



Training for Youth Workers, Activist and Youth Leaders

This training course is about Training Hate Speech Movement and Peace Education; dealing with conflict and hate by using art as a tool for tackling such issues. Participants get to develop their practical and theoretical knowledge and skills in working with individuals and groups in the development of key competences regarding combating hate and dealing with conflict.

#### Why this training course?

Europe and its neigboring countries are experiencing quite some turmoil; economic crisis, the situation of refugees and migrants, the greater openness of minorities who are claiming their rights, acts of terrorism and warfare between countries. The media highlights these elements and gets strong reactions from the public, which are often negative and violent. Hate speech emerges, especially online. Islamaphobia, antigypsyism, anti-immigrant, anti-welfare takers, homophobia, anti-gender, anti-women, or plane hatred against the other country keeps rising and taking over social media. Much can also be found in the streets in the form of graffiti and other street based art forms.

Many are afraid to do what is right and stand up for peace and against hate. In times of conflict many young people are hooked into acts and words of patriotism, which are in fact hate speech thinly disguised.

This training course investigates the role and influence young people can have, especially in communities that are affected by conflict. Current crisis situations will be acknowledged and explored together with the subjects of peace building and reconciliation. There will be an exploration of the use of writing, storytelling, poster art, graffiti, painting, photography, sculpting and other popular art forms as a means of young people having a voice in their communities.

#### Objectives

- to exploring the role and influence of young people in times of crisis;
- to explore how to work with young people engaging in hate speech;
- to explore youth work as a tool for peace and reconciliation;
- to explore art based strategies for dealing with conflict and conflict situations;

### What and how?

Participants will work with real life experiences and case studies and various theories linked to peace building. Through group work and group processes the participants will work in the field of social, emotional, self-management, training and learning to learn competences.

In doing so the youth workers will be in a position to tackle and constructively approach individuals and groups both online and offline about hate speech and other forms of conflict and violence, especially in the context of specific situations that affect whole communities and or countries. Moreover, with the wide range of methods, participants will get to know a whole new toolbox of methods, approaches and techniques for dealing with conflict and promoting peaceful solutions using the arts.









# General info

- November 12-18, 2016 in Dilijan, Armenia
- 7 Working days (excluding travel days).
- The working language is English.
- 27 Participants from 9 countries: Only for people from: Armenia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Georgia, Greece, Italy, Moldova, The Netherlands, Ukraine.



# DEVELOP ESSENTIAL COMPETENCIES TO DEAL WITH CONFLICT AND HATE!

### Finances / Costs

This training course is financially supported by the Netherlands Youth Institute within the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union. Expenses for food and accommodation will be fully covered. However for the organization to be able to manage the project and maintain its activities there is a participation fee of 40 EUR. This is to be paid in cash upon arrival.

### Travel reimbursement

Your travel expenses will be reimbursed according the regulations of the Erasmus+ programme. The money will be transferred to your bank account after the training course when you have given us all the original travel documents from your trip (Boarding passes, e-tickets, invoices, bus/train tickets, bills etc.)

To have your expenses fully reimbursed, please book 'two-way' tickets (incl. bus/train etc.) Any (return) tickets that are bought after the training will not be reimbursed.

Maximum amount covered per person:

The Netherlands	400 EUR
Czech Republic, Italy	350 EUR
Cyprus, Greece, Moldova, Ukraine	260 EUR
Georgia	40 EUR
Armenia	0 EUR

(Traveling via Tbilisi, Georgia is often cheaper than to Yerevan)

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## Questions?

For questions (not applications) you can write to: live.n8w@gmail.com

# About LIVE N8W Foundation

Originally founded in the Netherlands, the LIVE N8W foundation started in 2009 with the aim to offer young people a platform of non formal learning, for personal development and cultural exchange. With a network of international partner organisations, the projects of the LIVE N8W foundation nowadays bring together young people from all over the world that are motivated to improve their personal and professional competencies in order to realise a better society and higher quality of life.

# About Loesje

As one of the international Loesje members, *Loesje* Armenia organises projects with as main focus areas; personal development of young people, Intercultural learning and active citizenship. *Loesje* Armenia has organized and hosted a large number of international youth exchanges, trainings courses, summer camps and seminars. These brought together over 4.000 young people from more than 50 countries, broadening their perspective, empowering them to be active citizens and entrepreneurs of their own lives.

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# How to Apply?

To join this training, fill in the application form and send it to the partner organisation in your country (see in form).

#### Deadline: latest September 20th 2016

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