



## CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

# “Plural identities: How to deepen the perception of culture through international youth work”

*Training Course*  
November 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 • Namur, Belgium

*Dear members, dear partner organisations,*

**ICYE European Association** is happy to invite you to nominate participants for the training course “**Plural identities: How to deepen the perception of culture through international youth work**”

### **The aim of the activity**

In the training course “Plural identities: How to deepen the perception of culture through international youth work” we aim at providing a **fresh outlook on the mixity of modern European societies**, looking at the **multiple influences** they are subject to, while exploring **ways of introducing the concept of multiple influences and identities** at all levels into the international youth work. A part of the training will be dedicated to presenting, **discussing, exchanging and developing tools and methods for anti-discrimination, anti-bias education and social inclusion**. At the same time the training will present the concept of cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue as defined by UNESCO and the relevant European texts of reference such as the Council of Europe’s Whitebook.

The methods will be based on self reflection and case studies as a starting point in order to render the theoretic discussions relevant and usable for the concrete context the participants are experiencing. The programme will be based on interactive and participative methods.

*The motivation for choosing this theme is the basic lack of intercultural competence*, linked to the complexity of today’s world, which we are not yet systematically addressing in an adequate manner. Globalisation, migration and modernisation increased the multicultural character of many countries. In theory there are already many approaches of how to deal with the contemporary challenges of diverse societies for a life together, and a fight against discrimination and exclusion. We want to introduce these theories and develop concrete ideas and recommendations for ways of including the relevant concepts, reflections and frame conditions in order to strengthen the chances for the encounter to go deeper.

The main trainer in this activity will be the SIMONA COSTANZO SOW.

### **Target group**

The participants are social workers, facilitators and trainers in the field of international youth work. All of them are interested in finding a way of introducing new methods for social inclusion and intercultural dialogue into their activity in order to respond to the needs of today’s plural societies.

### **Place and date**

The training will take place in Namur from November **21th (arrival day) to 28<sup>th</sup> (departure day)**. The nearest international airport is Brussels (1 hour from Namur) Please schedule your arrival in a way that you arrive to Namur on the 21<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.

All costs are covered by the Youth in Action Programme except for **30% of the travel costs**.

Please note the following **maximum amount** for your total travel costs from your home town to Namur, Belgium (round trip):

*Austria EUR 300, Belgium EUR 50, Denmark EUR 300, France EUR 200, Netherlands 200, Poland 250  
Germany EUR 250, Iceland EUR 700, Italy EUR 200, Greece EUR 350, Spain EUR 300, Finland 300,  
Sweden EUR 250, United Kingdom EUR 250*

**How to apply**

Please use the attached registration form to inform to apply for this activity. The deadline for sending us this **registration form is 30<sup>th</sup> of September**, we however strongly encourage you to send it back to us before that date. Please send the application form to [admin@icyeeurope.org](mailto:admin@icyeeurope.org)

We are looking forward to your answers.

Best regards from Brussels,  
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