

PRACTICAL DETAILS

GRUNDTVIG Contact Seminar on Cultural Education: A Place for the Arts, for Culture and its Communicators

Thursday, 29th November to Sunday, 2nd December 2012 in Wolfenbüttel, Germany

Overview

The Contact Seminar is a networking event organised by the German National Agency Bildung für Europa responsible for the implementation of part of the European Union's Lifelong Learning Programme. The Contact Seminar aims at bringing together people from organisations which share common interests and would like to develop European cooperation projects in the field of cultural education. It is a great 'partner-finding' opportunity that will also allow you to:

- receive more information on the Lifelong Learning Programme and the sub-programme Grundtvig;
- receive information on good practice examples and meet people from organisations which have already developed European cooperation projects;
- get to know suitable partner organisations;
- take part in workshops where you can draft your future project/partnership;
- receive advice from NA staff and other experts on how to draft a successful grant application.

This Contact Seminar will focus on developing Grundtvig Senior Volunteering Projects and Learning Partnerships only.

What are Senior Volunteering Projects?

Grundtvig Senior Volunteering Projects support bilateral partnerships and exchanges of senior volunteers between local organisations located in two countries participating in the Lifelong Learning Programme. Volunteering is increasingly recognised as a very valuable informal learning experience for people of all ages. In particular it is a way of offering new learning opportunities to senior citizens in Europe, promoting the process of active ageing and emphasising the contribution of seniors to our societies. This action therefore offers a new form of mobility to European senior citizens and will allow them to learn, to share knowledge and experience in a European country other than their own. This form of mobility also fosters collaboration between the organisations which will send and host volunteers. It should allow new types of organisations to join the Grundtvig programme, enrich their work, through the exchange of good practice, and create sustainable European collaboration between them.

What are Learning Partnerships?

The Grundtvig Learning Partnership is a framework for practical co-operation activities between organisations working in the field of adult learning in the broadest sense – formal, non-formal or informal. The partnerships focus more on process, and aim to broaden in particular the participation of smaller organisations wishing to



include European cooperation in their education activities. In a Grundtvig Learning Partnership trainers and learners from at least three participating countries work together on one or more topics of common interest to the co-operating organisations. This exchange of experiences, practices and methods contributes to an increased awareness of the varied European cultural, social and economic scene, and to a better understanding of areas of common interest in the area of adult learning.

Programme

Contact Seminar

The Contact Seminar will focus on cultural education, and our aim is to cover all different areas of cultural education: visual art, literature, music, drama, museum, and cultural-political discourse. A special focus will be on the development of projects which are concentrated on the participation and active involvement of learners in the project activities.

The seminar days will consist of an overview of the Grundtvig programme, a thematic introduction to cultural education, a presentation of a successful Grundtvig project, as well as plenty of time for meeting each other, networking and drafting project ideas. These ideas will hopefully result in the birth of several new projects. Cultural events will also be arranged.

European Fair

The Contact Seminar will include a "European Fair" for meeting other people and cultures.

For the "European Fair" all participants are kindly requested:

- to prepare a short presentation about their institution, region and country (pictures, brochures, maps etc.)
- to bring some typical culinary products from their region

Target Groups

Participants might be institutions dealing with adult education and in particular with cultural education. The invitation is open to all countries participating in the Lifelong Learning Programme.

Working Language

The working language of the Contact Seminar will be English without interpretation.

Seminar Costs

The seminar fee for participation is 440 €, covering three nights' accommodation, meals, programme costs, seminar material and participation in cultural events. Each participant will receive an invoice and is kindly asked to transfer the seminar fee in advance. If a participant decides to withdraw from the seminar after 14 November, a cancellation fee of 220 € will have to be paid.

How do I apply for Funding and register for the Contact Seminar?

To attend the Contact Seminar, your organisation should apply for a Preparatory Visit grant. For detailed information, the grant application form, the registration form, deadlines and any other requirements applicable at national level please contact the National Agency in your country. Please note that we will only accept registrations by your National Agency.

Time Table

Summer 2012 17 September 2012	Apply for a Preparatory Visit Grant at your National Agency Registration of the chosen participants closes (or earlier, if the maximum number of participants is reached)
Beginning of October 2012 29 November to 2 December 2012	Registered participants will be notified of the payment arrangements Contact Seminar takes place

Date and Location

The seminar will start in the afternoon on the 29th November and will finish in the morning on the 2nd December 2012. The seminar will be held at the Federal Academy of Cultural Education in Wolfenbüttel.

Wolfenbüttel is a town in Lower Saxony in the northern part of Germany, located about 13 kilometers south of Brunswick.

The location of the Federal Academy for Cultural Education is the Wolfenbüttel Castle. There you can find the administrative offices as well as several seminar rooms. The guest house (former "Schünemann's Mill") is close-by the castle with 35 rooms, offering also several seminar rooms, a foyer, a conference room and a small gallery.

Wolfenbüttel is an interesting cultural and historic town. Here, any guest can find his own personal Wolfenbüttel: The world-famous "Herzog August Library", which used to be the biggest European collection of books, was considered at the time of Duke August's reign to be the eighth wonder of the world. Today people from all over the world admire all the wonderful old bibliophile treasures which are displayed in the library's museum. Historically interested guests can stroll along the Guelphs' traces, guests interested in literature must visit the library and Lessing's House, others who are fond of architecture must visit the framework houses, gourmets will taste our delicious asparagus or our substantial winter dish "Braunkohl".

Did you know that Wolfenbüttel is foremost known for its liquor made of spices and herbs, called "Jägermeister"? Don't forget to try it during your stay in Wolfenbüttel.

Travel Information

Address of the guest house ("Schünemann's Mill"):
Rosenwall 17
38300 Wolfenbüttel

The closest airports to Wolfenbüttel are Hannover and Berlin. Trains to Wolfenbüttel leave frequently from the railway stations in Hannover (approx. 1.5 hours) and Berlin (approx. 2 hours). Further information on the train connections can be found on: www.bahn.de





We recommend to take the train to „Bahnhof Wolfenbüttel“, and to have a walk of approx. 10 minutes to the guest house. Another possibility is to take the train to “Braunschweig Hauptbahnhof”, then to take the bus 420 to “Wolfenbüttel-Kornmarkt”, and to have a walk of approx. 5 minutes to the guest house.



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