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A three-phase international seminar on

“Communication and youth organisation: tools for active participation»

Date: 2 – 10 of June 2002

Place: Pénestin – Bretagne –France (Atlantic coast of Bretagne)

Working languages: English / French

Number of participants: maximum 21 + 4 team members

Age: 18-30 years

Profile of the participants:

Volunteers and/or professionals in a youth organisation.

We are looking for a diversity of levels of involvement (youngsters, staff members, co-ordinators, etc.). This diversity could help showing the different problems linked to the different levels of responsibilities in an organisation. A professional background in communication is not necessary. The participants should be able to participate in an evaluation seminar planned for the end of 2002 in Hungary.

Co-ordinator of the project:

Luciole, member organisation of Manifeste ARA (Animation-Research-Action) Network

Team:

Simona Molari - trainer - Italy

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Peter Wicke - trainer - SCI - Germany

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Financial conditions for participation:

Participation fee: 30 €/ participant

Food and lodging: supplied by the host organisation of the seminar

Travel costs: 50% of travel costs reimbursed for Western European participants, 75% of travel costs for other European countries.

A seminar, why?

This project can be a first step in trying to understand the process of involving young people and/or volunteers/ professionals in the work of an organisation., in trying to find answers to questions like:

Communication, yes, but with what message? toward who?

How to promote the initiatives of youngsters / volunteers?

How to consider them as actors of the organisation?

How to promote the appropriation of values, instead of having a volunteer feel as being “used” by the organisation?

One of the key words for the answer can be in the concept of communication. To inform, to be informed, to go and look for information, to exchange on ideas and values is not so easy to do efficiently.

Every organisation should be considered as a global space of expression for its members. To be coherent with the values of youth work, the principles of active democracy and dialogue inside and outside the organisation should be applied. A youth organisation should be a space of exchange, confrontation, as

well as a space for creativity, for project building, a tool for personal development for each of its members. A good transversal communication, in different ways, should be a base for youth work.

A seminar, how?

- By looking at the different ways of expression used in youth/social work.
- By analysing positive and negative aspects in the ways of communication.
- By defining the main lacks or communication problems / obstacles in the reality of the participants.
- By examining the origin and the consequences of these problems / obstacles in their daily work.
- By developing different ways of resolution for these concrete problems / obstacles together.

A seminar, with what contents?

Different ways of communication: e.g. direct verbal communication / non verbal communication /written communication (documentation used by every organisation member) / new tools for communication (Internet, e-group, etc.)

Different levels of communication: inside an association (between its members, volunteers, professional, staff members) / between different organisations (local and international level) / with the inhabitants / local community and the “target group” / between the organisations and institutions (local and international level)

A seminar, what after?

Second phase: Going back home, each participant will experiment with different possible strategies of resolution developed during the seminar. During this phase, the links between the team and the participants will be maintained and promoted, for a permanent evaluation and feed-back.

Third phase: At the end 2002 an evaluation meeting will take place to analyse the whole process and look at its results and possible ways of adaptation of the experimented initiatives.

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Seminar on
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 2-10 June 2002
Application form
 (Please type or use CAPITAL letters and write legibly)

Applicant's personal details

Name of the applying participant:				
Street address:				
Post code / town / country:				
Telephone number:				
Fax and/or E-mail:				
Do you have any special needs or requirements (e.g. dietary, accessibility):				
Date of birth:	Sex (m/f):	Nationality:	Languages:	

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Information about the organisation represented

Name of the applying organisation:	
Street address:	
Post code / town / country:	
Telephone number:	
Fax number:	
E-mail address:	

To be filled in by the applicant

Please describe your organisation briefly:		
Please describe your tasks in your organisation:		
Do you have any experience in interculturality / youth work? If yes, please give details:		
Why would you like to participate in this seminar?		
What kind of concrete communication problems / obstacles in your organisation you would like to work on during this project?		
Place	Date	Signature

This form must be sent to Luciole by **30 of March 2002** at the latest.
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