



TC ON EMPOWERMENT IN **YOUTH** EXCHANGES

CONCEPT

EYE Opener is a training course (TC) for newcomers to develop Youth Exchanges within the context of Youth in Action and to stimulate the full participation of young people in the entire exchange project. The training is based on simulation games, inputs and group work. EYE Opener follows roughly the same concept and structure as the current BTM training course <http://www.salto-youth.net/BTM/>, but has a different purpose and set up in terms of target group. Instead of 1 representative per organization, EYE Opener focuses on **youth-adult pairing**: 1 adult leader e.g. youth worker, youthleader, social worker, policy maker + 1 or 2 young people per group/organization (depending on national regulations). However following the main structure of the current BTM, additional sessions will be implemented: within the group of young people separately from the adults and sessions in which the teams per organization reflect on their 'working together'.

DURATION

4 full training days, excluding arrival and departure days (1 more than the current BTM, in order to allow more depth and working at different levels). The first 'EYE Opener' will take place in De Glind <http://www.ymcadeglind.nl>, the Netherlands from the 6th of September until the 11th of September 2010.

TARGET GROUP

Maximum 36 participants, aiming at 12 to 18 teams.

Teams consist out of **1 ADULT LEADER** who works directly with young people and who is committed to engage in the development of a future youth exchange in partnership with the young persons. Leaders must be over 18 years old. Two leaders could attend if national legislation requires this. And **1 TO 2 YOUNG PEOPLE**, between 15-18 years old, engaged in the development of the future youth exchange.

Working language is English; at least one person per team has to be able to work in English.

TRAINERS TEAM

Ana da Silva (Anita): <http://www.salto-youth.net/find-a-trainer/893.html>

Gerald Dowden: <http://www.salto-youth.net/find-a-trainer/37.html>

Jo Claeys: <http://www.salto-youth.net/find-a-trainer/8.html>



APPLICATION

Check with your National Agency if they are willing to send participants to EYE Opener. Fill in the application form and send it to your National Agency. **Deadline for application is the 4th of August 2010.** The final selection will be communicated by the 11th of August.