline for application is May, 15. However, we ask you to apply as soon as possible.

All applicants should fill in the application form: <https://forms.gle/FDAet1j3f36Z7ijY7>

The group from Ukraine is completed.

Applicants from Estonia should first contact the Estonian partner "EstYES": estyes@estyes.ee

Applicants from Poland should first contact the Estonian partner "Europa Iuvenis": magda@europaiuvenis.org

Applicants from Germany and Russia can directly fill in the application form.

If you have any questions, please contact the organisers via email: mikhail.zhukov@posteo.net