

Study Visit in Armenia: ‘Non-formal education and youth participation for active citizenship’

Monday 29th October- Sunday 4th November 2012

1. Aim

The aim of this study visit is to get to know the reality of youth work in Armenia. Learning how things are organized in a different country increases the understanding of the context of youth work. **A Study Visit gives a chance for participants to realize how certain circumstances influence the way youth work is organized.** Learning process during a Study Visit requires some intellectual work from participants because there will be a lot of information provided ☺ As a result participants can find examples of good practices worth implementing in their own country and/or start to appreciate more the things that work well in their own country.

2. Topics

The topics of the project are 2 kinds of activities that develop active citizenship of young people:

- 1) **Non-formal education** – activities that develop skills, knowledge and attitudes of young people
- 2) **Youth participation in public life** - activities engaging young people in decision-making processes on matters that concern them, and the principles/practices of cooperation between institutions and young people.

3. When & where:

Monday 29th October & Sunday 4th November are free days, just for arrival & departure –without program. We will stay in Yerevan and visit also 2 other cities: Gyumry and Sevan.

4. Program

The actual program in Armenia lasts for 5 days and it will be a very intensive work giving participants a chance to learn lot of information about youth participation in Armenia. The group of participants will have several meetings a day with youth NGOs, youth researchers, trainers and representatives of governmental and local institutions in Armenia. Meetings will take place in the offices of Armenian institutions and NGOs and in the form of ‘NGO fairs’ that enable to meet many organizations in a short time at one place. Such intensive work will be rewarded with a few relaxing moments: tasting traditional Armenian cuisine, visiting a monastery and lake Sevan. * A draft program is attached.

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5. Profile of participants

There will be 24 participants from 6 partner organizations from 6 different countries: Poland, Germany, Italy (European Union) and Armenia, Georgia and Ukraine (Eastern Partnership).

The desired profile of a participant is:

- ✓ Min. 18 years old (no max. age limit)
- ✓ **Experienced in youth work** - carrying out non-formal activities WITH young people and FOR young people, based on group work and designed to fulfill aims important for young people
- ✓ Able to comfortably communicate in English
- ✓ Committed to take active part in the whole program (arrival on 29th Oct., depart. on 4th Nov.)
- ✓ **Motivated to learn how youth participation & non-formal education work in Armenia**
- ✓ **Interested to analyze the context of youth work** and the circumstances that influence it, eg.: legal framework, funding opportunities, resources, problems, politics & attitudes of people
- ✓ Eager to share own experience
- ✓ Nominated by one of the 6 partner organizations involved in this project

The **deadline** for partner organizations to introduce their 4 participants to Civis Polonus Foundation is **10th September**, so its recommended to have an internal deadline for selection sooner.

6. Partner NGOs in this project:

'KASA' Swiss Humanitarian Foundation	Armenia	http://www.kasa.am/
Stefantsmida – community union	Georgia	http://stefantsminda.org.ge
Dachverband der Jugendgemeinderäte Baden-Württemberg e.V. (Regional Youth Council)	Germany	www.jugendgemeinderat.de
AFFABULAZIONE -cultural association	Italy	http://www.affabulazione.com/
Civis Polonus Foundation	Poland	http://www.civispolonus.org.pl , http://www.civispolonus.org.pl/index.php/component/content/article/193
Donetsk Youth Debate Center	Ukraine	http://cent.dn.ua

The **Civis Polonus Foundation** from Poland is managing the project and administrating the grant from the **Youth in Action Program** of the European Commission. The **'KASA' Swiss Humanitarian Foundation** is our local partner in Armenia that takes care of arranging logistics and the program.

7. Costs

There is no participation fee. Board, lodging & local transport in Armenia will be provided during the program. Participants are expected to buy their own travel insurance. Participants pay 30% of travel costs & can buy their tickets only after approval of Civis Polonus Foundation. 100% of visa costs and 70% of travel costs (up to agreed limit) will be reimbursed to participants/partner NGOs after the Study Visit –on condition that participants **provide original tickets** (not invoices) with eligible dates on them (**max 1 day different than 29th Oct. & 4th Nov.**) and in case of planes also boarding passes.

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8. Products

We want to inspire others to make use of our experience therefore we will prepare a **publication (PDF) with a collection of good practices/ chosen projects** of the NGOs involved in the project and those met in Armenia. And we will try to make a simple **video** with short impressions & pictures.

9. Initial plan of work (tasks & dates to accomplish them):

2012	August	Septem.	Oct.	November	Dec.
Signing partnership agreements	20-31				
Selection of participants		By 10			
Booking tickets -after approval of Karo		1- 15			
Gathering insurance data & emergency contacts, providing info on logistics		By 30			
Introduction of participants & good practices of partner organisations, gathering materials for a booklet		10-30			
Promotion of the project			10		
Program in Armenia			30-03		
Exchange of photos & materials				5-15	
Promotion of the project				5-15	
Summerising & Promotion of results				15-30	
Submitting tickets & boarding passes for reimbursement with payment request				by 15 to partner NGO, by 30 to Civis Polonus	
Evaluation					1
Reimbursement to partner NGOs					5

10. More info about Armenia:

www.armeniainfo.am

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/armenia>

<http://www.salto-youth.net/rc/eeca/eecapublications/eecamanual/eecamanualarmenia/>

Weather forecast in Yerevan: <http://www.weather-forecast.com/locations/Yerevan/forecasts/latest>

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