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Course title:	Citizenship and youth participation
Course description:	<p>Young people are increasingly recognized as significant agents in community and national development. Throughout the world, hundreds of thousands of young people are spearheading positive social change – leading community initiatives, operating small businesses, and re-shaping political processes. Participation of young people in democratic life can be done in the most effective way through their representatives in formal bodies. Youths have a better perspective of the problems that affect them as such they need to be integrated in policy planning, implementation and evaluation for the policy to be a success. Youth representation enables youths to become active members of the democratic society.</p> <p>At the same time, full participation of young people is often problematic, due to external and internal factors. Sometimes adult policy makers do not recognize the value of youths and the contribution they can make as democratic agents. Often, internal divisions and diverging opinions among young people make it difficult to find a common denominator and there is no united voice of youth heard on the local, national and international level.</p>
The objectives of the course:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To present and discuss contemporary problems of youth participation in connection to citizenship; 2. To identify chances and obstacles of full youth participation on national level, especially in the decision-making processes; 3. To explore the level of youth participation on local level; 4. To gather a balanced group of teachers and educators representing a broad spectrum of experiences and facilitate contacts between them; 5. To build capacity of teachers and educators in the area of youth participation.
Target groups:	Secondary school teachers.
Daily programme:	The programme will be developed around the topic of youth participation in

	<p>democratic life. A balanced agenda including active methodology, presentations and working group will be offered. Topics of the course will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dynamics of the youth field 2. Key issues that prevent larger cooperation in the youth field 3. Behaviors and actions support the cooperation in the national youth field? <p>Working group topics will be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Youth engagement in policy making and decision-making processes 2. Inclusion of youth on local level in multicultural environment 3. Youth and the quality of education (formal and non-formal education) 4. Youth representation and democratic decision making in schools
Will participants receive a ready set of teaching materials / course methodology for future implementation in their school?	Partially yes.
Dates:	The current dates of our courses can be found on our website.
Location:	Krakow, Poland.
Social programme:	The social programme activities are included within your course fees!



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