



Training Course

# Community Peace Workers

Conflict Transformation in local youth work

31.10. – 08.11.2019

Baitz, Germany

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## Summary

In a time, where the political scene of many European Countries is characterized by an increasing polarization, the capacity to deal with conflicts in a reflected and constructive manner are of crucial importance for the future of democratic societies. Socio-political conflicts, which are at the core of many debates, often find their manifestations also on the local level, may it be the argument about a new refugee facility in the neighbourhood or tensions between different ethnic groups living in the same area. It is also in this environment, where young people can make their first steps of getting involved in conflict transformation efforts.

Equipped with the necessary competences, youth houses and other youth institutions can become a place to incubate new ideas and accompany the young people in developing and implementing peace initiatives. Since the inception of Peace and Conflict Studies as an academic discipline in the 1960s a large amount of knowledge and models have been developed with a focus on their practical applicability in

various conflict settings. Transmitting the most relevant of them to youth workers on the ground to improve the conflict transformation competences of their target groups is the declared aim of this proposed training course.

## Objectives

The specific objectives of the training course are:

- To deepen the understanding of concepts related to conflict transformation among youth workers and youth leaders
- To equip youth workers and youth leaders with a set of tools, which can be used to raise the conflict transformation competences of their target groups and accompany them in developing their own peace initiatives
- To provide a space for the transfer of the acquired knowledge and competences to the local youth work reality of the participants
- To develop follow-up projects on local and international level in the field of conflict transformation

## Facts and Figures

<b>Dates</b>	31.10.-08.11.2019
<b>Place</b>	Baitz/Berlin
<b>No of participants</b>	26
<b>Course Fee</b>	35,00 € (travel, food and accommodation covered)

## Participants Profile

The project is aimed at multipliers active in youth work on a **regular base**, either as professionals or volunteers.

Previous experience in conflict transformation is not needed but applicants should show a clear motivation to get involved in the sphere and explain how their target groups will benefit from their improved competences.

Fluency in English will be a requirement to be able to follow the content.

## Partners

The training course is a collaboration between the following organisations and financed by the Erasmus+ Program of the European Union. Only youth workers residing in the named countries are eligible for participation:

Country	Organisation
Austria	Art Mine
Bulgaria	Bulgarian Youth Form
Denmark	Mellem Education
Germany	DIALOGOS e.V.
Hungary	Támaszpont
Italy	East -West Lab
Poland	Participation for local communities foundation
Portugal	Eduroom

## Location

The training will take place in the village of Baitz, which is approximately 1 hour outside of Berlin. We will have a seminar house all on our own, situated in an old farmhouse.

The program also includes a study trip to Berlin for half a day.

## Application

Deadline for applications will be

**08. August 2019.**

Please apply via the following link:

**<https://tinyurl.com/y5frecyf>**

The selection results will be sent out approximately one week after the application deadline.

## Contact

In case you need additional information, you can reach us via the following email:

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