

INTERNATIONAL CO-ORDINATOR TRAINING for Schools

NEWSLETTER 2 – December 2011

A pilot training course for International Co-ordinators

March 2012, Easingwold, York, UK

The work of the ICTPIED project involves developing materials for a pilot training course for teachers who are officially appointed or informally acting as international school coordinators. The course will focus on intercultural and diversity issues plus personal and management skills for international cooperation in school education.

When does the course take place?

The course will start at 9.00 on Monday 19th March and end at lunchtime on Friday 23rd March 2012. Course participants should aim to arrive during the afternoon of Sunday 18th.

Who can apply?

The course is being offered first to primary, secondary and special school teachers (and others) who kindly contributed their experiences to the ICTPIED survey and focus groups. The cohort will therefore be drawn from across the EU but there is also a possibility that a small number of teachers from elsewhere in the world will be able to attend using funding from the British Council.

What can I expect to gain from attending?

The aim of the course is to test the training materials being produced by this project. The course is underpinned by a number of key competences and by the end participants should have gained or experienced:

- A wider understanding of the role of the 'international co-ordinator' as a leader in their school
- An appreciation of how intercultural issues can play a part in school partnerships
- A range of learning experiences for intercultural dialogue and communication
- International partnerships as part of strategic school development and as a means of exploring global issues
- How to apply these experiences both to school partnerships and in other applications across the whole institution

A detailed list of these key competences is available on request and will be circulated to all successful applicants. A summary of the day to day course programme appears at the end of this newsletter



Education and Culture DG

Lifelong Learning Programme



Are there other benefits?

The course will be highly interactive. Participants will experience training methodologies that could be used for professional development purposes in most schools. A school visit will feature as part of the course programme – this will give participants a first hand opportunity to experience a different education system. The organisers will also offer support and advice to course participants who wish to continue to work together through a Comenius multilateral or bilateral partnership (although this is not a contact seminar).

What about preparatory work?

The project will shortly establish a Twinspace on the eTwinning platform and offer participants some intercultural activities and a forum through which to meet and exchange ideas.

How much will it cost?

The course is funded through the ICTPIED Comenius Multilateral Project in the framework of the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme. This includes accommodation for 5 nights, all meals and course materials. Successful course participants will need to book and pay for their own travel but will be able to reclaim their travel costs after the event.

Other information

The course itself and all the supporting materials will be in English. Attendance is limited to 25 places. If the course is oversubscribed the organisers may have to implement a selection procedure. This will aim to ensure a balance of participants from different types of schools (including the age range of their pupils), from the various partner countries plus a representative group from other eligible countries. We will provide travel information for the UK. The course also includes a social activity in the city of York.

What do I need to do next?

To pre-register for the course and to receive an **application form** please send an email to Ray Kirtley (R.Kirtley@hull.ac.uk) as soon as possible. Completed applications will need to be returned by **January 20th 2012** and participants will hear in the following week if they have been successful. This may be a good opportunity to seek senior management or school director approval for your attendance but please do not book any travel yet!

For further information prior to full registration please contact either Ray Kirtley or Vicky Gough (Vicky.gough@britishcouncil.org)

The project

International Co-ordinator Training for Intercultural Education and Diversity (ICTPIED) is a Multilateral Project funded by the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme. The project is coordinated by the British Council, London, and includes the following organisations and institutions:

- > United Kingdom: International Resource Centre for Schools and Colleges (University of Hull)
 - > Austria: *die Berater*® (education and training consultancy)
 - > Germany: Staatliches Seminar für Didaktik und Lehrerbildung (initial teacher training institution)
 - > Romania: Institutul Intercultural Timisoara (an organisation specialising in training in intercultural education, dialogue and democratic citizenship)
 - > United Kingdom: The Spiral partnership (experts on curriculum development)
- See our website: <http://www.school-partnerships.eu>



Education and Culture DG

Lifelong Learning Programme



An EU funded project partnership between organisations and institutions in Austria, Germany, Romania and the UK (510382-LLP-1 2010 1-UK-Comenius-CMP)

This project has been funded with support from the European Commission. This communication reflects the views only of the author, and the Commission cannot be held responsible for any use which may be made of the information contained therein

Course Programme:

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM 09.00 – 12.30		<p>Introductions</p> <p>Intercultural communication and cooperation</p> <p>Leadership 1</p>	<p>Designing and implementing learning experiences</p>	<p>Strategic school development</p> <p>Project management</p>	<p>School visits</p>	<p>ICT session 2 - eTwinning</p> <p>Planning for future</p> <p>Formal evaluation</p>
PM 14.00 – 17.30	Arrive	<p>Intercultural communication and cooperation</p> <p>Leadership 2</p>	<p>Designing and implementing learning experiences</p> <p>Social activity – York (e.g. treasure hunt)</p>	<p>Project management</p> <p>Leadership 3</p> <p>Preparation for school visits</p>	<p>Reflection on school visits</p> <p>ICT session 1</p>	Depart
Evening 19.30 onwards	Show and tell – European evening	Intercultural activity	Evening meal in York	Informal networking	Intercultural activity	



Education and Culture DG

Lifelong Learning Programme



An EU funded project partnership between organisations and institutions in Austria, Germany, Romania and the UK (510382-LLP-1 2010 1-UK-Comenius-CMP)