



ERYICA NEWSLETTER - JULY 2007

Council of Europe - ERYICA Colloquy on Youth Information

"The future of youth information in Europe"

25 and 28 November 2007

European Youth Centre Budapest

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12 youth information workers nominated by ERYICA will participate in the Colloquy.

Please applying in writing to director@eryica.org (<mailto:director@eryica.org>) by September 20th, attaching CV and a short motivational statement.

The Governing Board will select the participants amongst all application received. The final list of participants will be drawn on September 30th.

Related Documents



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ERYICA Moves to Luxembourg



On July 20th 2007 the Secretariat of ERYICA moved to new premises, with the support of the Government of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg. The new address of the Agency is

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We thank all those who helped us in this challenging period of change.

New Director for ERYICA

ERYICA welcomes Davide Capecchi as its new head of secretariat.

On June 30th, and after many years of service for the Agency, Jon Alexander left his post of Secretary General and retired from work. Consequently, Davide Capecchi took over the position under the title of Director.



Davide Capecchi was President of Erasmus Student Network (the broadest international organisation concerned with youth mobility) in the period March 2005 – March 2007. From the headquarters of this organisation, in Brussels, he worked with the European Commission and other institutional and private stakeholders on ameliorating policies in the field of mobility in higher education. Particularly, he worked on planning and managing the celebrations of the 20th anniversary of Erasmus Programme in 2006/07.

He studied philosophy and art history as well as, at master-of-arts level, international project management in the fields of arts and culture, in Salzburg and Chicago. As he puts in:

"By serving at my best the Agency in fulfilling its mission, I will challenge myself in displaying all my enthusiasm and creativity. As I had the chance to experience myself in my previous work commitments, there is much work to do in youth information field and for strengthening ERYICA's leading position in this area. I am keen on dedicating to ERYICA as a mean for giving my very little contribution to enhancing European young people's lives. Furthermore, I am excited at getting acquainted to youth information workers throughout Europe and at all that I can and will learn from them".

Davide can be reached at the Agency Monday to Friday 9.00-18.00, or at the email address director@eryica.org (<mailto:director@eryica.org>).

Good luck Davide, and Thank you Jon !

MBTC "Train the Trainers" Event, Cardiff, Wales, UK.

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Mick Conroy

Related Documents



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Study Visit to Flanders, Belgium



On 15-18 March, a group of 12 youth workers (4 from Bosnia-Herzegovina, 4 from Croatia and 4 from Slovenia) participated in a study visit to Flanders, organised by In Petto and supported by the E.U. Youth Programme.

Some In Petto people participated in the programme that focused not only on visits to youth work bodies, but also on the exchange of experience and building links for future co-operation. Fons Verhelst, a Flemish student doing an internship at MISSS in Ljubljana,



also took part in the activity.

By Johan Bertels



Strasbourg, 20 June 2007

Colloquy Council of Europe/ERYICA

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Introduction

At their 3rd summit in May 2005, the Heads of State and Government of the member states of the Council of Europe reaffirmed their commitment to the core values of the Organisation. They agreed to enhance the role of the Council of Europe as an effective mechanism of pan-European co-operation in all relevant fields, to strengthen and streamline the activities, structures and working methods still further, and to enhance transparency and efficiency, thus ensuring the Council of Europe plays its due role in a changing Europe.

The Council of Europe youth sector is of course also concerned by these developments and has started work on the preparation of a political and strategic document “Council of Europe youth policy: Agenda 2020” with a view to clarifying its mission and priorities, as well as to set out its political agenda for the next decade. The Joint Council on Youth Questions (the central statutory body of the youth sector) has set up a group to draft this document which will be submitted for adoption to the 8th Conference of European Ministers responsible for Youth to be held in Kyiv in 2008.

Youth information and counselling are important aspects of youth policy. The Council of Europe recognised this in 1990 when its Committee of Ministers adopted a recommendation on information and counselling for young people in Europe which considered that “young people had a right to full, comprehensive and reliable information ... and to counselling on all problems concerning them in all sectors ... so they may have complete freedom of choice”. This commitment to providing information and counselling was further reinforced in 1997 when the Council of Europe signed a Partnership Agreement with ERYICA to promote and develop European co-operation in the field of youth information and counselling.

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Aims and objectives of the colloquy

The overall aim of the colloquy is to develop inputs concerning policy and practice in the field of youth information and counselling, which could be integrated into the political and strategic document “Council of Europe youth policy: AGENDA 2020”.

The specific objectives are:

- to review the developments of youth information in Europe and the future challenges it will face;
- to examine the place and role of youth information work as part of youth policy at local, national and European levels;
- to discuss the role and policy of the Council of Europe regarding youth information;
- to discuss the ways and strategic tools for managing the Council of Europe’s role in this area of work..

