



Equal Opportunities and Social Inclusion

Organisation PIC: 950162822
Organisation: Sans Frontiers Europe
Course Name: Equal Opportunities and Social Inclusion
Course price: EURO 700.00
Accommodation, Meals and Transfers: EURO 550.00
Airport Transfers (Optional): EURO 35.00

Preparation

A number of groups within our societies risk facing poverty and social exclusion when put side by side to the general population. These vulnerable groups are more often marginalized and include, but are not limited to: persons with disabilities, migrants and ethnic minorities, homeless persons, ex-prisoners, persons who suffer from some form of addiction, older persons, LGBTs, children, persons with mental health problems, victims of domestic violence, and single parents. The consequences that these people endure as a result of social exclusion are: unemployment, homelessness, low level of education and in some cases illiteracy. These factors, when put together, have a vicious circle effect, and so continue to further the level of social exclusion that these groups of people will experience in their day-to-day life. Inclusion of vulnerable groups is one of the main objectives of the EU member states who have committed to develop policies to promote integration of vulnerable groups in our societies.

Participants in this course are requested to have a basic knowledge and use of the English language. They will be asked to complete an online pre-course questionnaire which will give our tutors useful information about their background and about the motivations that have led them to choose this course. This will be followed by our course acceptance and enrolment letters.

Participants should also prepare for this course by doing some reading or internet research on the subject so as to add their own knowledge and thoughts to the course discussions. Prior to arrival applicants will receive by email some general information on Malta as well as a list of suggested reading material and research sites together with a detailed programme and contents of our course. Participants are also requested to prepare a 5 minute presentation about their school/organization and about their needs/expectations from the course.

In addition we will provide:

- Information on how to obtain grants and how to fill out application forms.
- Information of payment schedule
- Hotel accommodation in single rooms on Full Board basis
- All transport except airport transfers

Participants will also be able to log onto the programme's internet site to all the course material.



Objectives

The course aims at raising a consciousness regarding existent vulnerable groups and the means of creating measures in order to attain a higher level of social inclusion in our society through education. Moreover, the course also aims at:

- Increasing knowledge of equal opportunity issues;
- Exploring the principles behind equal opportunity and inclusion;
- Making participants familiar with different learning and teaching styles,
- Developing skills necessary to effectively cope with increasingly diverse working and learning environments;
- Enhancing professional development through the individual application of knowledge;
- Providing practical tips and sharing success stories / best practices about how to work together for an Inclusive Education;

Methodology

The course is spread over 5 days (40 hrs.) and will consist of a mixture of didactic approaches (information sharing) and practical tools and exercises wherever possible in order to give participants the opportunity to enrich learning experiences. A mixture of some theory in combination with field trips, small group work and whole group discussions will be blended in the face to face training in order to vary the pace and style of training. The social programme will also include visit to cultural/historic places on the island.

The course will be taught interactively and participants are expected to take an active role in all sessions experiencing for themselves the activities covered in the sessions.

Follow-up

The organizers will keep close contact with all the participants either via email or communication in order to be able to answer queries about particular issues related/raised in the course. Participants will be given email contact details of all trainers for future support and guidance.

Participants will be able to access a website dedicated to the project and download all the material from the course. They will also be able to view and download photos of the activity as well as have complete access to all participants' contributions. This will help grow and strengthen the relationship between participants and teachers and allow for information exchange and learning even after the course has ended.

All documents and material produced in the course will be made available on line through the association website besides teachers will be introduced to various web-based sites which they could use after the course.

Participants will also be receiving our e-newsletters to keep them adjourned on information on future courses, evaluation of new material and to exchange comments on experiences and opinions through Skype or Facebook.



Day-to-Day Training Programme

Day 1:

Arrival of Participants;

19.00: Introductory Meeting, Registration of Participants, Welcome Drink;

20.00: Social Dinner;

Day 2:

07.30: Breakfast;

09.00: Lecture 1: Introduction to the Different Vulnerable Groups;

10.30: Coffee Break.

11.00: Lecture 2: Limited access to active citizenship: Social exclusion patterns affecting LGBT people in Europe;

13.00: Lunch;

15.00: Lecture 3: Best Practices for LGBT Equity & Inclusion – Discussion;

17.00: Return to Hotel;

18.00: Social Dinner;

Day 3:

07.30: Breakfast;

09.00: Lecture 4: Why are disabled people excluded – the problems;

10.30: Coffee Break;

11.00: Lecture 5: Moving towards disability inclusion – meeting the challenges;

13.00: Lunch;

15.00: Field Trip – Insights from the Disability Sector;

17.00: Discussion;

17.30: Return to Hotel;

19.00: Social Dinner.

Day 4:

07.30: Breakfast

09.00: Lecture 6: Raising the opportunities of migrants in education: policies, programmes and measures

10.30: Coffee Break.

11.00: Lecture 7: Inclusive education – current curricula promoting intercultural communication

13.00: Lunch

15.00: Field Trip – Researching Migration and Asylum in Malta

16.30: Discussion

17.00: Return to Course Venue.

19.00: Social Dinner.



Day 5:

07.30: Breakfast.

09.00: Lecture 8: Social re-integration of ex-prisoners and persons with an addiction;

10.30: Coffee Break

11.00: Lecture 9: Defining, identifying and addressing anti-social behaviour in vulnerable children or children at risk

13.00: Lunch;

15.00: Discussion: Working together for Inclusive Education – the Role and Responsibility of the Educator;

16.30: Return to Course Venue.

19.00: Social Dinner.

Day 6:

07.00: Breakfast.

09.00: Lecture 10: Improving Learning, Developing Inclusion;

10.30: Coffee Break

11.00: Lecture 11: Using ICT and social media for creative learning

12.30: Lunch

15.00: Discussion

19.00: Evaluation Session.

20.00: Farewell Dinner followed by Presentation of Certificates.

Day 7:

07.00 – 10.30: Breakfast.

Departure of participants.