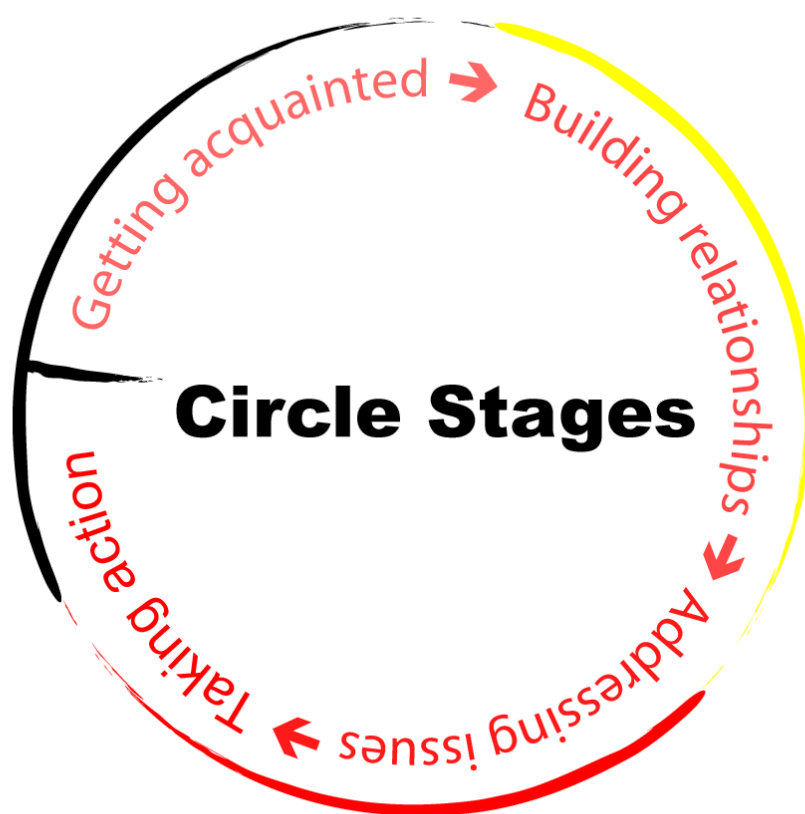


Restorative Circles for Citizens in Europe

TRAINING and OPENING WORKSHOPS

Lecce, Italy 09 October - 13 October 2016



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GENERAL INFORMATION

This training is part of the project “**Restorative Circles for Citizens in Europe**”. It will be organised with the financial support from European Commission and it is going to be held in Lecce (South Apulia, Italy) from the 09th of October to the 13th of October 2016.

Project Summary

The Restorative View

Restorative processes restore balance in communities. The restorative view represents a paradigm shift from the Western punitive worldview, and originates in the traditions of native peoples (North American, African, etc. cultures). The essence of the restorative movement is the development of communities in the spirit of collaboration, members of which are intimately connected to their best human selves and relate to each other through this best self. We create a culture where members of the community care for the needs of others, and are responsible for themselves and for each other. When someone is harmed in a community based on deeply connected human relationships, the entire community suffers, and the resolution therefore needs to be achieved by the entire community.

About the Circle

The Restorative Circle allows participants, in a space isolated by an Opening and a Closing Ceremony, to strengthen their relationships, support each other and to find solutions to the problems of the community together. They pass around a Talking Piece, which allows for the holder of the object to speak, while all others listen. The role of the Circle Keeper (the facilitator of the process) is to create a safe environment and to promote dialogue among participants.

The method employed by our group, called the Peacemaking Circle (based on North American Native traditions) can be used for healing, relationship- and community building, as well as for the resolution of conflicts, for collaborative planning, decision making and following up strategic plans.

TRAINING AND WORKSHOP DETAILS

TRAINING **Restorative Circles**

Time: October 9 - 11, 2016

Trainer: Kay Pranis (USA)

Training Objectives

The training is intended to provide experience in the circle process as well as an understanding of the foundational values and key structural elements for designing and conducting peacemaking circles.

Training Description

This course will introduce participants to the peacemaking circle process and explore the following:

- foundational values and philosophy of peacemaking circles,
- conflict as opportunity to build relationships,
- creating safe, respectful space for dialogue,
- consensus decision making,
- structure of the circle process,
- facilitation of the circle process,
- practical applications of circle process,
- problems and challenges in circles.

The course will use the peacemaking circle process as the primary form of group work.

We will explore the values and philosophy that provide the foundation of the peacemaking circle process, acknowledging its indigenous origins. It will also analyze the structure of the peacemaking circle process and describe a variety of types of circles. The course will provide examples of the use of the process in the justice system, social services, faith communities, neighborhoods, schools and families. Participants will learn to design and conduct peacemaking circles for community building and conflict resolution. Both philosophy and practice will be addressed. The course will be conducted in the peacemaking circle format and will be highly interactive, using the life experience of all the participants as a teaching resource. Special attention will be given to the role of the facilitator and the key skills of circle facilitation.

