

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Workshop: European dream city: making urban living more sustainable in the future

24-28 September 2010, Helsinki, Finland

Background

Are you interested in sustainable urban living? Willing to promote and develop it in international environment? If yes, this workshop is a great chance to do it. European cities struggle with very similar issues when it comes to ecological, social and cultural sustainability of urban living. This workshop is part of the Lifelong Learning Programme Grundtvig and organised by Green Cultural and Educational Centre (ViSiO). Main purpose of the workshop is to promote local grass root level of discussion about sustainable urban living. The broader purpose is to raise public awareness concerning happier and more sustainable urban life now and in the future.

Description

The working methods highlight discussion and dialogue between the participants and the experts of the field. The agenda includes issues such as traffic, recycling, accessibility, multiculturalism and contemporary forms of urban culture, but more important will be the interests of the participants.

During the workshop, the participants will create a collage of "European dream city", which will be presented to wider audience through the exhibition. The outcomes of the seminar are also collected to the European dream city –website (www.europeandreamcity.org).

How does Your European dream city look like?

Target group

Selected group is formed by 12 participants from different European countries and three participants from Finland, all interested in sustainable urban living and city planning. The Finnish participants have to pay their accommodation and meals by themselves. Participants should have enthusiasm towards sustainability issues in their hometowns and they should have urge to develop and share their ideas with others. They should preferably – though not compulsory – have some experience on working or volunteering with relating issues through NGO's, social movements etc. As questions about accessibility are integral part of sustainable urban planning, participants with disabilities are warmly welcomed. The participants are expected to do some preparatory work before arriving.

Language: The language of the workshop is English.

Application

The application form can be found from the website of the workshop: www.europeandreamcity.org

PLEASE NOTICE: The deadline for the application has changed! The new deadline is **Friday 23 July**. The participants will be informed about the selection within a week.

Accommodation and travel expenses

Accommodation, meals and travel expenses are covered by the organizers. Accommodation is organised in twin rooms (single room can be provided with extra fee). Participants should arrive on 23 September and leave on 29 September.

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