

From Non-Formal Education to Living Learning

GENERATING VALUABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCES WITHIN YOUTH IN ACTION

11 TO 16 JANUARY 2010 – DE GLIND - NETHERLANDS



BACKGROUND	<p>This training is a response to the need for a better understanding and better use of “non-formal” education activities in the framework of the Youth In Action Programme.</p> <p>In this training we want to focus on Living Learning (the positive synonym for non-formal learning), explore how young people and youthworkers learn through Youth in Action projects and optimize the learning process. Some of the questions we set out to answer are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How can these activities be better prepared and carried out in order to achieve the highest learning outcomes and the biggest impact?• How can we support learning from new, unusual and not anticipated situations?• How can we create situations in which the participants feel that their desire to learn and their burning questions are valued? <p>This training will also explore the impact of living learning and its importance in our fast changing world.</p>
AIMS & OBJECTIVES	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Get a theoretical and practical background on Living Learning.2. Learn how to generate great Living Learning experiences within the framework of Youth in Action.3. Learn how to create/keep the space for development, so valuable and authentic learning experiences can be co-

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	<p>created (Living Learning).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Learn how to develop and respect the personal leadership and responsibility of the participants and the leaders.5. Exchange experiences and practical tips and tools in working with young people.6. The participants will develop future YIA projects together
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METHODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Living Learning: All the insights will be linked to the experiences within the international group or the experiences at home. The personal background of the participants as well as their 'survival mechanisms' will be part of the learning material. Participants must be willing to self reflect.• Group work, discussion, bodywork, workshops, self reflection, exchange of experience, Art of Hosting principles and methodology, Theme Centered Interaction (TCI).
WORKING LANGUAGE	English
PARTICIPANTS	25 participants of YIA Programme countries. A big diversity in background of the participants can be an extra learning experience.
PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS	<p>The participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Are willing and able to communicate in English• Have the position and the possibility within their organization to organize Youth in Action activities.• Work directly with young people• Are willing to reflect on their way of working.• Have the intention of using a YIA project as a tool for stimulating groups and individuals in their emancipation and development.• Are at least 18 years.
TRAINERS TEAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baud Vandenbenden, Belgium• Dr. Nora Ganescu, Romania <p>Both experienced international trainers with a personal and professional background on this topic.</p>

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DATE AND VENUE	<p>11th to 19th of January 2010, YMCA De Glind, De Glind (near Amersfoort), Netherlands</p> <p>Participants will be accommodated in shared rooms.</p>
COSTS	<p>Board, lodging and programme costs will be provided and paid for by the Dutch National Agency of Youth in Action.</p> <p>The travel costs will be paid by the National Agency of Youth in Action in your country (in case they will support your participation).</p> <p>In some cases National Agencies ask for a participant contribution. Check your National Agency.</p>
HOW TO APPLY?	<p>Please fill in the application form and send this 10th of December 2009 at latest to your National Youth Agency.</p>
SELECTION PROCEDURE	<p>Your National Agency will make a pre-selection. National Agencies are kindly requested to send their pre-selection to p.pieters@nji.nl 14th of December at latest. The final selection will be communicated on the 16th of December.</p>
MORE INFORMATION?	<p>The Dutch National Agency of Youth in Action: Peter Pieters (p.pieters@nji.nl , 0031 30 2306471)</p>