



IBG



Youth



Education and Culture

Action 4.3 - Youth Support System / Seminar

Call for participants

The personal and public benefit of international volunteering: tools and strategies to recognize the value and to make it more visible.

Place: Heidelberg, Germany

Dates: 30.11. – 05.12.2011

Participants: Staff or active members from international volunteering organisations.

Conditions: 45 € participation fee, 70% travel reimbursement; lodging and food are covered (vegan kitchen not possible)

Aim: Linked to the European Year of Volunteering 2011 many Voluntary Service Organisations have special activities to raise awareness of the value and importance of volunteering as a form of active engagement and as a tool to develop or improve competences for personal, social and professional development. At the same time the positive effects on the hosting community and the local level will be pointed out. The aim of the seminar is to collect the different idea, activities and tool of the organizations in this field and to share the experience and the outcome. As result of the seminar IBG wants to assure the dynamic of the European Year of Volunteering 2011 and its positive outcome and to transfer it into the following years.

Concrete topics will be:

- **“What gains a volunteer?”:** Tools and strategies to support **volunteers** to **reflect their experience** so that they can realize what they took out of it and which competences they have improved. (“Evaluation and valorisation of learning outcomes”).
- **“What stays in the village?”:** Tool and strategies to support **local communities** to **reflect this experience** in hosting international volunteers so that they can realize what they gained of it.
- **Volunteering and Visibility:** Presentation and evaluation of different tools, events and actions used on national or international level for the EYV 2011 to promote volunteering and make the value more visible (e.g. Alliance flag tour, messenger...). We will discuss and balance the outcome of the EYV 2011. Did we as organisations or as volunteers gain anything? What positive impulses or ideas are worth to keep and to follow? This will be the main part of the seminar.
- **Volunteering as a unique tool for integration:** Strategies to visualise the integrative dimension of volunteering and promote it as a tool to stimulate the mobility and active participation in society of special target groups (unemployed young people, disabled young people, young migrants...).