

## ECUMENICAL YOUTH COUNCIL IN EUROPE aisto





# "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue" - Human Rights education in the field of Economic Justice

Dates 1st - 8th March 2009

#### Place

The European Youth Centre, Budapest, Hungary

#### **Participants**

18-30 year old European youth leaders. You should be interested in the role and influence of human rights and religion have on economic justice 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, 15th January 2009.

Please fill in the attached application form and return it to the EYCE office by email 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

Obtaining 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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### Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue

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

The questions of economic justice and social inclusion have been on the EYCE agenda since its foundation 40 years ago. One major point that has been raised in later years is that in many European contexts, and especially in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the issues connected with economic justice are scarcely put in relation with Human Rights advocacy and reflection. Economic justice is not recognised as a basic Human Right.

With this study session, participants will be involved in discussions and activities in which they can share their experiences on Human Rights in their countries, religious communities and organisations.

In a context of a multi-national composition of the group in the event and with the aid of cultural presentations, the problems of Human Rights and HR education shall be made sensitive for various religious and cultural backgrounds and traditions of the participants and their sending organisations.



The aims and objectives of the Study Session are:

- ⇒ To develop a concept of Human Rights (HR) which take the perspective of economic justice into consideration.
- To analyse burning issues of social exclusion and economic injustice, such as youth unemployment, in particular taking into consideration the European context within an enlarging EU;
- ⇒ To deepen the knowledge on HR, particularly by exploring the interconnection between HR and economic justice;
- ⇒ To empower youth leaders to make a difference and work towards economic justice and social cohesion;
- ⇒ To analyse the role of religious youth organisations in promoting HR education in the field of economic justice;
- ⇒ To help each other to develop concrete projects that match with the social realities in the different countries.

The first part of the week will focus on discovering how social cohesion and economic justice are interconnected and on analysing what role Human Rights is playing in a modern Europe. Finally, you will get the opportunity to develop your own project for promoting economic justice in your home context.

All of this will be wrapped in a truly intercultural athmosphere, 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.

