



### **Theme and Objectives of the Seminar**

The European Federation for Intercultural Learning is currently focusing on the development of new AFS organisations in Romania, Bulgaria and Greece. We are at the very beginning of these efforts and are working to establish a firm group of motivated volunteers in these countries to help build up the new organisations. This seminar should be the first link between volunteers from established AFS organisations and individuals that are interested in developing AFS in Romania, Bulgaria and Greece. We want to develop a more profound intercultural understanding among participants and at the same time focus on skills that are useful for new organisations when setting up a new AFS structure.

The seminar aims at strengthening partnerships between participants to create a strong network of volunteers, to foster intercultural learning and gain organisational development skills.

The specific objectives of the seminar are to:

- promote volunteering for AFS, as one possibility of being an active citizen;
- increase participants' motivation and create partnerships between participants to ensure volunteer empowerment and future international cooperation;
- share best practice examples linked to organizational development;
- foster capacity development through training on intercultural learning;
- develop strategies and propose tools on how to use the gained competence for the further development of an AFS organisation;
- draft action plans to ensure the multiplying effect of the newly gained knowledge.

### **Working methods**

The main approach to this seminar will be based on non-formal education, using interactive methods and peer learning, and building on the presence of volunteers and individuals that are interested in volunteering from both existing and potential future AFS organisations.

### **Profile of Participants**

#### General Skills

- a capacity to work in (excellent) English;
- committed to participate actively during the full programme of the seminar;
- experienced and actively involved as a volunteer in AFS or another youth organisation;
- a good understanding of intercultural learning and volunteering in AFS (if coming from an established AFS organisation);
- curiosity and interest to learn more about AFS and become a volunteer for AFS in the future in Romania, Bulgaria or Greece
- in the position to multiply in their organisations the competence gained in this seminar;
- an experience in setting up new AFS chapters / volunteer structures would be an asset;

- preferably strong interest and ideally previous contacts with at least one of the three developing countries – either in the AFS context or outside of it.

### **Technicalities**

The seminar will take place from the 5<sup>th</sup> (starting in the evening) to the late evening of the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2012 in Tulcea, Romania. Participants are expected to arrive on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February by latest 20:00 to Tulcea and leave as of from the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup> of February.

The EFIL **participation fee** is at **100 Euros** including board and lodging. Travel costs will be reimbursed 60-70% (depending on how reasonable the prices are) if you bring your train/plane ticket + original boarding passes.

In case of withdrawal after the deadline a 50 Euro **cancellation fee** is due.

### **Selection procedure**

If you wish to apply for this seminar as a participant, please fill out the application form attached and return it to [inga.menke@afs.org](mailto:inga.menke@afs.org) before **Tuesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2012**.

Should you have any further questions on this activity, please, do not hesitate to contact Inga Menke at the EFIL Secretariat by email or phone (+32 2 514 5250)!



**“Youth mobility for intercultural competence”**

**Tulcea, Romania 5-11 February 2012**

**CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS**

<i>Please type</i>			
First Name:			
Last Name:			
Organisation:			
Nationality:			
Cultural Identity: (please use keywords)			
Full home address:			
Telephone:		Date of birth:	
Fax:		<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
E-Mail:			
Skype, MSN, ICQ...			
Working languages		Other:	
Do you need a visa to enter Romania?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
If YES, please complete:	Passport number:		
	Issue date:		Expiry date:
Special dietary or other needs:			

Please reply:

1. **What is your knowledge of AFS? What is your experience with AFS?**
  
2. **What is your current role in your AFS/youth organisation?**
  
3. **What is your experience of Intercultural Learning?**
  
4. **What is your experience regarding the development of new organisations/new local structures/etc.?**
  
5. **What is your motivation to participate in this seminar?**
  
6. **What (competences and skills) are you hoping to gain from this seminar?**
  
7. **How will you use the newly gained knowledge in your volunteer work?**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the form to [inga.menke@afs.org](mailto:inga.menke@afs.org) by the **10<sup>th</sup> of January 2012**