



Dear colleagues,

Education activities for peace work are rapidly expanding in many European countries, but resources and methodologies are still very uneven. For this reason it is very important to bring together actors from Training centres, Institutions concerned, experts from a wide range of European Countries to discuss how to bridge at least some of the gaps in resources and international cooperation that European peace educators face.

Therefore, it is our pleasure to herewith invite you to the

**INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR
“Resources and Paths Towards Peace Training for Adults in Europe”**

to be held at the premises of the Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution (ASPR) in Stadtschlaining/Austria from **14 to 15 September 2007** in the framework of the project **“ARCA – Associations and Resources for Conflict Management Skills”**.

ARCA is a 2-year project funded by the European Commission under Grundtvig 1, implemented by a partnership uniting 13 organizations from 11 European countries – many of whom are Europe’s leading training and education centres in peace building and conflict transformation. The aim of the project is to improve the quality, content and methodology of peace education and training in conflict transformation across Europe.

With the International Seminar, the ARCA project will seize the chance to let its diverse outputs (a **Guide to Peace Educators in Europe**, a **series of international training experiences for concrete peace work**, a **web-portal** and the **launching of an European Network of Peace Trainers**) be useful – as toolbox, methods, data base, for further European cooperation with Governmental and Nongovernmental actors etc..

Please find a preliminary programme attached.

No fees for participation are foreseen. The cost for full board accommodation in Haus International and transport from Vienna to Stadtschlaining (130km) and back are EUR 110,-. In the price included is accommodation in a single room with private bathroom, use of computer-lab and wireless LAN free of charge, 2x lunch, dinner, breakfast.

If you are interested in participating in this International Seminar, **please fill in the attached registration form and send it to mpt@aspr.ac.at until 24 August!**

In case of questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!
We are looking forward to receiving your registration!

Best wishes,

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For the host organisation ASPR

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PROGRAMME

Friday, 14 September		
TIME	TOPIC	ACTIVITY
11.30-12.00		Arrival of participants (joint transport from Vienna to Stadtschlaining)
12.30		Lunch at a local Restaurant
14.00-16.00		Welcome Official Opening
	General Presentation of Project and the Goal of the International Seminar	Presentation by ARCA partnership, feedback of an external expert and plenary discussion
	Key findings from the Needs Analyses	
	Concrete Experiences of training for peace work Discussion and Evaluation of the impact of Output 2 "Sessions of Events"	
16.30-18.30	Presentation of the ARCA Guide to Peace Educators in Europe	Presentation, feedback of an external expert, plenary discussion; Evaluation and discussion about the guide and its role for peace educators in Europe
19.30		Dinner at a local Restaurant

Saturday, 15 September

TIME	TOPIC	ACTIVITY
09.00-10.30	A European Network of Peace Trainers: What for? Launching of the web-portal and the database of peace educators - Evaluation of both as tools for communication and networking	Presentation, feedback of an external expert and group work of participants
11.00-12.30	A European wide Peace Education sector in Europe: what we miss, what we can do? Impact, Evaluation, Lessons Learned and Ways Forward – Evaluation of the outputs of ARCA, Exploration of future projects and their possible focus	Presentation and plenary discussion
		Official Closing Farewell
13.00		Lunch at a local Restaurant
14.00		Departure of participants (joint transport from Stadtschlaining to Vienna)