

HELLO

Dear participants!

We are looking very much forward to meet you all at the training course on Human Right Education next week. Attached you will find a draft programme. We are sending you this draft programme to help you to focus on the tasks we have next week. As trainers we would like to empower you for your work on Human Right Education (HRE), especially by looking at the tools that are offered in Compass – the manual on HRE that is now also available in Icelandic. You will get your own copy of the Compass on the training. But more important than us – the trainers – or the material you get – the Compass – you should work on your own motivation. The higher your motivation is, the more you will become out of this training!

Please have a close look at the draft programme we send you and if you might have some question in beforehand, please do not hesitate to contact us. If you have any questions about practical things concerning the venue, registration and participation fee etc. then please contact Hjördís Rós Jónsdóttir, mobile phone 695 1870, email hjordis@kfum.is – you can also find information on <http://kfum.is/namskeid/kompas> - she also needs to know if you have any special wishes concerning your meals (kosher food, vegetarian, halal food, allergies ...).

We do hope that you have organized your time so that you will be able to participate fully in the programme from morning until afternoon every day. Please also notice that we have added some social events into the programme in addition to training course itself. Those are thought for participants who have more time and would like to do something together with others from the training course.

The nice thing about our four days together is that this is a training course. Our luck is that this will give us all the opportunity to learn in various ways. So please come with an open mind towards different approaches on the issues we will be dealing with. Leave your black suit and your fancy shoes back home – choose clothes that you do not worry about when sitting on the floor or even playing a game.

One very special opportunity for you is a part of the programme: Each of you will have the possibility to be a co-facilitator (meðleiðbeinandi) on one of the exercises we use from the Compass. This we have to prepare a little in advance. So we do **need you to respond until Monday 12 o'clock** on this email and to tell us on which theme you would prefer to give your best as a co-facilitator. We will then divide you into groups. Each group will prepare an exercise. For that work you will get some further instructions from us, your trainers!

CHOOSE TWO THEMES (your number one and your number two) AND EMAIL TO petur@glarkirkja.is which theme you want to work on, not later than Monday 12 o'clock!

- * Children rights
- * Citizenship and democracy
- * Discrimination and racism
- * Environmental issues and sustainability
- * Peace
- * Poverty
- * Social rights

We are four people that will be your facilitators and trainers during this training. Buzz Burry, Erzsébet Kovács, Gunnlaugur Bragi and Pétur Björgvin. Although we are going to meet and learn to know each other next week, we thought you might find it interesting to read a little about us:

***Buzz Burry** is a UK based International Youth Worker, Trainer and Consultant. He has a degree in 'Youth & Community Work' and over 25 years experience both at a practitioner and management level. Past activities have included; social work to sexual health, drugs education to sport, club and issue based programmes to formal education projects. His specialties include; development education, global youth work, youth participation, youth leadership and coaching. Seven years ago he embarked on a freelance career, focusing on programmes that include; engaging those excluded from education, sustainable and global education, arts development and training. His international work now includes an established programme of training within Youth in Action, as well as training for a variety of other international focused organisations. To contact Buzz directly, please write to: mail@buzzburry.co.uk*

***Erzsébet Kovács** holds a MA on Adult Education and Hungarian studies. She is an international trainer since 1992 and educational advisor for E-team Training and Consulting Ltd., Hungary, since 1998. In the years 1994-96, she worked at the Ministry of Culture and Education as Counselor in the Department of European Affairs and International Co-operation and as General director in the Department of Youth Affairs and previously in the Office of the Prime Minister, counselor for the year 1990-92. As a trainer she has been involved in several training activities (Council of Europe as well as European Commission) such as 'Training on European citizenship' and 'V4 future'. Her training activities include action-centered youth non-formal learning for European citizenship, active citizenship and key competence development. To contact Erzsébet directly, please write to: e.team@t-online.hu*

***Pétur Björgvin Þorsteinsson** is an Youth Worker, Trainer and Deacon in a Lutheran Church. He has a diploma from Württemberg, Germany in Youth and diaconal work and a Master Degree in European Studies from Bifröst Iceland. In the last 25 years he has been active in youth work, mainly within the church but also in other organizations. Past activities have included; Compass training in Iceland, training courses for EVS volunteers (on-arrival, mid-term-meeting), several trainings for youth workers within the own organization. He is also a member of Akureyri association of freelance researchers. His research area is interfaith dialogue and Islam phobia. To contact Pétur directly, please write to: petur@glarkirkja.is*

***Gunnlaugur Bragi Björnsson** is an University student in Reykjavik and an active scout and red cross member. Since this year he is attending Training of Trainers for Human Right Education at the Council of Europe – Education and Training Division / Directorate of Youth and Sport. Gunnlaugur is going to be a part time trainer on this training course. To contact Gunnlaugur directly, please write to: gunnlaugur@skatar.is*

That's it for now.

See you soon

Buzz, Erzsébet, Gunnlaugur and Pétur

P.S. Did you know that the 1st of October is the International Day of Older Persons and that 2nd of October is the International Day of Non-Violence (on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi).