



CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Training Course:

“Don’t judge a book by its cover: Empowering youngsters to organize a Human Library”



Basic information

What?	Training Course
Title?	“Don’t judge a book by its cover: Empowering youngsters to organize a Human Library”
When?	25 April – 3 May 2016 (including travel days)
Where?	Ommen, the Netherlands
Eligible Countries?	Poland, Netherlands, Romania, Macedonia, Turkey, Italy, Belgium, Denmark, Croatia, Estonia, United Kingdom
Number of participants?	2 / 3 per country (26 in total)

Idea, theme and objectives

Jongeren voor Uitwisseling en Begrip (JUB) is looking for participants for a training course called “Don’t judge a book by its cover: empowering youngsters to organize a Human Library”. The idea is to provide active members of youth organizations with skills, knowledge and attitudes to organize a Human Library with young people. In our experience the Human Library is one of the most effective and friendly ways to promote dialogue and to challenge prejudices in local environments with a wide public.

But what is a Human Library? In short: it is an innovative method, designed to promote dialogue, challenge prejudices and encourage understanding. The main characteristics of the project are to be found in its simplicity and the positive approach. It is created by members of the Danish youth organization 'Stop the violence', in the year 2000, and it is now operational in more than 60 countries. The Human Library is a public event, where interested people can come to challenge their prejudices. The idea is to have a conversation with a Human Book: a person who has experienced prejudices due to issues such as sex, age, disability, sexual preference, gender identity, class, background, religion/belief or lifestyle choices. The reactions and responses of visitors and books themselves were very positive in our experience, expressing that the event has a real impact. More information can be found on the official website: www.humanlibrary.org.

The project aims to provide youth workers with skills and knowledge and attitudes to empower youngsters organize a Human Library. Objectives:

- To gain a thorough understanding of key-concepts such as 'stereotypes' and 'prejudices';
- To explore the situation in different countries regarding prejudices;
- To introduce and promote the Human Library as a tool to promote dialogue and understanding;
- To learn how to organize a Human Library (minding skills, knowledge and attitudes);
- To use and promote non-formal education and creative learning techniques;
- To gain competences in empowering youngsters.

Each partner organization will send 2 / 3 participants, making a total of 26 participants. Four professional trainers will guide the learning process. The methodology is based on non-formal education, with energizers, brainstorming, group work, discussions etc.

Accommodation and finances

The training will take place in training center 'Olde Vechte', close to the city of Ommen in the Netherlands. It is easily reachable by a 1,5 hr. / 2,5 hr. train ride from Amsterdam or Eindhoven airport. It is situated in a nice environment and it has excellent facilities. Check out their website: <http://www.oldevechte.nl>. The participants will be accommodated in 3 / 4 person bedrooms.



Specifics on costs:

- JUB will cover your stay 100%, including food and drinks;
- 85% of all travel costs (cheapest way, until the limits below) will be reimbursed afterwards, after receiving all relevant receipts;
- There is a participation fee, which will be deducted from the travel reimbursement:
 - Participants from EU countries: 35 euro
 - Participants from non-EU countries: 25 euro

Limits for travel costs (door to door, to be reimbursed for 85%):

Poland	275	Belgium	180
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Netherlands	0	Denmark	180
Romania	275	Croatia	275
Macedonia	275	Estonia	275
Turkey	360	United Kingdom	275
Italy	275		

Profile of the participants

Priority will be given to participants matching the following profile:

- Willing and able to implement a Human Library on local level with youngsters;
- No expertise in the topics is needed, but welcomed for input during sessions - enthusiasm is most important;
- Supported by our partner organizations in each country;
- Ability to work in English.

There is no age restriction. The organization will take into account balance in terms of gender and cultural background.

About JUB

JUB is a youth organization, founded in 2011, aiming to promote peace, understanding and co-operation between young people in the world. We aim to realize local and international youth activities, to promote tolerance between young people from different cultures and countries. Further, we hope to encourage active involvement in society, without any distinction because of race, social status, educational level or any other 'disadvantage'. We work in a spirit of respect for human rights and we highly value sustainable development. Our projects are carried out by trained professionals, mostly based on non-formal education methods. It means we make use of several techniques, like brainstorming, discussions, presentations, role plays, simulations and expert inputs. The proverb 'learning by doing' is most suitable here. In short, we create a space for young people to develop themselves.

How to apply?

In order to apply, please fill out this online form: <http://goo.gl/forms/oRa0u7fKRS>

The deadline is 1 March 2016.

In case of any questions, please contact Martijn: martijn@jubinternational.org.

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