WORKSHOP

Developing Details of the Restorative Circles for Citizens in Europe Project

Time: October 12 - 13, 2016

Facilitators: Krisztina Galgóczi and Boroka Ganyu (Hungary)

Workshop Objectives

Our freshly trained international group of 27 facilitators (6 from Italy, Germany, Greece and Hungary, and 3 from Denmark) will begin its collaboration on the development of the project methodology. This work will continue online between the middle of October and the middle of December. Our aim is to develop best practices, strategies and action plans on an international level and locally.

Workshop Description

We will use the restorative circle process combined with popcorn style brainstorming sessions, and small group discussions and exercises. The topics include:

1. Recruitment of Circle Participants:

- Plan outreach/participant recruitment (for example: newspaper ads, youth organizations of political parties, etc.).
- Plan to recruit diverse participants (in terms of their views on the EU and their socioeconomic status).
- Plan to ensure the recruitment of motivated circle participants who will stay in the process until the end.

2. Screening of Circle Participants:

- Design a screening tool for participants: on their views on the EU, on whether they are active participants in society or just joining the conversation, their socioeconomic status, their motivation to participate in the circles.

3. Rules of Confidentiality:

- In the circles;
- Of the audio recordings;
- Of the written summaries;
- Other types of data.

4. Process Design:

- Design the process: set general guidelines that could be applied internationally and define local features for custom design.
- Design elements of the process: opening and closing, questions, etc.

5. Data Analysis:

- Develop outline of the written summaries of the circle weekends.
- Develop a process to share and analyze the data, in a way that is most responsive to the questions raised in the grant.

6. Information Sharing:

- Design a process for sharing information among circles in different cities, for participants to respond to arguments raised by other EU citizens (add the international element to the local circles).
- Design the structure of the ongoing online meetings.

By the end of the two days our minimal goal is to have addressed participant recruitment and screening (1-2) and information sharing (5).

About the Trainer and Workshop Facilitators

Kay Pranis (USA) is a national leader in restorative justice, specializing in peacemaking Circles. She served as the Restorative Justice Planner for the Minnesota Department of Corrections from 1994 to 2003. Before that, she worked six years as the director of research services at the Citizen's Council on Crime and Justice. She has written and presented papers on peacemaking Circles and restorative justice in the United States, Canada, Australia, and Japan. Since 1998, Kay has conducted Circle trainings in a diverse range of communities—from schools to prisons to workplaces to churches, from rural farm towns in Minnesota to Chicago's South Side.

Krisztina Galgóczi (Hungary) is a literary and theatre critic and psychodrama practitioner. Her original research interest is turn-of-the-century European drama with a gender sensitive approach, on which topic she has published a monography (2010, Kalligram, Budapest) and a number of academic papers. She has been a university lecturer for ten years at ELTE University, Budapest, the University of West Hungary and the Hungarian Film Academy. Over the last several years her interest turned towards the Hungarian historical heritage, and she took part in a year long course on Holocaust education organized by the Yad Vashem Institute. She believes that facing the past is the ultimate goal, as she herself does in her book on her own family heritage.

Boroka Ganyu (Hungary) is a clinical psychologist, restorative process practitioner, mediator and trainer. She served as a clinical psychologist at the Psychiatric Department and Psychotherapy Consultation Center of St. Imre Hospital in Budapest for seven years. She has experience in facilitating both peacemaking circles and group psychotherapy sessions. Boroka lived in New York for five years, where she mediated high conflict interpersonal disputes, trained mediators in self-reflective skills, and collaborated with a number of groups and coalitions in the development and implementation of restorative processes applied in a community-based and a societal context. Since the Spring of 2016 she continues this work in Hungary.

PROJECT PARTNER

Country	Partner
Germany	KREISAU-INITIATIVE E.V. (Leader Organization)
Denmark	MELLEM EDUCATION
Greece	INTER ALIA
Hungary	HUNGARIAN ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Italy	DEMOSTENE CENTRO STUDI PER LA PROMOZIONE DELLO SVILUPPO UMANO
Italy	UNIVERSITÀ DEL SALENTO, DIPARTIMENTO DI STORIA SOCIETÀ E STUDI SULL'UOMO



**The eligible date for making costs is 02 September 2016,
Starting from this date you can buy your tickets
and do all the preparation costs!**

RULES

As participants of the project, each partner of different Country will select 6 people who have to meet the following requirements:

- 28 y.o. or more;
- Have self-reflective and teamworking skills;
- The project will be held in **English language**. The participants should have basic understanding of this language (pref. B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages);
- The participants should have a background in Psychology and/or Sociology.
- The participants should also have some experience in group facilitation.

Gender equality is important: the national groups should have made of males and females. That mean at least one man and one women, but half/half distribution among sex will be the best choice.



Please select the participants in due time and send us all the requested data by e-mail until 23 September 2016.

