

## ALF 1001 Actions For Dialogue Young Voices - An East/West Dialogue Project

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- Brief summary of the project as proposed to 1001 Actions for Dialogue Night:

To bring selected groups of younger people, located in representative societies from within Europe and the Middle East, into contact with each other. Through both preparatory work and a series of video conferencing sessions, to provide the space for creative interaction, exchange, debate and deliberation on issues of mutual concern

- To bring together selected groups of younger people aged 18 to 25 approximately - originating in Cyprus, Northern Ireland, and Jordan for effective communication and inter-cultural exchange on themes relating to Europe/Middle East relations.
- To concentrate on a series of specific issues related to both conflict and peace building that reflects the experience of the groups themselves.
- To employ an innovative communication strategy, via the Internet, to allow real time exchange during the course of the project.
- To develop teaching materials and background briefing papers in order to facilitate and aid effective communication between the groups.
- To explore the possibility of cohering the network created into a longer term, sustainable, initiative of a more permanent nature.

### Target Groups:

- Groups of younger people aged 18 to 25.
- Fourteen from each country (12 female and 12 male)
- A total of 48 youngsters 24 female and 24 male.

The event will be videotaped and put on DVD in order to be used as educational material

### Activities:

Each local co-ordinator will oversee the implementation of the programme locally, selecting and convening the local groups, undertaking preliminary training/education work and facilitating the video conferencing activities.

#### *Stage One: Pre-Development*

A meeting will be convened in Cyprus with the local co-ordinators to determine the detailed implementation programme.

#### *Stage Two: Training and Education*

Having identified and selected a group of 14 young people each co-ordinator would be responsible for developing and delivering a short education and training programme to help prepare the groups to participate in the video conferencing sessions and engage effectively in inter-cultural exchange.

#### *Stage 3: Video Conferencing*

Three (3 hour) video conferencing sessions will be scheduled where all the participants will have the opportunity to move through a range of issues, exchange information and progress towards a reflective conclusion in relation to conflict and peace building in an international context.

**Date:** 22 May, 2008

**Duration of activity:** 16:00-19:00

**Place of activity:** UNESCO Amphitheatre or UNic Millennium (-2)