

Invitation to the ISCA International Youth Camp 2006

>> Active citizenship and participation

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Addressing Sport as a tool for educational and political action

How to use sports and physical activity as a tool for active citizenship and participation in the work with young people.

Context

Active citizenship is about taking part - it may be as straightforward as helping a neighbour or as challenging as orchestrating a major campaign to effect change. For some, active citizenship comes naturally - family tradition, a chance meeting, an inspirational teacher. For many it needs to be encouraged, practised, developed and informed. In today's ethnically diverse, fast moving and complex society, education for citizenship is increasingly important. If we know our rights, duties and responsibilities and understand the nature of democratic government, and if we have practised some of the skills of participation and joined in reflective discussion, then we are much more likely and much better equipped to play an active role in the wider community.

The Youth camp aims at bringing knowledge and competences from the sport world closer to the rest of the NGO world and vice-versa. We think that sport has a great potential to promote social change. We believe that often this potential is neglected by the Sport world and by the rest of the NGO world. Therefore we undertake steps to give the Sport world tools inspiring them to look beyond the positive aspects of physical activity and to use sport as a method to enhance social change. Further we encourage the NGO world to use physical activity as a tool to engage people in reflective process that they might not reach by using their traditional way to promote social change.

ISCA wants to underline by its IYLE "International Youth Leader Education" programme that young people are important actors and not just factors in social change processes. This training camp is one step to deal with active citizenship and participation by using sport and physical activity as an educational method.

Methodology and programme of the youth camp

The camp will be based on the principles and practise of non-formal education and is conceived to allow a learner-centred approach taking into account the needs, interests and the experiences of participants. Time and space for active participation and exchange between working practices will be provided during the different workshops.

The main topic of the camp will be "**Active Citizenship and participative education through Sport**" and participants will have the opportunity to make personal experience in this field and discuss these experiences after the activities and at the end of each day. Participants are welcome to contribute with activity ideas in the field of education-through-sport.

Participants will be strongly encouraged to organise own projects after the camp as well as to transfer what they learned during the camp to the young people in their respective groups/organisations.



Objectives of the camp

The ISCA International Youth Camp gives young people the opportunity to meet in an international environment and to:

- Demonstrate how sport can be used to overcome political, social and cultural barriers.
- Test the educational concept practically.
- Exchange experience among youth leaders from different European Sport and Culture associations, active in the field of non-formal education, working directly with young people;
- Exploring sports and physical activities as a tool for active citizenship and participation and adapting different types of sports and physical activities to different target groups, in particular young people;
- Develop knowledge, attitudes and skills to play an active role in the wider community;
- Work in groups, taking on different roles such as leader or organiser, taking responsibility for carrying through a task with others, facing up to challenges and taking decisions democratically;
- Develop a value for sensitivity towards individual differences;
- Work on concrete follow-up activities from local to international level and multiplying.



Educational contents

A rich variety of concepts, topics, methods and competences are at the disposal of the participants.

<i>concepts</i>	<i>topics</i>	<i>competences</i>	<i>methods</i>
Citizenship education	Group dynamics	Facilitation	Theatre
Human rights education	Active citizenship	Moderation	Adventure
Peer education	Participation	Communication	Sport
Participation	Democratic behaviour	Conflicts	Brainstorming
Group dynamics	Media	Groups	Future workshop
	Social change	Projects	Simulations
	Community work		Reflection groups
	Me as an actor		Guided visualisation
			Role plays



Languages

The working language will be English. Applicants are requested to have good knowledge of English.



Profile of participants

Young people involved in voluntary work at local, regional, national NGOs and Sport for All organisations. Young people not active in a formal NGO structure, but working in the field of education through sport or social change.

Participant's age should be between 17-27.

Applications can come from **all Council of Europe member** states, priority will be given to applications with high motivation to contribute with own projects in the follow-up of the camp.

Participants are asked to carefully fill-in the attached application form.

Financial conditions of participation

Travel expenses will be refunded by ISCA for APEX flights. They should not exceed a price of 200.-€ per ticket. Local transport will be refunded on the base of public transport tickets.

ISCA will need a copy or the original of each bill to be refunded.

Accommodation and food is as well paid by the organisers and sponsors.

Participation fee

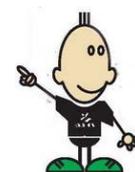
The application fee for the seminar is set at 50.-€ for participants from western European countries and 30.-€ for participants from central and eastern European countries.

Application procedure and selection of participants

The call for applications starts on the **7th of April 2006** and will be closed on the **10th of May 2006**.

On the base of the received application ISCA will take a final decision on accepted application.

Confirmation will be send to participants on the **15th of May 2006**.



Draft Programme

2nd of July	Arrivals and welcoming of all participants
3rd of July	Teambuilding and group dynamics
4th of July	Democratic behaviour from small groups to society
5th of July	Active citizenship, social involvement, initiatives
6th of July	Exchange of methods and good practice
7th of July	Developing and practicing social and democratic skills
8th of July	Follow-up preparation "Me - A qualified and motivated young citizen"
9th of July	Evaluation and departures of all participants

Some information about ISCA



International Sport and Culture Association

The International Sport and Culture Association (ISCA) is an international association for sport, culture and youth organisations from all over the world. We strongly believe that everybody should have the opportunity to participate in international sports and cultural activities such as festivals, exchanges, seminars, tournaments and education programmes. We call it Sport and Culture for All.

Sport and Culture in Civil Society

ISCA sees sport as more than just a mere activity for competition and health exercises. Inherent in sport is also recreation, games and leisure time and not least – the element of socializing and having a good time. Sport is instrumental in strengthening civic behaviour and a feeling of belonging to a society, which again leads to a strengthening of democracy in civil society.

Aims of ISCA

ISCA was created with the purpose of:

- Promoting an understanding between people across borders through sports and cultural activities
- Underlining the view of sport as a bearer of local, regional or national cultural identity, thereby placing it at the centre of international exchanges of ideas, opinions and cultural expressions
- Encouraging the broadest possible participation of the affiliated members in sports and cultural activities within and outside their organisation

Want to know more?

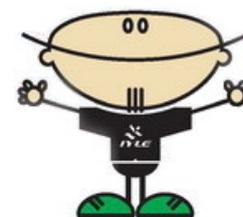
Please find more information on the ISCA website: www.isca-web.org



Please note that the deadline for applications is:

10th of May 2006

Applications coming in after this date cannot be accepted.



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Youth camp location

The camp will be hosted at the Danhostel Helsingør Vandrerhjem, please find here the link to the hostel: www.helsingorhostel.dk.

Helsingør is located in close proximity to the capital city of Denmark, Copenhagen. It is situated on the northeast coast of the island of Zealand, only separated by a couple of kilometres and with direct view to Sweden.

The Danhostel Helsingør Vandrerhjem is the former Villa Molkte. It is situated at the mound of Øresund and has its wonderful view to the historic Kronborg Castle. The hostel has its own little beach and is surrounded by nature, such as forests and green landscape. In the close surrounding we will have space to start our activities in different outdoor settings.

Participants of the training course will be accommodated in shared rooms as close together as possible in the buildings of the Villa.