ACCOMMODATION

For participants arriving from outside Lecce area:

Accommodation and breakfast (but not lunch or dinner!) will be supported by the project. Please, bring with you your own towels and items for personal care!

The participants will stay at *Istituto Antonacci Rooms* (**via Scipione de Summa, 1**) in double and triple rooms.

The choice of this facility was not only for their closeness to the city centre and university **but, primarily, a supportive one**. Istituto Antonacci is an Institute for blind and partially-sight people. A portion of the proceeds of the rooms management will be used for the charity activities of the Institute.

You can take a look to their website <http://www.istitutoantonacci.it/>



Please let us know in advance if you have special needs like allergies, health problems or difficulties we need to take into account!

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Arrival is on 08 October 2016

FLIGHT: From your town to Brindisi Airport or, as an alternative, to Bari Airport.

From Brindisi Airport to Lecce

To arrive in Lecce from Brindisi Airport you can use the public shuttle service:

http://www.aeroportidipuglia.it/documents/10181/26189/orario_PUGLIAIRBUS+%281%29.pdf/c0c71ac7-38f8-4a68-9ae1-aeab04a7e946

Ticket is around 6 € if you buy it in the newsstand inside the airport.

You can also buy it on board, but it will be a little more expensive (around 10 €).

In alternative you can use the local bus to arrive in Brindisi Trainstation and there take a train to Lecce: <http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en>

From Bari Airport to Lecce

In the Bari Airport you will find a train-link to Bari Central Station (BARI C.LE):

<http://www.ferrovienordbarese.it/home>

There, you will find many trains to Lecce, some chip, some more expensive: <http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en> . The entire trip will be around 2hrs.

If you need, the organisers can meet you at the **City Bus Terminal** in Lecce or at the **Train Station** of the city.

Anyway, arriving to the hotel is really simple and it is 10 mins on foot from City Bus Terminal and 20 mins on foot from Train Station.

From Train Station you can also take **bus 29** (ticket 1€) and stop at “Tribunale” (viale De Pietro). The Hotel will be at two minutes on foot from bus stop.

Remember the address of the hotel: *Istituto Antonacci Rooms*, via S. De Summa, 1.
(Once in Lecce, you can use google maps to locate it)



Please, take note of the Shuttle Bus / Trains Timetable for your trip back. Remember you must stay at the airport at least 40 mins before your flight departure.

Departure is on 13 October 2016

Note that the organisers will not provide any additional accommodation outside the dates of the exchange! If you wish to travel on other dates than the dates of the exchange, please take contact with the organisers before purchasing your tickets!



Plan your trip carefully!

In case your travel dates are different than the ones above mentioned, the organisers might not be able to reimburse you!!

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS

The reimbursements will be preceded by bank transfer after the project upon sending all travel documents (tickets and boarding passes) and international bank details. Reimbursement of travel costs will only be done upon full attendance of the project and presentation of the original travel tickets with boarding passes, receipts, invoices. Also, according to Italian National Agency regulations and Italian accounts rules and tax code, we need the proof of payment if you pay in cash, than you have to send us the receipt for that payment and if you pay by credit card/bank transfer we need the account extract/credit card slip/bank statement.



Any wishes to stay shorter or longer should be consulted with organisers prior any booking!

Reimbursement will be done in EUROS, regardless of the currency indicated on the ticket and receipt/invoice. Any tickets purchased in a local currency other than EURO, will then be converted and calculated according to the exchange rate of the month when the ticket/s were purchased, as stated in the official European Commission web-site at <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/inforeuro/>.



KEEP ALL YOUR BOARDING PASSES AND TICKETS
- and possibly make a copy of them -
otherwise we will not be able to reimburse you

Please check the table below with the information on the travel budget limits for roundtrip! If travel costs exceed the amount budgeted in the project, the organisers will only be able to reimburse participants maximum travel costs indicated in the travel budget. Participants are therefore strongly advised to book their tickets well in advance.

COUNTRY	TRAVEL COST FOR ONE PARTICIPANT
Denmark	170 €
German	170 €
Greece	170 €
Hungary	170 €
Italy (outside Lecce co.)	170 €
Italy (Lecce Area)	50 €

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Personal insurance

Insurance cover for personal effects is the responsibility of the individual participant. You are recommended to ensure that you have adequate medical and travel insurance to cover the period of your stay in Italy. The participants are requested to acquire the European Health Insurance Card.

Neither our organisation nor any venue used during the event can entertain claims against loss of or damage to personal property.

Weather

The average temperature in October is 20°C during the day and 13°C at night. The temperature drops even more at the night so do bring some warm clothes for the nights.

Internet

Internet connection will be guaranteed in the common areas of the hotel. We are working to make possible to participants to have wifi connection in University facilities too.

Electrical plugs

Remember that Italian electrical plugs could be different from those in use in your country. Check them and bring with you an adapter if needed.

CONTACT DETAILS

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