



Seminar

Global Education and Youth

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CEULAJ, Eurolatinamerican Youth Centre, Mollina, Spain

At the

UNIVERSITY
ON **YOUTH** AND
DEVELOPMENT



The University on Youth and Development (UYD) is a unique space for debate, training, exchange of experiences and affirmative action on global youth work and global education (GE). Global youth work is a concept that has emerged from within the youth movement worldwide during the 1990s. It is the collective response of young people and youth organisations to the challenges of globalisation.

It is a partnership between the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe (NSC), the Spanish Youth Institute (INJUVE), the European Youth Forum (YFJ), the Spanish Youth Council (CJE), the Latin-American Youth Forum (FLAJ) and other international youth organisations active at the global level.

The University aims:

- to create a space of political action for the recognition of the role of youth in global development;
- to stimulate and initiate reflection and analysis on the role of youth in development policies and development co-operation;
- to facilitate the definition and implementation of development projects in the field of youth.

The University on Youth and Development gathers the various movements, institutional actors and civil society actors of global development youth work. It is also a key moment for capacity-building of youth multipliers and for policy-oriented action concerning youth and development.

The theme of the 2007 edition of the UYD will be "the Alliance of civilizations: the role of youth organisations". Taking into account the global dimension of the process, the UYD is an ideal space to start deepening the issue of global education through a **Global Education and Youth Seminar**. This seminar is jointly organised by the **North-South Centre of the Council of Europe** and the **European Youth Forum**.

Close to 300 participants are expected to take part in the University, running from 30 September to 7 October 2007.

Global Education

The European Youth Forum (YFJ) aims to empower young people to actively participate in the shaping of the society they live in. In order to achieve this, the European Youth Forum aims to build a shared knowledge reflection on youth policy, promote the empowerment of young people and encourage their active participation in society.

Non-formal education is an approach that empowers young people and their active participation in society. Youth organisations are one of the main providers of non-formal education (NFE) and education is now one of the four priority areas of the European Youth Forum.

One way to further develop its work on global education has been for the YFJ to reinforce partnerships and get involved into new processes, ensuring all partners' interests and development and complementarity. In a more effective and explicit manner, the YFJ has,

for example, decided to engage more actively on global education issues through enlarging its partnership and co-operation with the North-South Centre, particularly on global education issues. The YFJ has joined the NSC's Global Education Week network (GEW), for example. The GEW brings together educational practitioners and encourages them to implement global education awareness raising projects and activities in Europe and the rest of the world.

The NSC's objective as regards global education is to develop, enhance and sustain strategies and capacity-building for global education, targeting institutions and practitioners in the field of global education in the formal and non-formal sector. One of the NSC's main priorities, following the Maastricht Declaration (2002), is to dedicate more efforts towards increasing the youth participation and Southern dimensions of their work on global education. Another important aspect is to strengthen the 'quadrilogue' (dialogue with governments, parliamentarians, local authorities and civil society actors) - and in particular with youth representatives and organisations as an important and strategic partner in shaping, giving priorities and directions to the global education work of the NSC.

These objectives, matching with the current working developments of the YFJ, lead to establishing this partnership around a seminar on global education and youth.

Within this framework, the European Youth Forum and the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe developed a joint activity, to be held at the 8th Edition of the University on Youth and Development, that combines the experience that the partners have developed in the field of global education. This seminar will particularly address common issues related to youth, non-formal and formal education and North-South awareness.

Aims of the seminar

The aim of the seminar is to jointly explore, reflect and deepen the different dimensions of global education in a youth work context, as well as to better define the needs of youth organisations, youth workers and youth leaders of all regions of the world, and to contribute to sustainable strategies, with a youth mainstreaming approach, towards more effective and efficient global education processes.

Objectives

- 1 To explore the dimension of Global Education in the youth field;
- 2 To get acquainted with policies, tools, good practices, initiatives and achievements in global education;
- 3 To define the (further) needs and explore future prospects of youth organisations in relation to global education;
- 4 To gather ideas, proposals and concepts for the YFJ's policy paper on global education;
- 5 To contribute to the work and programmes of the NSC in the field of global education;
- 6 To develop strategies for a better co-operation among global education practitioners with a specific focus on North-South partnerships;
- 7 To identify complementarities between formal and non-formal education.

Methodology and programme

This seminar is designed as a mutual learning situation, where participants can exchange, reflect and compare their experiences and understanding of global education and the main issues addressed. The methodology will allow for active participative methods such as working groups, dynamic group exercises, round table discussions, etc. Contributions from experts in the field of global education will establish a theoretical framework and a common reference point for learning, reflection and communication.

The programme of the seminar will include:

- 1 An overview of different concepts of global education;
- 2 Different experiences with global education;
- 3 An overview of regional realities and the North-South dimension in global education;
- 4 Young people's role and youth organisations' role in global education;
- 5 An exploration of various strategies linking formal and non-formal education;
- 6 The sharing of good practices in global education.

Working language

The seminar will be held in English.

Profile of the participants

This seminar is addressed to youth leaders and youth workers active in youth organisations from Europe and the South.

All participants should:

- 1 Be able to work in English;
- 2 Be able and committed to act as multipliers within their organisations on the issues of the seminar;
- 3 Be motivated to develop their competence in youth participation and global education;
- 4 Be committed to attend the full duration of the seminar;
- 5 Be motivated to participate in the joint programme of the University on Youth and Development;
- 6 Be supported by an organisation, institution or service. Participants from European countries will have to be nominated by a member organisation of the YFJ.
- 7 Not older than 35 years of age.

Team

The seminar will be designed and conducted by a multicultural team of experienced facilitators active in the field of global education. Team members will represent the regional diversity of the group of participants.

Application procedure and selection of participants

All candidates must apply using the enclosed application form. **Participants living in regions other than Europe should send their application to the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe.**

Up to 12 participants will be selected on the basis of the profile outlined above and ensuring a balanced group (gender, geographical regions, and different types of experiences related to global education, cultural backgrounds and organisations). A waiting list may be established. Applicants will be informed of the results of the selection procedure at the latest by the end of August 2007.

Deadline for applications

The application form must be sent to the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe by **1 August 2007**.

Financial and practical conditions of participation

Travel expenses

Travel expenses and visa fees are reimbursed (on presentation of the relevant receipts). Only the participants who attend the entire seminar can be reimbursed. The payment will be made either by bank transfer after the seminar, or at the end of the seminar in cash (in Euros).

Accommodation

Board and lodging for the duration of the Seminar will be provided and paid for at the Eurolatinamerican Youth Centre, CEULAJ, in Mollina, Spain.