



COUNCIL OF EUROPE
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Dates

21st - 28th September 2008

Place

Pogradec, Albania

Participants

18-30 year old European youth leaders **of all faiths**. You should be interested in training on overcoming fundamentalisms as a source of religious violence and willing to act as a multiplier in your network.

Language

English

Participants letter

After signing up, the selected participants will receive a letter with more information about the Training Course.

Application deadline

Monday, 18th AUGUST 2008.

Please fill in the attached application form and return it to the EYCE office before the deadline.

The EYCE Campaign Against Fundamentalisms presents

"Overcome Fundamentalism - Overcome Violence"

An inter-religious Training Course.

Price

200 € (Euros) incl. accommodation, meals, programme and excursion. For our regulations on further subsidies on this fee, please check out the invitation for this event at www.eyce.org.

Travel subsidies

Some participants of this training course are entitled to partial reimbursement of their travel expenses and participation fees under the conditions that the cheapest possible fare is booked and the price is confirmed with the EYCE treasurer prior to the booking. Please find out more in the invitation for this event at www.eyce.org.

Visa

Obtaining a visa may take several weeks. If you will need visa to participate, please send in the application form to the EYCE office as soon as possible and make sure that you know what is required to obtain a visa in your country. Do not apply for visa before you have received an acceptance letter from EYCE.



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Overcome fundamentalism – overcome violence

EYCE has a long tradition of training courses in the field of inter-religious dialogue (IRD). After the launching of EYCE's Campaign Against Fundamentalisms in 2007 (Volos, Greece), the overcoming of fundamentalisms has been set as the main aim of EYCE's IRD activities for the next 3 years. This year's inter-religious training course is "Overcome fundamentalism – overcome violence".

Today's society is facing the emerging of new forms of fundamentalisms, radical and conservative attitudes and ideologies. While religious communities are engaged in building a fruitful dialogue with the European civil society, they yet face inner schools of thought which promote refusal of dialogue, isolation from the society, negation of the other's identity, rule of the stronger against the respect of universal rights. This leads to a situation where the efforts of religious communities to contribute to intercultural dialogue in Europe are hindered by these tendencies.

EYCE believes that younger generations have the bigger potential to help their communities at elaborating non-violent responses!



Therefore, we will first build a common theoretical background, through analysis of fundamentalism and violence, a critical view on practices and traditions promoting fundamentalisms in the different religious communities, and case studies from all over Europe. The second part of the training will provide participants with practical tools to counteract violent dynamics, to raise awareness in their context, to train local trainers in facing fundamentalism and violence. The location will add to this learning experience, as Albania is a beautiful country with a long inter-religious history, yet a history heavily marked by violent episodes and fundamentalist currents.

All of this will be wrapped in a truly multicultural atmosphere, with new friendships, space for worship and a lot of fun!

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EYCE

The Ecumenical Youth Council in Europe is a strong network of young Christians promoting the unity of Christianity throughout all of Europe. EYCE has member organisations in 24 countries and these are either national ecumenical youth councils, denominational youth councils or bodies or international Christian youth organisations.

As a Christian youth organisation, EYCE strives to represent young people in Europe as much as possible. EYCE works on an entirely ecumenical basis, and is a part of the wider ecumenical movement. Its goal is not to form one church structure, but to look for ways to work together in spite of different denominational viewpoints. This means working together to overcome such obstacles as nationalism, fundamentalism, xenophobia, social exclusion and proselytism.



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