

## Call for Trainers

### Peace Education. Avoiding Conflict Escalation. A Conflict Handling Training Course

7 – 13 March 2010, Konstanz (Germany)

Dates for required availability:

Preparatory Meeting: 6 March 2010

Training Course: 7 – 13 March 2010

Evaluation Meeting: 14 March 2010



**Please note: Deadline for Applications is Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 2010.**

#### Background and Aims of the Training

As conflicts still constitute one of the biggest challenges of today's world, AEGEE saw the need to promote the idea of non-violent conflict resolution. Therefore, 24 young people from conflict regions as well as students from other parts of Europe will be trained in mediation and moderation of conflict solution processes. The aim is to provide the participants with theoretical and practical knowledge of how to achieve a non-violent solution of conflicts and to enable them to engage in an open-minded exchange with other population groups as well as with people from other parts of Europe in order to create a peaceful atmosphere characterised by tolerance and mutual understanding. Special focus is laid on the involvement of young people coming from conflict regions (2/3 of the participants). Only by involving those young people we can ensure a sustainable impact of the training as the participants will use the knowledge and skills acquired back home in their societies in order to promote values which are also among the EU's founding principles as well as among AEGEE's aims, such as tolerance and peace.

#### **AEGEE:**

The training is organized by AEGEE-Konstanz in cooperation with IPWG, the International Politics Working Group of AEGEE-Europe. The European Students' Forum AEGEE has about 15000 members in more than 40 European countries and promotes European integration, peace and stability, human rights, active citizenship and a European dimension in education. The International Politics Working Group of AEGEE-Europe provides a forum to all AEGEE members from all over the extended network who have an interest in international politics and organizes related projects and events.



## Objectives of the Training

- To raise awareness among youth about everyday conflicts on different levels (regional, national, international) and to discuss means of solving them
- To provide the participants with a greater conceptual understanding of conflict, violence and peace, and the forces of conflict dynamics.
- To provide the participants with skills to handle conflict situations, e.g. moderating skills, negotiational skills, negotiation skills and networking, encouraging them to take over a moderating role in the solution process of ethnic, cultural and/or religious conflicts back home in their societies without being offensive towards others.
- To promote inter-religious and intercultural dialogue among young people, addressing the role of history/tradition, culture and religion in their lives and discovering common values.
- To motivate young people to involve in existing peace initiatives and to start up new ones by employing the networking skills acquired with the training
- To stimulate young people to reflect on conflicts inside Europe, and to involve them in the discussion on the future of the European Union and the role the EU and other stakeholders can take in finding sustainable solutions to those conflicts.

## Tasks of the trainers:

The team will consist of three trainers who will conduct the training course. Additionally, an IPWG representative will ensure communication flow between all related parties. A proposed programme has already been drafted, nevertheless, there will be room for the trainers to adapt that programme in close cooperation with the IPWG representative according to their needs, but the training course will not need to be totally newly designed.

## Language of the Training Course

The course will be held in **English**.

## Accommodation, travel and finances

IPWG & AEGEE-Konstanz will cover all costs related to accommodation, food, travel (cheapest way) and visa.

Furthermore, each trainer will most probably receive around 600 € for their contribution to the training (we are still waiting for a final confirmation for the funding).

## Application Procedure

Please fill in the joint application form and return it to IPWG until Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 by 24:00 CET to [ipwg@aegee.org](mailto:ipwg@aegee.org). Do not forget to attach your CV!

Finally, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in contact with IPWG ([ipwg@aegee.org](mailto:ipwg@aegee.org))