



"Second stop" - for effective inclusion

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CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

The Training Course "Second stop - for effective inclusion" organized by WostAYN (World Armenian Youth Network) with the support of Council of Europe European Youth Foundation will take place at Yerevan, Armenia, from June 24 to July 1, 2018.

Migration is one of the major social, economic and political issues of the contemporary societies and is challenge both for migrants and for the hosting communities. Newcomers are people who were proud yesterday of their homes, position in a society, very often they are well educated, but they are refugees, migrants or asylum-seekers now. We see that youth organizations and young people can be the key problem-solvers through their daily work to find and integrate newcomers. If organizations are not inclusive, the other layers of society can easily exclude all "newcomers" as well. In addition, the awareness level on the possibilities and ways of social help is low.

Under the word "newcomer" we understand not only all the people on the move, but who have yet to complete the legal process of claiming asylum. We include also people fleeing war-torn countries, who are likely to be granted refugee status, as well as people who are seeking jobs and better lives. Besides, we include the people who are seeking better social life, higher education, etc. As a result, we agreed on the word **NEWCOMERS** to describe all above-mentioned people. To be considered a newcomer, a person should have cultural and mentality differences from the society where he or she newly arrived.

Most of the time, the first contact is with the authorities: registration, asylum seeking procedures, long interviews, housing offices, funding and so on. In most cases, local and international NGOs which work with young refugees or newly arrived migrants are their strongest support, they do counselling and accompanying through complicated administrative procedures. Youth workers should be trained in intercultural learning to be better prepared to work with newcomers.

We understand the importance of solving the situation through NGOs and youth organizations to work with newcomers, help them with their problems in the host country. Here we consider the newcomer's entrance, administrative relations with governmental, local authorities, police and legal bodies as **the first stop**. After this stage, at the **SECOND STOP** taking into account the cultural differences, the newcomer can get isolated from the society if there is no any youth work for inclusion. **The third stop** is the newcomers' final "integration" and becoming citizen. Reaching to this stage a newcomer can remain not integrated into the host society and not become an active citizen.



The main aim of the project:

- To equip young people with tools which increase the competences to find, direct and integrate young newcomers.

The objectives of the project:

- To provide Youth organizations with a user-friendly handbook with tools, materials, cartoons, infographics, resources, which will increase capacity to work on finding migrants', refugees' and newcomers' and make their adaptation easier by giving social assistance, work on social inclusion and transition from a newcomer to a full member of the society.
- To provide 30 youth workers from 10 countries with appropriate capacities, to focus on the role of youth organizations to make newcomers' "SECOND STOP" (inclusion into youth work) smooth and harmonious to the host society.
- To increase the number of newcomers in each of youth organization during next 6 months to encourage and develop intercultural learning, increase the exchange of experience between old and new newcomers thus creating peaceful community.
- To promote the active civic engagement of young newcomers by providing public mediums for dialogue and cultural expression, as well as important resources to make a positive impact within their communities at large.
- To develop materials for handbook, mainly aimed to support for inclusive youth work and youth organizations.

Eligible criteria for applicants

- The training course aims to bring participants who are youth workers, activists, youth leaders, members of WostAYN network and/or are from partner youth organizations from across Europe (especially from communities having NEWCOMERS). During the selection big importance will be given to the youth workers dealing with NEWCOMERS /migrants, refugees, asylum-seekers, international students, resettles/
- Participants can be aged 18 - 30 (exceptions can be made on the basis of justification)
- Participants must have the nationality of one of the Council of Europe member States and signatories of European Cultural Convention (https://www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list/-/conventions/treaty/018/signatures?p_auth=l7woLZV0), (preferably from Armenia, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Netherlands, Russian Federation, Turkey, Ukraine)
- Participants are required to be fluent in English
- Participants should demonstrate a strong interest in combating discrimination, exclusion and violent extremism through finding newcomers, involving them in the youth work and adapting to the society
- Be willing to participate in further campaigns promoting inclusive youth work



Priority will be given to participants who are:

- *coming from communities having huge number of newcomers, migrants, etc. or/and actively working with them;*
- *working with young people through non-formal education;*
- *willing to join and contribute to the development of the network and its strategies;*
- *motivated to take part in the activity and become involved in the initiatives within the areas of inclusive youth work, work with newcomers;*
- *ready to share previous experience and learn;*
- *able to participate in the whole duration of the training course;*
- *preferably have experience in the fields of: youth work, participation, inclusion, human rights;*
- *preferably have experience of working with migrants, refugees, asylum-seekers, multinational groups;*
- *are committed to contribute to the creation of Handbook for youth;*
- *willing to multiply the outcomes of the TC in their own work.*

Reimbursement of Participants' Travel and Visa Costs

Travel expenses (the cheapest route possible only) and visa costs will be reimbursed. Participants will be reimbursed on the basis of the least expensive route between their place of residence and Yerevan, Armenia. In order to be reimbursed, you are requested to present originals of all the receipts/invoices for travel and visa costs as well as all the tickets and boarding passes.

Reimbursement takes place in Euros during the training course. Reimbursement to participants is normally made at the end of TC. WostAYN will not reimburse insurance expenses. The participants should be present for the entire training course. Participants attending less than 80% of the total duration will not be reimbursed.

Accommodation and meals

Accommodation and meals are provided by WostAYN during the TC.

How to apply

Please send your short CV and the attached completed Application Form to:
wostayn@europe.com

Deadline for all applications – **April 20, 2018**

For more information, please contact the Preparatory Team at: info@wostayn.net or Secretary General at: wostayn@europe.com



About WostAYN

The World Armenian Youth Network (WostAYN) was founded in 2006 as an international non-governmental organisation uniting national, regional or local Armenian youth organisations, associations and centres from different countries. WostAYN is an umbrella organization which unites 28 worldwide Armenian youth organizations from Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, France, Germany, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Netherlands, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and Ukraine.

Its main aim is to support the empowerment of cooperation and reinforcement within Motherland and Diaspora, unite Armenian youth over such concepts as liberty, democracy, solidarity and peace. WostAYN advocates the benefits of open youth work by holding local and international joint trainings, study sessions, youth exchanges, promoting the equal rights and opportunities among young people.

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