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DU GRAIN À MOUDRE

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS - TRAINING COURSE

VOTE IN MOTION : POLITICAL SPEECH THROUGH A GENDER PERSPECTIVE



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GENERAL BACKGROUND

In a European context marked by the rise of the far right, gender issues occupy an increasingly prominent place in political discourse. The spread of masculinist rhetoric, amplified by social media and often tied to far-right ideologies, coexists with the instrumentalization of certain essentialist readings of feminism. Together, they contribute to calling into question hard-won gains in equality and to polarizing public space. This polarization is particularly visible among young people, with differences in political orientation between young women and young men observed in several European countries, against a backdrop of distrust toward institutions and low electoral turnout.

In the face of these developments, it is essential to reaffirm Europe's fundamental values, founded on equality between women and men, human rights, and the democratic participation of all. Issues such as parity, the distribution of domestic and parental responsibilities, and economic autonomy, including the question of financial education, are concrete dimensions of this.

In youth work, gender relations strongly shape young people's experiences, life paths, relationships between different groups of participants, and collective dynamics. Understanding them makes it possible to better support young people in developing their critical thinking and civic engagement, particularly in their relationship to voting.
Popular education, along with artistic and digital practices, are essential levers for fostering expression, deconstructing stereotypes, and opening up spaces for dialogue. The collective production of a counter-campaign video clip allows participants to appropriate the codes of political communication in order to better decode them, and to bring their own voices into democratic debate.

DESCRIPTION

Du Grain à Moudre is proposing a training focused on understanding the place of gender issues in political discourse, their links with the rise of far-right movements across Europe, and their impact on young people’s democratic participation.

The training will address the connections between **masculinist movements and the far right,** the political instrumentalisation of essentialist views of feminism, as well as concrete equality issues such as parity, the distribution of domestic and care work, women’s economic autonomy and financial education. It aims to **strengthen youth workers’ ability to support young people in developing a critical perspective on political communication and in engaging in democratic life, at a time of growing polarisation among youth**.

Through the collective creation of a campaign video, from scriptwriting to filming and editing, participants will analyse the codes of **political communication, experiment with media as tools for expression**, and develop workshops they can adapt for their own target groups. T

he training will bring together 26 participants from several sending organisations for 7 days in the South of France, supported by an international team of 2 trainers and external media professionals.

OBJECTIVES

We wish more specifically to:

- To deepen participants' understanding of how gender issues are mobilised in political discourse, in particular the links between masculinist movements and the far right, and the political instrumentalisation of essentialist views of feminism.
- To develop participants' capacity to critically analyse political communication and its gendered codes, and to understand how these shape young people's perceptions, voting behaviour and growing polarisation.
- To explore concrete dimensions of gender equality, such as parity, the distribution of domestic and care work, women's economic autonomy and financial education, as entry points for working with young people on equality and democratic participation.
- To equip participants with creative and digital tools, from scriptwriting to filming and editing a campaign video, and with adaptable workshop formats they can transfer to their own target groups

FRAME OF WORK

Participants will come from diverse backgrounds, experiences, and levels of knowledge. We expect each person to have enough distance from their own experiences to talk about them, share insights, build upon them collectively, and be open to constructive challenge. T**his training is a learning space, and each participant is invited to adopt a pedagogical mindset throughout the process.**

We ask everyone to remain respectful and attentive to the sensitivities and perspectives of others, especially when discussing complex or emotionally charged topics.

As part of this training, we will reflect on our professional posture, which includes examining our own assumptions, biases, and the narratives that shape our understanding of global events.
All participants are expected to be on time and actively engage in every session.

We will also live collectively during the training period, and participants will be asked to contribute to some daily tasks to support the group's well-being.

The training will be conducted in English. A good level of English is required for this training (understanding and being understood).

METHODOLOGY

The training will be based on methods and tools of **non-formal education.**

Participants are active in the training, and they will be proposing energizers and workshops, as we can learn better by experiencing tools and being in action.

Theoretical content will be proposed by the trainers with a participative methodology, but most of the training will be based on knowledge sharing and mutual enrichment between the whole group where participants will bring and share their experience on the topic.

Methodologies used (fish-bowl, moving debates, skim reading, etc.) are all **participative and developing collective intelligence.**

Centred on individual and group learnings, the planning will be adapted to the needs of participants.

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

We are looking for professional youth workers who have an interest in gender, politics and global education.

It is important that participants are able to integrate the learning outcomes of this training into their professional practice and contribute with their own experience during the sessions.

Suitable profiles may include social **workers, teachers, community educators, trainers, youth leaders, NGO staff, or any professionals involved in projects related to global politics, participatory democracy, international solidarity, media literacy, or media analysis.**

We encourage the participation of individuals with diverse profiles, experiences, and learning needs, as this variety enriches the collective process.

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LOCATION /ACCOMODATION

FRANCE - CORNUS



ACCOMODATION



The TC will take place in **Cornus**, a small village located in a **rural area,** just a few kilometers from Montpellier.
Accommodation will be in a gîte with **shared rooms.** The venue is a **rustic place.** Rooms will host up to **4 people each**. If needed, we can also organize non-mixed dorms.
All meals (mainly vegetarian) will be fully provided and prepared by a professional cook. The team will take into account everyone's dietary and allergies.

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FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

- Travel costs will be covered based on the unit costs of the program. Please note that participants will be reimbursed the real costs of their transport fees up to a certain limit as per information below.
- 100% lodging and food are covered during the project (except travel days for the food expenses).
- Please do not buy travel tickets until Du Grain à Moudre has approved your participation.
- All the travel costs will be reimbursed at the earliest 3 months after the end of the training course. Please note that the process of reimbursement will be carried out directly with the applicant organizations and not with the individual participants when it's possible.
- Contribution to the travel costs of participants, from their place of origin to the venue of the activity and return.
- The calculation must be carried out using the European platform ; https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/distance-calculator

Travel distance	Green travel	Non-Green travel
10 – 99 km	56 EUR	28 EUR
100 – 499 km	285 EUR	211 EUR
500 – 1999 km	417 EUR	309 EUR
2000 – 2999 km	535 EUR	395 EUR
3000 – 3999 km	785 EUR	580 EUR
4000 – 7999 km	1188 EUR	1188 EUR

Based on the travel distance per participant. Travel distances calculated using the distance calculator supported by the European Commission

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Please wait for confirmation from the Grain à Moudre team!

