

“YOUTH TRAINERS REBOOT”

international expert seminar • ERASMUS+ KA1
Payerbach (Austria) • April 6th – 12th of 2017

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Dear partners, friends and colleagues,

we are happy to invite you to apply for participation in our up-coming expert seminar “**responding to the needs of young people today: youth trainers reboot**”. The event will take place from **April 6th – 12th in Payerbach, Austria** (April 6th and 12th being travel days), a beautiful village in a mountainous area located 70 km from Vienna.

IN A NUTSHELL

The expert seminar aims at **gathering international youth work trainers** in order to discuss and find new ways of **responding to the needs of youth work and young people under the current realities and trends in Europe**. We will also **critically reflect our practices** especially in light of assessing the actual impact (and lack thereof) of non-formal education, our unconscious bias in our work, and dealing with failures. Additional inputs will be provided by **external experts from the business sector and psychology**.

The expert seminar is endorsed by the **International Youth Work Trainers Guild** (iywt.org) and hosted by the Austrian organisation **coobra – cooperativa braccianti**, based on a **co-operation of 16 partner organisations from 16 different countries** from the European Union and Neighbouring Partner regions. Several international members of the IYWT Guild are taking care of the agenda and the facilitation of the seminar. **Some parts of the programme will also be self-facilitated**, and we have invited several experts from outside the youthwork sector (eg from business and psychology) to provide inspirational additional inputs and workshops.

The event will be held in direct connection with the IYWT Guild’s (iywt.org) Annual General Meeting, the results of the expert seminar will be directly reflected and implemented in the IYWT Guild’s workplan for 2017/18. In the selection of participants, **preference will be given to applicants who have had previous involvement with the IYWT Guild (eg members) and/or clear willingness for involvement in the future**.

All costs for **accommodation, food, course materials and visa are fully covered**. The international **travel costs** are covered according to the rules of ERASMUS+ KA1. The event will be free for registered members of the IYWT Guild. **Associates of the IYWT Guild pay a participation fee of EUR 40, all other participants a participation fee of EUR 50**.

The **selection of participants** will be done via an **online application form**:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7D37gAOWSpyJTXyhLr6wG5szELG09LkRlzF06JVCnKgFl8w/viewform>

The **deadline for filling the form is March 13th**, the selection results are announced on March 15th by the IYWT Guild in co-operation with the partner organisations.

CONTEXT, MOTIVATION AND OBJECTIVES

In the IYWT Guild, over the past years we have found out more and more that many trainers are looking for **additional tools and new approaches** on how to work with young people whose life situation becomes harder every day. Also, many trainers **struggle to keep up their personal motivation** to continue their commitment to international youth work and delivering training courses.

Some examples of challenges include to meet failures and obstacles when working with youth from national minorities, having to deal with radical positions young people get from mass-media, not experiencing too many cases when non-formal education and its particular instruments (like YouthPass) are actually successfully used by youngsters in terms of finding a job, feeling that the work with some trainer colleagues is really complicated because of their or your own bias... so, there is a need to work on the **improvement of self-confidence, motivation and competences in our work** with really "difficult" young people, to reach feasible results on non-formal education trainings and to pay effort for the integration of good practices from difference spheres of trainings (eg business and/or psychology) to non-formal youth education.

During the expert seminar, we will put a **focus on three areas**:

- **strengthening the capacities of trainers** in non-formal education to provide young people from disadvantaged background with competences required by current situation in Europe (with issues of for example refugees, discrimination and violence, unemployment, low level of education etc.)
- discussing ways to **deal with bias and failures** in trainings in order to create safe and growing atmosphere in NFE activities and to support trainers of NFE in their daily work
- getting **inspiration from business and psychological** trainings practices in order to improve our own practices and impact

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

The participants should be **international youth work trainers with strong commitment to quality and impact** in the international youth work (training) sector. The expert seminar will be held in direct connection with the IYWT Guild's (iywt.org) Annual General Meeting, the results of the expert seminar will thus be directly reflected and implemented in the IYWT Guild's work plan for 2017/18. In the selection of participants, **preference will be given to applicants who have had previous involvement with the IYWT Guild (eg members) and/or clear willingness for involvement in the future.**

ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

The seminar is a **co-operation of 16 partner organisations from 16 different countries**. Participants must be residents in one of the following countries and start and end their travel from there:

COUNTRY	PARTNER
Armenia	Gyumri "Youth Initiative Center" (YIC)
Austria	coobra – cooperativa braccianti
Belarus	youth education centre "Fialta"
Germany	IYWT Guild
Greece	social youth development civil non-profit society
Georgia	CISV Georgia
Hungary	tegyünk együtt az ifjúságért alapítvány (TEIS)
Ireland	Ard Aoibhinn community initiatives LTD
Italy	associazione interculturale NUR
Montenegro	sos telefon za zene I djecu zrtve nasilja
Netherlands	breakthrough foundation
Portugal	Ha Moment CRL
Russian Federation	interregional youth social movement of support of voluntary initiatives "SFERA"
Serbia	program za dijalog mladih
Turkey	Sinop egitim progamlari ve evrensel ve kulturel aktiviteleer dernegi
United Kingdom	the inside out programme

APPLYING FOR PARTICIPATION

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The **deadline for filling the form is 13th of March 2017**. A selection committee within the IYWT Guild in co-operation with the partner organisations will select the participants from all the applicants on March 14th and **communicate the results on March 15th**.

THE VENUE AND HOW TO REACH IT

The seminar will take place in **Payerbach** (<http://www.tourismus-payerbach.at/>), a picturesque village in a scenic mountainous area about one hour train ride away from Vienna. We will be located at the **Payerbacherhof** (<http://www.payerbacherhof.at/en/>), a cosy hotel in traditional Austrian style with excellent food, professional infrastructure for conferences and attractive offers for wellness tourism.

To reach Payerbach, the best option is to **take a train from Vienna airport or a direct train from any major train station in Vienna**. You can find possible schedules and prices on the website of the Austrian Federal Railways: <http://www.oebb.at/en/>

Most of the international participants will arrive to Austria through Vienna International Airport (<http://www.viennaairport.com/en/passengers>), in exceptional cases also Bratislava airport can be considered. **To reach Payerbach still on the 6th by train, you need to land at Vienna airport not later than 21:30 at night, or Bratislava airport not later than 19:30 at night.** Departures on the 12th should not be earlier than 07:30 in the morning from Vienna airport, or 09:00 from Bratislava.

Do not make any travel arrangements before getting the information about your selection process on March 15th!

CONDITIONS

The expert seminar is funded by the **Austrian National Agency for ERASMUS+** (YOUTH chapter, KA1 mobility of staff). Thanx to the funding received, all costs for accommodation, food, course materials and visa are fully covered. **The international travel costs are covered according to the rules of ERASMUS KA1.** The event will be free for registered members of the IYWT Guild. Associates of the Guild pay a participation fee of EUR 40, **all others a participation fee of EUR 50.** Participants must be **residents in one of the countries of the partner organisations, and start and end their travel from there.**

The travel costs **per participant are covered up to the following maximum amounts** (including the local travel within Austria to reach the venue):

- 100km – 499km (Hungary, Serbia): **EUR 180**
- 500km – 1999km (Belarus, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Montenegro, Netherlands, Turkey, UK): **EUR 275**
- 2000km – 2999km (Georgia, Armenia, Portugal, Russian Federation): **EUR 360**

To be eligible as a participants, **full attendance of the event is mandatory**, which means arrival latest on April 6th, and departure earliest on March 12th. You might also want to arrive earlier or extend your stay at your own costs for touristic purposes, in which case **a maximum of 5 day of additional stay in Austria is eligible.** Please note that you are in charge of arranging **your own health, liability, accident and travel insurance.**

CONTACT

We are very much looking forward to receiving your application forms, and to receive as many as possible of you in beautiful Austria. For any questions or concerns, please contact **Jovana Vukovic and MarCus Vrečer** from the hosting team of cobra by e-mail: iywt.guild.seminar.at.2017@gmail.com

Good luck and hopefully see many of you in Austria :-)

