Upcoming Project

PEACE BAG FOR EUROMED YOUTH - TRAINING OF TRAINERS (June 2012)

“incorporating peace education in youth work”

- is a non-formal education course aimed at developing the capacities of young trainers, educators and multipliers to mainstream peace education in the agenda and activities of participating organizations.
- The practical handbook "PeaceBag for Euromed Youth" (www.peacebag.org), created by 18 youth organizations and coordinated by the Fundacion Catalunya Voluntària, will be the primary resource for training. The training will bring together 24 young educators and promoters in a 3 phase project.

Phase 1

The first phase will consist of an online training prior to the face to face meeting to review tools and evaluate the key skills and competences of the course participants.

Phase 2

The second phase will bring together educators, trainers and youth multipliers for 8 days to conduct hands on activities and adapt modules and activities into different contexts. Participants will learn about different teaching-learning styles in peace education, as well as facilitation and evaluation skills. In this phase, participants will develop, coordinate and plan for phase 3.

Phase 3

The third phase is the local implementation of the adapted Peace Bag modules designed by the multipliers – for the organizations participating in the project.

The project aims to strengthen the capacities of youth as agents of peace by providing practical tools on peace education that they can integrate in the development of their projects. Moreover, this project aims to promote real partnership between youth organisations which goes beyong the mere “sending of participants.”

Partner countries:
The overall aim is to develop the skills of young people of the Euro-Mediterranean to building peace and intercultural education incorporating peace education in youth work.

The specific objectives include:

- Understand the various initiatives and projects related to youth peace education, taking into account the intercultural dimension in the EuroMed region.

- Share the various tools and strategies of peace education with the partner organizations.

- Bring together various initiatives and projects dealing with education for peace based on the formula "to learn about / for / by."

- Create a network for youth organizations in order to incorporate peace education and intercultural dialogue in youth work and update tools.
  *Tentatively scheduled in autumn 2012, we plan to hold a seminar on building networks as a continuation of this training, which will include more partners in the project.

- Strengthen the role of youth in the process of building peace through education initiatives.

- Promote greater cooperation between youth organizations of the EuroMed region.

The objectives directly related to training are:

- Achieve a **comprehensive understanding** of peace and see its relation to other problems faced by the youth.

- To introduce participants to **practical activities** related to peace, conflict transformation, nonviolence, diversity, human rights, gender equality, nonviolence and other communication strategies.

- Get **practical skills and modules** to work with activities related to peace, intercultural dialogue, human rights and gender equality.

- Develop **facilitation skills** of the participants.

- To familiarize participants with the different training processes, such as **experiential learning** 'non-formal education as well as the different' styles of teaching and learning
related to peace education.

- To familiarize participants with the Peace Bag as a tool, including tips for use and other resources.

- Develop more in-depth understanding of the Euro-Mediterranean region, its culture, its diversity and shared vision.

- Enable participants to adapt the activities and modules to their specific contexts.

- Allow participants to self-assessment of their skills and key competences.

The expected results of the project are:

1) Integrating and giving consistency to the work of youth organizations related to the Culture of Peace (including other themes such as human rights, intercultural dialogue, gender equality, democratic participation, etc).

2) Integrating and mainstreaming peace education into the work of youth organisations

3) Adapting the Peace Bag toolkit to situations/contexts and environments in which youth organisations operate

4) A long-term platform to connect these youth organizations. One of the main assets of the project is to adapt the tools of the Exchange of Peace to the local and regional contexts of the project partners. The website www.peacebag.org works today and as a platform where project partners present, promote and update the activities and workshops.

Target group:

The training course is designed for youth multipliers, educators and youth trainers from both sides of Mediterranean Sea. Applicants should have prior experience in training and non-formal education.

Working language: English

Organisers: The training course is organised by the Fundació Catalunya Voluntària, with the support of the Spanish National Agency for the YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME.

Dates: 10-17 June 2012

Venue: Barcelona

Deadline for application: 30/03/2012

Application forms will be available by the end of February.