**OPEN CALL FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND CIVIL SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES FROM NORTH MACEDONIA**

Capacity Building Training for High School Teachers and Civil Society Representatives from North Macedonia on Dealing with the Past and Intercultural Dialogue

***The Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO), Local Branch Office in North Macedonia hereby invites high school teachers and civil society representatives from North Macedonia to participate in a training on "Dealing with the Past and Intercultural Dialogue" with a view of strengthening and improving skills and knowledge of quality communication standards.***

**PURPOSE OF THE TRAINING:**

Strengthening the professional capacities of high school teachers and civil society representatives is one of the main focuses of work for the RYCO Local Branch Office in North Macedonia, given their crucial role in building and promoting sustainable and inclusive peace.

Having this in mind, the overall purpose of the training program is to enhance the knowledge and skills of high school teachers and civil society representatives in choosing the right forms and tools of communication when working with topics from the field of Dealing with the Past and Intercultural Dialogue.

Upon completion of a 3-day training participants will:

* get acquainted with the concepts Dealing with the Past and Intercultural Dialogue
* be able to identify the tools, mechanisms and ways of Dealing with the Past
* be able to initiate effective communication that encourages Intercultural Dialogue
* learn how to implement the acquired knowledge in the daily professional engagements
* acquire a theoretical basis for the preparation and elaboration of content on the Program’s topics (including understanding how to prepare a program content that is gender and diversity inclusive).

The 3-day training will take place physically in hotel *Teteks Arena*, Popova Shapka in compliance with all COVID-19 measures, and will be conducted in Macedonian language. The target group of participants will ensure gender parity and adequate diversity.

Training attendees shall be awarded a Certificate of Active Participation in the Program among the other benefits, should they attend the training and participate in the Program fully.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

The training is intended exclusively for high school professors and civil society representatives who show interest in wanting to tackle the topic of Dealing with the Past and Intercultural Dialogue in their future work.

**Candidates that are eligible to apply include:**

* High school teachers and CSO representatives with an intent to create program content in the fields of Dealing with the Past and Intercultural Dialogue in their future work;
* Candidates showing motivation and genuine interest on the topics of Dealing with the Past and Intercultural Dialogue;
* Candidates showing interest in regional co-operation and RYCO’s work;
* Candidates showing highest respect to the human rights, gender equality and diversity principles.

 **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

This call shall remain open until **20 September 2021, 23:59 hrs.**

**SUBMISSIONS**

If this opportunity interests you, and you meet the above requirements, **please submit your application through the following Google form:** <https://forms.gle/zhDPbSnVx7pSDEas5>

**NOTE:**

Participants shall be selected based on the criteria set out in the Call for Applications on the basis of the quality of their submitted application, with consideration given to gender equality, diversity, and geographical balance.

**When applying, please note that all participants selected to attend shall be notified by email latest by 23 September 2021.**

Any eventual queries can be directed to the local RYCO office in North Macedonia via email tanja.paneva@rycowb.org

**IMPORTANT TECHNICAL AND LOGISTICAL INFORMATION**

**Training Dates:**
28 – 30 September

**Training Duration:**  3-days

**Place:** Hotel *Teteks Arena*, Popova Shapka

**Number of participants**: 20

**Language of instruction:** Macedonian

Transportation and accommodation for selected participants will be fully covered.

\*Please note that in accordance with the current health protocols issued by the Ministry of Health of North Macedonia, each participant is required to have COVID-19 vaccine certificate with having received two doses of the vaccine or a certificate or proof of having recovered from COVID-19 in the last 45 days, counting from the day of recovery.

**ABOUT ORGANIZERS**

**The Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO)** is an independently functioning institutional mechanism, founded by the Western Balkans 6 participants (WB 6): Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo\*[[1]](#footnote-2), Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia, aiming to promote the spirit of reconciliation and cooperation between the youth in the region through youth exchange programs. For more information about RYCO, please visit [www.rycowb.org](http://www.rycowb.org)

1. \*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)