Call for Trainers!
Peer Education for Social Sustainability - Do your part!
Strasbourg, France
27th September - 2nd October 2021

ESU has begun preparing the **Study Session Peer Education for Social Sustainability - Do your part!**

We are looking for three enthusiastic, motivated and experienced trainers to help us deliver a Study Session in September/October 2021. These positions are voluntary (unpaid), but the Council of Europe fully covers all travel, food, supplies and other costs.

Are you aged 25-30? Do you want to get more active in the educational work of ESU? Do you have experience working on social sustainability, youth participation and human rights education? Do you enjoy working with principles of non-formal education and intercultural learning? If the answer to all these questions is YES, this opportunity might interest you!

This is an excellent opportunity to gain experience as a trainer and build your CV, so apply now! We look forward to you being on our fantastic team!

Please read the call for trainers carefully and apply no later than 15th June 2021 – 23.59 (CET).

What is "Peer Education for Social Sustainability - Do your part!" about?

In ESU's network of 45 national student unions in 39 countries, the engagement on sustainability and how to better advocate for - social and environmental - sustainable practices (in education and society) remains at its early beginning. Today, skills and knowledge development is more than ever needed to support youth and student-led organisations to raise their voices in public spheres better.

ESU will host a Study Session that explores novel approaches to address this issue. We envision this Study Session as a means to **empower students and young people and equip them with knowledge on social sustainability** to integrate into their

organisations and encourage their peers to advocate for a sustainable environment and implement positive solutions in their local environment.

Overall objectives of the Study Session

- To strengthen the capacities, skills and knowledge on the sustainability of the national student's unions and representatives of youth organisations.
- To equip participants to think critically and understand the complexity of sustainable development as an interconnected concept that includes social, environmental and economic dimensions. To discover the interconnection between human rights and the environment.
- To provide a space where they can develop new skills and competencies to be able to take action to be multipliers in their local realities.
- To learn how to use policy documents to advocate for effective policies and ensure the participants know European-level papers, charters, and CoE recommendations that directly reference them.
- Develop new non-formal education skills to organise training activities at the community level on sustainability and if interested in joining the ESU Pool of Trainers.
- To get inspired from other grassroots projects and initiatives focusing on sustainability and to share good practices.
- Discuss and start planning possible follow-up up, partnerships, and initiatives to be implemented in their local communities.

Who are we looking for?

ESU is looking for three trainers:

- **2 Junior Trainers**
- **1 Senior Trainer**

These three trainers will work together with ESU's Human Rights Coordinator, ESU's Project Manager and one external Educational Advisor appointed by the Council of Europe. **This group of 6 persons will be responsible for the design, implementation, logistics and evaluation of the Study Session.**

Trainers' Role

- Be in regular communication with other team members, including periodic email communication and virtual meetings.
- Design the programme and methodology of the study session.
- Prepare session outlines.
- Deliver the study session as a team, with everyone taking responsibility for parts of the programme.

- Evaluate the programme and provide an oral and/or written evaluation.
- Support the participants in their learning and understanding.

Profile of Trainers

Junior trainers will be expected to:

- Have served as a non-formal trainer on at least one previous international team before to prepare an event on the European or international level & willing to develop and facilitate at least one 90-minute session.
- Have experience working with groups when most communication must be over Zoom or similar online communication tool.
- Have a good understanding of the main topic of the study session: social sustainability.
- Have a basic understanding and a willingness to learn more about the ENTER! Recommendations of the Council of Europe and ready to read several background documents on the subject of the Study Session.
- Able to work independently without significant oversight and deliver results on time.
- Be comfortable with problem-solving quickly and calmly when things do not go to plan, especially when around the participants.
- Contribute a written or photographic element to the final Study Session report describing the work you prepared and delivered.

In the recruitment of Junior Trainers. Priority will be given to applicants who can serve as Role Models for the target group of participants.

Senior Trainer will be expected to:

- Have a deep knowledge and practical experience executing the ENTER! Recommendations with groups of young people.
- Have years of experience working on social sustainability.
- Have experience as a trainer and/or facilitator on a national, regional and/or international level.
- Have experience leading international teams of trainers to deliver youth events using online project management & communication tools.
- Competent to provide coherent oversight of a training team to ensure all tasks are delivered on time, of good quality and able to lead the development of a positive, trusting team spirit among the group of trainers
- Clear record of facilitating space for both junior trainers and participants to learn from the experience of being a trainer or a participant.
- Familiarity with Council of Europe publications about youth participation and non-formal education.
- Experience evaluating and reporting on Council of Europe activities & coordinate the production and delivery of the final Study Session Report.
- Have intercultural sensitivity and experience in working with international groups.

- Be able to communicate confidently in English.

All three positions are voluntary with no remuneration. The Council of Europe will cover all costs for travel, board and lodging during the event and any team meetings.

If the Covid-19 pandemic circumstances don't allow us to organise a face-to-face event, we will re-adapt the activity to the online setting; that's why the trainers should be experienced and skilled in online facilitation.

Dates & Requirements

Selected trainers are expected to attend fully:

- An in-person preparatory meeting of the Study Session will take place sometime at the latest eight weeks in advance of the session in Strasbourg, France.
- Regular online team meetings, which the Senior Trainer will steer.
- The Study Session itself will occur from 27 September - 2 October 2021 at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg, France. Trainers are expected to arrive one day before (26 September) for a final preparation meeting.
- Selection criteria: A balance of regions and genders will be considered (among qualified applicants).
- ESU encourages trainers of all genders, ethnic backgrounds and other identities to apply to ensure a good representation of diversity.

We cannot accept applications from those who are not available for the in-person preparation meetings or the entire duration of the Study Session.

How to Apply?

To apply, you have to fill the online application form:

- Application Form for Junior Trainers is available here.
- Application Form for Senior Trainers is available here.

Deadline for applications: **20th June**

The final selection will be communicated by the **25th of June.**

If you have any questions, queries or would like some more information, please contact Maria Sierra of the ESU Secretariat at maria.sierra@esu-online.org.

We look forward to receiving your applications!

This event will be in cooperation with the Council of Europe.

In friendship,

Maria Sierra, Course Director