

 phiren amenca volunteer seminar
on human rights education



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Roma, Migration and Human Rights

Phiren Amenca seminar on Human Rights Education for Volunteers & Youth Leaders

This seminar is organized by Phiren Amenca and VISA L'Année Diaconalé with the support of the Youth in Action program of the European Commission.

SEMINAR OUTLINE

The seminar organized by Phiren Amenca, VISA L'Année Diaconalé and the partner organizations of the Phiren Amenca Network of Roma and non-Roma volunteering organizations will bring together 40 Roma and non-Roma youth leaders and youth activists from around Europe for 6 days in Strasbourg in France. The 6 day lasting seminar enables multipliers and youth activists to create a platform of exchange of experiences, practices and methods for young people and youth organizations how to address migration, antigypsyism and human rights issues in grassroots, national and international youth actions, and how to strengthen the awareness and mobilization of young people for these issues. The seminar is designed to share experiences between the participating organizations, to increase the knowledge and awareness of participants on the migration issue, to reflect about the effects of migration on the human rights of young Roma, and to understand the challenges and potentials of youth work and non-formal education with young migrants. The seminar aims to strengthen the efforts to build joint initiatives on grassroots level, as well as on international level towards recognizing and ensuring the human rights of young migrants, and to challenge antigypsyism and racism in Europe.

The seminar is based on methods of non-formal education, and draws on the resources of the Compass Book on Human Rights Education, as well as on previous tools and resources of the Phiren Amenca network on challenging antigypsyism and stereotypes. The methods will include role games, working groups, sessions on sharing and mapping realities, visit to local projects and best practices, meetings with local Roma activists, and a visit to the European institutions.

This project will increase the awareness of young Roma and non-Roma multipliers about the issue of migration and human rights, about their role and responsibility within their communities, the society and in Europe at large. Moreover, it will give them tools and methods how to address the issues in youth work, and how to increase the work on equal opportunities and human rights for young migrants.

ABOUT PHIREN AMENCA

Phiren Amenca is a network of Roma and non-Roma volunteers and voluntary service organizations creating opportunities for non-formal education, dialogue and engagement, in order to challenge stereotypes and racism. More information under: www.phirenamenca.eu

BACKGROUND OF THE ACTIVITY

Each spring and fall Phiren Amenca host in cooperation with member organizations a one week seminar for current volunteers and volunteer candidates from around Europe focusing on the exchange of experience and on Roma history, antigypsyism, discrimination, stigmatization, xenophobia, identity and culture; globalization and migration; as well as youth engagement and Roma initiatives in Europe.

“Roma, Migration and Human Rights” will be a key event in the network’s goals of creating opportunities for non-formal education, dialogue and engagement to challenge stereotypes and racism. The seminar will also further enhance co-operation and learning among member organizations and external partners. Also the seminar will serve to further strengthen the network’s platform of volunteers and former volunteers, serving to strengthen their role as multipliers and promoters of voluntary service and engagement. Phiren Amenca (formally named the Roma-Gadje Dialogue through Service Initiative) has existed as an informal network for the past 10 years, offering 1-3 seminars per year for Roma and non-Roma volunteers serving in long and short term placements across Europe and North America.

PROFILE OF THE PARTICIPANTS

The seminar is a six-day event involving 40 participants and trainers. Present will be Roma and non-Roma volunteers, former volunteers, volunteer candidates and youth leaders who are active in Roma communities and experienced in working with Roma communities and/or Roma youth. Representatives from other organisations who are also working on migration issues and on challenging antigypsyism will also be invited.

All participants must also:

- be able and committed to act as multipliers in youth work on the themes of anti-discrimination and promotion of human rights with Roma young people, for the benefit of Roma communities and Roma youth
- be motivated to develop their competences in anti-discrimination work, human rights education and youth work and to share their experiences with other participants
- be aged 18 – 30
- be committed to attend for the full duration of the course, including the project Implementation phase
- be able to work in English, or check with the coordination office that translation can be provided through other participants or team members
- be resident in a partner country, with a priority for Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, Germany, France, Italy, Netherlands, and Denmark.
- Priority will be given to young people participating in a voluntary service program, to former volunteers or volunteer candidates



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WORKING LANGUAGE

English

DATES OF THE ACTIVITY

Arrival: 25 October 2014 (arrival day)

Departure: 1 November 2014 (departure day)

Participants should organize their travel (arrival and departure) for these dates. Earlier arrivals and late departures will be exceptions after discussion with the organizers.

VENUE

Conference venue: Le Rimlishof, 3 rue du Rimlishof, 68530 BUHL – France

<http://rimli.com/>

PARTICIPATION FEE

Participants cover 30 % of their travel costs to the seminar venue.

Reimbursement of travel costs:

The accommodation and board for the activity will be provided by the organizers. The reimbursements of travel expenses (based on economical prices, Apex, student price, special price) will take on the spot during the week in Euro or by bank transfer after the activity. Participants should bring with them original invoices to prove the costs of travel (ticket and visa) as well the tickets.

Selection procedure:

Applications must be submitted by October 10th, 2014. The preparatory team will select up to 40 participants on the basis of the profile outlined above, ensuring also a gender balance, geographical regions, different types of experiences and organisations. Candidates will be informed by October 10th whether their application has been accepted or rejected.

The application forms should be sent to the following e-mail address:

info@phirenamenca.eu

APPLICATION FORM DEADLINE: October 10, 2014

ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

Write to us at info@phirenamenca.eu