



Religions in the Media

- Promoting Inter-Cultural learning and youth participation,
and overcoming stereotypes

An inter-religious Study Session

Dates

9th - 16th November 2008

Place

The European Youth Centre, Budapest, Hungary

Participants

18-30 year old European youth leaders **of all faiths**. You should be interested in the role and influence religion and media have on each other, and willing to act as a multiplier in your network.

Language

English

Participants letter

After signing up, the selected participants will receive a letter with more information about the Study Session.

Application deadline

Thursday, 25th SEPTEMBER 2008.

Please fill in the attached application form and return it to the EYCE office before the deadline.

Price

45 € (Euros) incl. accommodation, meals, programme and excursion. Due to the funding from the Council of Europe, travel costs will be reimbursed after agreement with EYCE.

Visa

Optaining a visa may take several weeks. If you will need visa to participate, please make sure that you know what is required to obtain a visa in your country and make sure to meet the deadline for applications. Do not apply for visa before you have received an acceptance letter from EYCE.

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Religions in the Media

This EYCE Study Session is an opportunity for young Europeans to come together to give and share on intercultural dialogue, on human rights, on spirituality...

The media has an ever increasing and spreading power on public opinion and can transport information in ways that can create understanding as well as prejudice. Media is influencing the reception of reality. At the same time the media is an instrument to give voice to young people who are not granted the freedom of expression in their home country. For example, the internet is one rather open to all instrument which can contribute to this.

How can mediation be reached - between respecting the right of the media to report and judge news on the one hand and the respect of cultural and religious communities on the other? What effects are transported by the way media reports on events such as 11/09/2001 or the daily reality of e.g. Darfur, Sudan? Which image do we receive from the media of cultures that differ from our own?

EYCE wishes to invite young Europeans to engage in an inter-religious and inter-cultural discussion and to work together to fight stereotyping and prejudices created by people and media.



The aims of the study session are:

- To deepen the knowledge on the freedom of expression as granted in the Human Rights Declaration, taking into consideration its implications, effects and limits;
- To raise awareness among young people on the freedom of speech and expression;
- To understand how the media system works: from the fact to the reporter, from the agency to the newspaper/radio/web-site;
- To analyse the relationship between religious youth organisations and media: how effectively do we use it;
- To empower young people from faith-based youth organisations to be actors in shaping the media on a multitude of levels (local, regional, national or international).

The first part of the week will focus on discovering how our stereotypes are influenced by the media. During the week we will also get into how media function from the inside. Finally, you will get the opportunity to develop your own media project.

All of this will be wrapped in a truly multicultural atmosphere, with new friendships, space for reflection and a lot of fun!

EYCE

The Ecumenical Youth Council in Europe is a strong network of young Christians promoting the unity of Christianity throughout all of Europe. EYCE has member organisations in 23 countries and these are either national ecumenical youth councils, denominational youth councils or bodies or international Christian youth organisations.

As a Christian youth organisation, EYCE strives to represent young people in Europe as much as possible. EYCE works on an entirely ecumenical basis, and is a part of the wider ecumenical movement. Its goal is not to form one church structure, but to look for ways to work together in spite of different denominational viewpoints. This means working together to overcome such obstacles as nationalism, fundamentalism, xenophobia, social exclusion and proselytism.



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