PRESS RELEASE
Teach Peace – A Training for Trainers on Peace Education

Aequitas, along with the Youth Peace Ambassadors Network, implemented between the 4th and 11th of February in Limassol the Training for Trainers on Peace Education ‘Teach Peace’. The aim of the training was to develop competences of 32 trainers and multipliers in organizing and running quality educational activities in the peace education field with, for and by young people and to advocate for the further mainstreaming of peace education in youth policy and youth work.

The course was designed for participants who were active as trainers in non–formal education, and teacher-trainers with a multiplying role within formal education systems and are interested in introducing non-formal learning methodologies in their human rights education activities.

We had with us 32 young people from Cyprus, Italy, Greece, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and Turkey. We aimed to develop their competences in organising and running quality educational activities in the peace education field and to advocate for the further mainstreaming of peace education in youth policy and youth work.

Among the objectives of our training course were:
• to develop participants’ understanding of the concepts of peace and peace education at the personal, interpersonal and institutional level
• to gain awareness on the importance of nonviolent conflict resolution by getting familiar with the concept of non-violence and ways to incorporate it into peace education;
• to offer to the participants a space (a local school) in which they will be able to exercise their gained facilitation skills.

On Saturday the 9th of February, we went to the G. E. English Centre in Larnaca where we implemented educational activities on Peace and Human Rights. We spend there 3 hours, with 3 groups, 30 trainers from 8 countries and we had 50 participants. It was an amazing opportunity both for the organisers/trainers and the hosts as well as the participants. The participants of our project had the unique opportunity to apply their gained knowledge, skills and attitudes and the attendees of the workshops also had the chance to experiment with human rights and peace education.

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