

Sexual Diversity in Schools

Every year, GALE offer a international European course on sexual diversity in schools. The course takes 5 days and is usually in the summer, in Sitges, Spain (near Barcelona). The course is developed for teachers, but is also suitable for LGBTI peer educators and consultants/trainers of schools. Since there are few courses on LGBTI issues, we often also get participants from universities, youth work and psychologists. Each course is adapted to some extent to the registered participants.

Program

The course "Sexual Diversity in Schools" focuses mostly on how to change a school culture to be more LGBTI (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex) - friendly and less heteronormative; this is partly about how people deal with this on a personal level, but also about how heteronormativity translates in a negative organizational culture and how organizational change can be stimulated. A core element in the course is how schools can teach students to deal with negative emotions and opinions they may have about things that are "different" from their regular expectations, values and group norms.

This is the general program:

Sunday: arrivals

Monday: exploring how homophobia/transphobia works, with young people but also within ourselves

Tuesday: exploring our own drives to do (peer) education and how it influences our strategies

Wednesday: introduction to a range of educational discussion techniques and other educational methods like drama and simulation games, and trying them out

Thursday: exploring how homophobia/transphobia works to make a school structurally unsafe and how to stimulate and coach organizational change of a school culture

Friday: a skill building day on how to deal with strong emotional and biased opinions of students, teachers, principals and politicians in teaching, consulting and advocacy

Saturday or later: departures

Costs

- The course fee is €420 per person, 80% (€336) to be paid before the course, 20% (€84) afterwards. The fee corresponds with the €70 the Erasmus KA1 program finances per training day including one travel day. (<http://www.erasmusplus.nl>)
- For participants without European funding, a discount can be arranged. Please contact us.
- The course fee does include the facilitation, the training room, course materials and tea/coffee.
- The course fee does NOT include travel, accommodation, or meals.
- The training accommodation can offer a breakfast & lunch arrangement of € 95 per person for the whole week, This is €19 per day for an elaborate breakfast buffet and a 3-course hot lunch.

Arrangements

1. You will get a contract, information about the exact time and location, and suggestions for hotels/rooms, so you can book your travel and accommodation.
2. After returning the signed contract, you pay the 80% advance payment.
3. Just before the training, you pay the 20% second payment.
4. A few weeks before the training you will get a detailed program.
5. After the training you will receive a certificate stating your participation in the training.

To do now

- Check the next dates on <http://www.gale.info/en/projects/training#teacher>
- If you are interested, please mail info@lgbt-education.info
- Let us know how many participants would like to participate
- Let us know if you want to make use of the breakfast/lunch arrangement

Erasmus+ grants

Your organization can ask a grant for participation in this course. The deadline for asking such an Erasmus+ "KA1" grant is usually in the end of February. Look for information on the website of your national Erasmus+ authority (http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/national-agencies/index_en.htm).