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International Training Seminar "German language and youth services" (Advanced learners) for foreign youth workers, Europa-Kolleg Kassel, 28 August to 25 September 2010

with additional job shadowing programme for 3 participants from 25 September to 2 October 2010

General information

The International Training Seminar "German language and youth services" for foreign youth workers is organised on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth and grant-aided from the funds of the Child and Youth Plan of the Federation. This seminar is to promote youth work and aims to contribute to international understanding. Within the framework of bilateral agreements for youth exchanges a certain quota of places is offered to various countries.

Date and venue

The International Training Seminar will be held from 28 August to 25 September 2010 at the Europa-Kolleg Kassel (www.europa-kolleg.de).

Target group

- **Countries**
The seminar will comprise youth workers from 15 countries: China, the Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the Ukraine.
- **Youth workers**
This four-week seminar is exclusively provided for youth workers who are engaged in youth work on a professional or voluntary basis. Preferably, participants should be concerned with youth exchanges with Germany.
- **Command of German**
A basic knowledge of the German language is indispensable for participation. Participants must have reached at least the level A2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) (http://www.coe.int/T/DG4/Portfolio/?L=E&M=/documents_intro/common_framework.html) and have successfully completed a minimum of 2 years of German at school or 200 hours of German at an institute of adult education. Students of German philology, those attending schools for interpreters or translators as well as qualified interpreters and translators may not be accepted.
- **Age limit**
Participants must be at least 18 years old. There is no other age limit.

Candidates are requested to hand in written confirmation of both involvement in youth work and the required linguistic ability.

Objectives of the seminar

The International Training Seminar has three objectives:

1. **Further development of language skills**

The seminar is to enable the participants to communicate in German with their foreign colleagues or young people during international contacts. Its main purpose is to develop the participants' comprehension and speaking ability. Because of the short time available, grammar represents only a minor part of the teaching programme. Grammar is dealt with to the extent in which this is necessary for comprehension and oral expression.

2. **Information about the German child and youth services**

Participants are given a survey of some representative areas of German youth work. They are to increase their word power in the youth field and learn to discuss problems in German.

Taking into consideration that the seminar participants are asked to make active contributions to the language course and the specialised programme by for example reporting on youth work in their home country, it is essential that the participants have experience in the field of youth work.

3. **Exchange of experience and intercultural learning**

The seminar provides an opportunity for an international exchange of experience in the field of youth work and for intercultural learning. Thus, the guests should show tolerance for and understanding of the other participants' different needs and interests.

Job shadowing programme

IJAB offers an additional job shadowing programme for 3 participants of the International Training Seminar. Following the four weeks seminar, selected participants will have the opportunity to gain a deeper insight into the work of a youth facility in Kassel for one week, the stay thus being prolonged until 2 October 2010.

The job shadowing programme aims at qualifying youth workers cooperating (or planning to cooperate) with a German youth organisation or authority, who will then be multipliers for international youth contacts with Germany. Within the bounds of possibility, facilities will be chosen according to the participants' interests and field of activity.

The selection of these three participants will be made by IJAB on the basis of the applicants' qualification and their responsibility in international youth work. Youth workers who are interested in the job shadowing programme, should use the joint application form. After having finalised the selection in the first half of July, applicants will be informed if they have been admitted to the job shadowing.

Costs

Participants will be accommodated by the Europa-Kolleg with German host families where they will be staying for the whole time of the seminar and the job shadowing programme.

The cost of room and board, seminar fees and medical treatment in case of an acute illness (health insurance) will be borne by the German side.

The air and train fares for the return trip to Kassel will be covered by the respective participant or the body/organisation nominating him/her.

Conditions of participation

Participants will not obtain leave of absence in order to attend other functions while the seminar is in progress.

Those who have taken part twice in the last five years will not be accepted for a third time.

There will be limited opportunity to meet with German youth organisations during the seminar because of the intensity of the language programme. Participants should not expect that exchange agreements or arrangements for city links will be automatically provided as part of the seminar. In this context, the participants' own initiative is required.

Application procedure and deadline for handing in applications

The registration documents are to be sent in time to the central agency (Ministry, national youth exchange organisation) of the participating country, which is responsible for the processing of these papers. They will then be transmitted to IJAB

by 1 July 2010.

Registration forms reaching IJAB after this date may not be considered.

IJAB will confirm participation, submit to the participants all necessary pre-seminar information and forward the registration documents to the Europa-Kolleg.

The participants will be advised of the address of their host family in Kassel before the beginning of the seminar.

Contact

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