



PRESS RELEASE

Asia-Europe Training Course

“Environmental Human Rights:
A Present and Future Challenge for Youth Work”
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Paju, Republic of Korea

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Asian and European youth representatives meet on Environment and Human Rights

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) will gather 30 young people from Asia and Europe to participate in the Asia-Europe Training Course on Environmental Human Rights. The training course is organised in cooperation with the Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe and the International Workcamp Organization (IWO) in Korea. It will take place in Paju, Korea, from 9 to 15 November and will focus on the challenges for Youth Work in relation to the Environment and Human Rights.

Environmental human rights are considered as the “next generation of human rights”. It revolves around the idea of a right to a liveable environment both for present and future generations. During the project, participants will receive intensive training and share their best practices and experiences as they work towards a concrete plan of action. The action plan will be a tangible outcome of this course.

Participants of the course include graduate students, social activists and lawyers. There will also be active members of not-for-profit and non-governmental organisations working in the fields of international voluntary service, international development cooperation, environment, peace, sustainable tourism, media, human rights and public health.

The training course follows on the project, “The Role of Human Rights Education in Intercultural Dialogue – an Asia-Europe perspective” held in Budapest in 2009. Together with IWO Korea, this tripartite cooperation project is a demonstration of the organising partners’ continued commitment to intercultural dialogue through youth cooperation.

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The Asia-Europe Foundation promotes greater mutual understanding between Asia and Europe through intellectual, cultural and people-to-people exchanges. Through ASEF, civil society concerns are included as a vital component of deliberations of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM*). ASEF was established in February 1997 by the participating governments of ASEM and has since implemented over 450 projects, engaging over 15,000 direct participants as well as reaching out to a much wider audience in Asia and Europe. www.asef.org

* ASEM now brings together 46 member states (Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Laos, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom, Vietnam) plus the European Commission and the ASEAN Secretariat. www.aseminfoboard.org



The **Council of Europe** is the oldest and largest European intergovernmental organisation. Founded in 1949, it brings together 47 member states*. The Council of Europe works for the promotion and deepening of the protection of human rights, democracy and the rule of law. The Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe coordinates the organisation's activities in the field of youth and sport. In the youth field, this includes the work of the European Youth Foundation, the European Youth Centres in Budapest and in Strasbourg, as well as a Partial Agreement on the Youth Card and a partnership with the European Commission in the field of Youth. www.coe.int/youth

* The Council of Europe has 47 member states: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom



International Workcamp Organization (IWO) was established in 1999 to promote Peace, Citizenship, Youth Empowerment and Community Development through inter-cultural exchange and international volunteering. It co-ordinates the volunteer exchange, youth exchange and development projects with various partner organizations worldwide. Every year, more than 3,000 youth and volunteers join our various projects in 70 countries to contribute to the better world. <http://www.1.or.kr/english.html>