Participants

- 12 youth information workers nominated by ERYICA;
- 5 youth NGO representatives nominated by the Advisory Council on Youth (Council of Europe) – but not necessarily members of this body;
- 1 representative of the European Youth Forum;
- 1 representative of the Liaison Committee of NGOs of the Council of Europe;
- 1 representative of ERYICA;
- 1 representative of EURODESK;
- 1 representative of the European Youth Card Association (EYCA);
- 3 members of the European Steering Committee for Youth (Council of Europe governmental body), including the Chair or Vice-Chair;
- 3 members of the Advisory Council on Youth, including the Chair or Vice-Chair;
- 1 youth researcher;
- 1 representative of the European Commission;

Furthermore, the following persons will be invited:

- A rapporteur General who will draft a report, to be submitted to the Joint Council in March 2008 containing the concrete proposals resulting from the colloquy to be input into the strategy paper;
- Both experts who will be invited to draft the working documents;
- 2 members of the Council of Europe Secretariat;
- 1 member of the ERYICA Secretariat.

In addition, and subject to budget possibilities, 4 more participants could be invited, namely 2 from ERYICA and 2 from youth NGOs.

Gender and geographical balances will be respected as much as possible.

Methodology

The colloquy will be organised over 2 days and will include a mix of presentations and debate carried out in groups and in plenary.

The foundations for this reflection will be provided in two working documents containing basic information on the development of youth information work in Europe. The documents, to be

drafted by 2 experts respectively , will include historical facts, describe the environment in which youth information work has developed over the years and deal with trends and the evolution of the work. It will take stock of the challenges and questions from various points of view: young people, youth workers, experts, politicians, etc, and form questions to be addressed during the colloquy.

Sessions will be organised from 09.30 to 13.00, and from 14.30 to 18.00, both sessions include a 20 minute coffee break.

The working languages will be English and French.

Travel, board and lodging

Board and lodging will be provided by the Council of Europe free of charge. Participants will be accommodated in the European Youth Centre Budapest, breakfast, lunch and dinner will be taken in the Centre. Participants' travel expenses will be covered according to the Council of Europe's rules.



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P r o v i s i o n a l P r o g r a m m e

Sunday, 25 November 2007

- Arrival of participants
- 19.00 Dinner
- 20.00 Informal “get to know each other” session

Monday, 26 November 2007

- 08.30 Breakfast
- 09.30 – 11.00 **Opening Session:**
 - **Welcome by the Council of Europe Director of Youth and Sport**
Mr. Ralf-René WEINGÄRTNER
 - **Opening of the Colloquy by the Chair of the Joint Co-ordinating Committee of the Partnership Agreement between ERYICA and the Council of Europe**
Mr. Alexis RIDDE, Chair of the Colloquy
 - **Welcome by the Chair of the Joint Council on Youth, and Presentation of Agenda 2020: Strategy for the Council of Europe Directorate of Youth & Sport**
 - **Presentation of Colloquy’s Working Methods by General Rapporteur**
 - **Presentation of the participants**
- 11.00 – 11.20 Coffee break
- 11.20 – 13.00 Plenary presentations and discussion:
 - **The Development of “Generalist” Youth Information in Europe**
Ms. Alexandra CANGELOSI (ERYICA)
 - **Young People and Their Information Needs in the Context of the Information Society**
- 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

Monday, 26 November 2007 *(cont'd)*

- 14.30 – 16.00 Three simultaneous working-groups discuss:
The place and role of youth information work as a part of youth policy, at the local, national and European level
- 16.00 – 16.20 Coffee break
- 16.20 – 17.45 Presentation of working-group conclusions and debate in plenary
- 17.45 – 18.00 Summary of the first day's discussions by the General Rapporteur
- 18.15 Reception given by the Director of Youth and Sport
- 19.00 Dinner

Tuesday, 27 November 2007

- 08.30 Breakfast
- 09.30 – 11.00 Three simultaneous working-groups discuss:
The role and policy of the Council of Europe regarding youth information
- 11.00 – 11.20 Coffee break
- 11.20 – 13.00 Presentation of working-group conclusions and debate in plenary
- 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch
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The ways and strategic tools for managing the Council of Europe role in this area of work
- 16.00 – 16.20 Coffee break
- 16.20 – 17.45 Presentation of working-group conclusions and debate in plenary
- 17.45 – 19.00 **Closing Session:**
- **Summary of the Colloquy presented by the General Rapporteur**
- **Discussion**
- **Closing words by the Chair of the Colloquy**
- 19.00 Dinner, followed by Farewell Party

Wednesday, 28 November 2007

- 08.30 Breakfast
- Departure of participants



MBTC "Train the Trainers" Event, Cardiff, Wales, UK. May 30th – June 5th 2007.
Minimum Basic Training Course – Delivery of Youth Information

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Youth Information delivery is becoming increasingly specialist in terms of its delivery and provision and there is a necessity to provide this coherent training route for workers involved in delivery of training that wish to undertake activity in this area.

The added value of this course is that it should eventually become recognised as a valid qualification by Youth Information Services in the country of participants that subsequently deliver the course. This will encourage mobility of information workers across Europe and to other countries developing their information services for young people..

Participants are – Finland, Slovenia, Belgium, Luxembourg, Malta, Czech Republic, Estonia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Portugal, Wales & Slovakia.

Future possibilities

It is hoped that beyond the Cardiff event that the ERYICA training group will take forward the best training practice in relation to youth information work in each of the partner countries, and will work to update the content of the MBTC in the future with a view to producing a pan european training course with an agreed level of accreditation and quality assurance for its subsequent delivery. Only the people trained to deliver the MBTC will subsequently be able to deliver the course within their own country networks and each course delivered will be done using pre-set quality criteria agreed by members of the ERYICA Training group created.

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