



COUNCIL OF EUROPE DIRECTORATE OF YOUTH AND SPORT

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The new working priorities of the youth sector 2006–2008

The Council of Europe's concept of Europe is based on values which are commonly held among young people, namely democracy, peace, social justice and human rights.

Through the work of the DYS, the Council of Europe has helped the youth sector make a comprehensive contribution to human rights education, the promotion of peace and democracy and the development of European citizenship awareness. The Council of Europe youth sector has made a significant contribution to the development of youth policy, youth work structures and youth organisations in a growing number of member states, especially in central, eastern and south-eastern Europe.

The Joint Council on Youth therefore approved the detailed working priorities for the next three years at its 12th meeting held in the European Youth Centre Budapest in February 2005:

PROGRAMME 1: YOUTH PROGRAMME ON HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION AND INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE

- Youth promoting global solidarity and the peaceful transformation of conflict
- Youth promoting intercultural dialogue, inter-religious co-operation and respect for cultural difference
- Developing networks of trainers and multipliers in Human Rights Education and intercultural dialogue with young people
- Supporting and promoting good practice in Human Rights Education and Intercultural Dialogue at local level
- Supporting the recognition of human rights education and intercultural dialogue in formal and non-formal education

PROGRAMME 2: YOUTH PARTICIPATION AND DEMOCRATIC CITIZENSHIP

- Promoting and sustaining the role of youth organizations in the development of democratic participation
- Promoting citizenship education and participation of and by young people
- Promoting young people's access to decision-making

PROGRAMME 3: SOCIAL COHESION AND INCLUSION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

- Facilitating young people's access of to working life and social rights
- Youth work and policy responses to violence

PROGRAMME 4: YOUTH POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- Developing and promoting standards for youth policies in connection with child policies in the Council of Europe and member states
- Fostering the recognition of youth work and non-formal education competencies in the member states
- Developing and sharing knowledge on the situation of young people
- Support measures for the quality and sustainability of European youth work training and policy

The new working priorities will be submitted for approval at the next Ministerial Conference on Youth that will take place in Budapest, Hungary from 23 to 25 September 2005.

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THE NEW VERSIONS OF THE EDUCATION PACK AND DOMINO ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

It is easy to say “I have no prejudices” or “I am not racist, so it has nothing to do with me” or “I did not invite those refugees”. It is hard to say “I may not be to blame for what happened in the past but I want to take responsibility for making sure it does not continue into the future”

The two publications produced back in 1994-95 as part of the Council of Europe’s Campaign “All Different – All Equal” are now coming out in new refreshed, digital, modernised editions. Furthermore, they can both be downloaded at <http://www.coe.int/compass> in HTML format and linked with another milestone publication of the Directorate of Youth and Sport, “Compass” – The Manual on Human Rights Education for Young People.

Soon after their publication in 1994 and 1995, the Education Pack and Domino became the preferred references for those involved in intercultural education and in training young people across Europe and beyond. The Education Pack “all different – all equal” was translated into many different languages and remains one of the most successful and most frequently used Council of Europe publications.

This year, 2005, marks the 10th anniversary of the “all different – all equal” campaign and provides an excellent opportunity to give these useful materials a new life.

The usefulness of the publications stems from the variety and creativity of the methodologies proposed. Ten years after the campaign started, the role plays, simulation exercises, case studies and cooperative group work that are available still inspire many youth workers, trainers, teachers and other people actively involved in intercultural education. Although the Campaign officially ended in 1996, European societies have unfortunately continued to suffer from growing hostility and intolerance towards different groups of people, in particular towards minorities. The increase in violence and insecurity in global terms has only emphasised the need for intercultural youth work and the relevance of these materials remains unquestionable.

You can find the on-line versions of these two Manuals on :
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