



**LEARNING
PROGRAMME**



**CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION AND DIACONIA
NEW FOUNDATIONS FOR RESPONDING
TO TODAY'S CHALLENGES**

September 2022 – October 2023

This one-year programme is tailor made to address the specific challenges facing Christian social action in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia

JOIN!



Who is invited to join the learning programme?

- Social and diaconal workers, pedagogical workers, pastoral and youth workers in diaconal organisations, community centres and congregations and churches.
- Volunteers and interns who want to gain new knowledge and competences, enhance their knowledge and competences or to continue studying social and diaconal work.



Programme aims & specific objectives

The aim of the Programme is to support and develop social practice, building up knowledge and skills related to responding to present day realities. It is rooted in Christian values, such as respect for the 'other', dignity, social justice and an integrated spirituality and it is guided by the vision of convivial living together.

interdiac promotes participatory approaches to the work with people in their local or organisational contexts and work for social inclusion, locally and on a wider level through, for example community building and advocacy.

The Programme recognises that workers in Churches and Faith Based Organisations need to base their actions on a deeper understanding of more recent contextual and global challenges. These include growing poverty and marginalisation, as they affect different groups, such as young people, people with disabilities and elderly people.

The Programme is built on the recognition of the diversity of the social and diaconal engagement of the participants, as well as of the various national contexts which underly and shape Christian social practice in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

The learning process is based on the idea that the most effective way for a person to engage in vocational Christian social practice is when they are able to integrate their personal motivation with professional knowledge, skills and competence.

How is the programme organised?

The programme is designed to be for those who are already working, and it will accompany participants' everyday work. This ensures the practice relevance of the learning.

- » There will be 4 international workshops in the partner countries of interdiac, including local study visits. Each workshop will last 5 days, including travel days. Venues - Central & Eastern Europe - exact locations to be confirmed.
- » A mentoring and a peer learning system for the period between the workshops will be organised. As in all interdiac programmes, participants will work in diverse international groups.
- » Self-directed reflective learning with the use of: Learning Diary, access to an on-line learning platform Canvas, and the resources of the 'interdiac online space' at www.online-space.eu

On completion of the programme, a participant will receive a certificate and a transcript of records. This programme is not formally accredited at the moment by a university or college, but the workload is equivalent to 25 ECTS.

The programme starts with preparatory work on the **25th September 2022** and finishes with the finalisation of all assignments on the **31st October 2023**.

The dates of the Workshops are



Practical Information

- » To apply proceed to fill in the form here 
- » The closing date for applications is the **29th May 2022**.
- » The chosen candidates will be informed and invited to the Learning Programme at the latest by the **31st June 2022**.
- » Participants will need a working knowledge of English.



Financial matters

The course fee is 150 EUR. These costs are kept to a minimum. The fee should not be seen as a barrier to your participation! Travel and accommodation costs for the 4 workshops will be covered by interdiac.

More detailed information will be sent to the selected candidates.

Important information

Because of the challenging uncertainty caused by 'COVID 19', we will keep you informed about any adjustments in the learning plan in case mobility is restricted.

With questions contact

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