



## **Modules on European Citizenship**

2004-2005

### **MODULE-3**

## **The Role of Youth Work in Participation**

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European Youth Centre Strasbourg**

**Deadline of application: 15 November 2004**

### **Specific Objectives**

- To develop a common understanding of effective youth participation;
- To enable participants to reflect upon the different realities of democracy and civil society;
- To explore the role of youth work and youth organisations in various aspects of participation;
- To raise awareness of possible ways of youth participation in decision-making processes;
- To equip participants to be able to promote participation and active citizenship with young people;
- To enable participants to use non-formal education as a means of empowering young people for European citizenship;
- To develop social and interpersonal skills related to participation.

**Course Contents**

- Youth participation, citizenship and democracy
- Democracy, civil society and European Citizenship
- Empowerment of youth & developing forms of participation
- Political participation
- Youth participation in decision-making processes & youth influence in politics
- Youth work and citizenship in Europe
- Values in youth work & non-formal education
- Lifestyles, cultures and life-management of young people today
- Why youth work? – socialisation and education of young people
- Volunteering
- The role of youth work and of the youth worker
- The European dimension in youth work
- Questions of 'citizenship' and questions of 'youth'
- Achievements of youth work

**Participants' profile**

The module is intended to be an opportunity for further training complementary to experiences and previous training for youth workers and youth leaders who :

- have experience of at least 2 years in youth work ( as volunteers or professionals);
- have organised or co-organised at least 1 international youth project;
- have experience in developing and managing a project with and for young people;

- are directly involved in youth activities with young people;
- are supported by their organisation in the application and in their work to integrate European Citizenship into youth work;
- are committed to work directly with young people on issues related to European citizenship;
- are motivated to undergo training and able to attend the course for its full duration;
- are able to work in English;
- have a general knowledge and understanding of youth work realities in their countries;
- are resident in a member state of the Council of Europe or in another country signatory to the European Cultural convention.

Priority will be given to those applicants who, by their previous experiences, are able to contribute to the reflections and discussion on the programme contents, and/or plan to integrate European Citizenship into youth work following their participation in the training module.