

## **European Citizenship Module 6: Human Rights Belgium 2 – 8 December 2005**

The objectives of the overall European Citizenship module process are:

- To provide participants with knowledge and information about the historical role and present function of European institutions and the concepts and formal meanings and expressions of European citizenship.
- To enable participants to reflect about European citizenship and European identity and key values and concepts associated with it, such as safeguarding human rights, participation in the development of democracy and respect for cultural diversity.
- To develop participants' knowledge and motivation to critically understand the European youth programmes and their potential to support the European citizenship dimension of youth work.

Within this framework, Module 6 on Human Rights shall:

- Initiate a fundamental discussion on human rights to clarify what they are
- Initiate a fundamental discussion to clarify the issues Citizenship and European citizenship
- Engage in an exploration of the relationships between the two concepts – the ways in which Human Rights and Citizenship intertwine
- Engage in an exploration of how if at all European Citizenship supports Human Rights and why it is a framework that is useful for working on human rights with young people
- Attempt to link all the discussions and conclusions to the practice of participants
- Encourage participants to be agents of change in relation to Citizenship and Human Rights.

This course will facilitate participants' consideration of the following questions, in personal, social and youth work terms:

- What is Human Rights?
- What is Citizenship?
- What is European Citizenship?
- What are the rights that on reflection participants, and the young people they work with, take for granted and are concerned about?
- What human rights issues are present in dimensions of citizenship that participants identify, as relevant for them, the young people they work with and their youth work practice?
- What is the value of European Citizenship for human rights advocacy? Is it a framework that is useful for working on Human Rights with young people?
- What are the possibilities and the limitations of youth work for addressing issues citizenship and human rights?
- How can participants address these issues practically in my youth work?