



Invitation

**To an international training workshop in
Odessa, Ukraine 12th – 17th June 2009**

More Effective Working with Local Communities

Are you:

- ❖ Involved in a local project, diaconal organisation or church as a paid worker, volunteer or activist?

Do you:

- ❖ Work directly with people affected by poverty and exclusion, or who face discrimination or other disadvantage?

Would you like to:

- ❖ learn how to work more effectively with local communities?
- ❖ develop more participation and empowerment of the people you work with?
- ❖ get new approaches and new methods for development work?

Then the CABLE workshop could be for you!

Cable is an exciting international training and development project, which is offering **an international training programme for community-based workers.**

Odessa, Ukraine 12th – 17th June at the base of the Christian NGO 'Living Hope'
Accommodation will be in a nearby hotel

Organisation of the Workshop

The workshop is being led by a team which has participated in the development of the CABLE training in the past three years. Workshops have been held in different countries including Czech Republic, Finland, Latvia, The Netherlands, Romania and Britain.

The leaders of the workshop will be from The Diaconia University of Applied Sciences (Finland), the European Contact Group (Czech Republic) and interdiac (Czech Republic). The workshop is part supported by the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Solidarity Fund.

Applications & Information

Please apply on the attached form and return it to Tony Addy at: cable@diak.fi **before 22nd May**. On receipt of your application you will be informed if you have secured a place on the programme. If you have any questions about the programme, contact Tony Addy.

Community Action Based Learning for Empowerment

Introduction to the workshop

The workshop is intended for people who are engaged in local work with people affected by poverty and exclusion or who face discrimination or other disadvantage.

The starting point will be sharing and reflection on participants own experience of local work. This will be the basis for learning and reflection during the training. The workshop method involves learning from each other and from the place and people where the workshop is held. The workshop will introduce tools and working methods which are relevant to working in participant's own situations

The second step of the workshop will be to reflect on participants own personal experience and how this affects their work in the locality or with the groups they are engaged with. This is an important step if we want to promote effective learning and empowerment of those with whom we work.

From these two steps, the participants will develop a deeper understanding of their own role and work situation 'back home' and their work strategy. It is important that participants feel empowered in their own capacity to use the learning when they go home after the workshop.

Practical Information

Language of the Workshop:

The workshop language will be English and participants should be able to communicate in English

Preparation:

Participants will be asked to produce a short written paper about their involvement and local work (maybe with material from their project) and a personal paper about their work.

Costs of the Workshop:

Tuition and Accommodation Costs: These costs are met by the organisers.

Travel: Participants are asked to contribute to their travel costs. The workshop organisers have received some support for travel costs and if you need financial support please indicate it on the application form. We expect every participant or their sponsoring organisation to contribute at least 30% of the travel costs. Please do not buy any tickets unless you hear from the organisers.

Travel Instructions: will be sent when your registration is accepted

Follow Up

The workshop forms part of the programme of interdiac (International Academy for Diaconia and Social Action, Central and Eastern Europe, www.interdiac.eu) which is developing a programme of learning and development for diaconal social services in central and eastern Europe. interdiac will continue to offer learning support to participants and their organisations after the workshop. It is also possible for participants and others from their context to continue to be involved in the programmes of interdiac.

The European Contact Group (www.ekscr.cz) is an ecumenical network which is concerned with issues such as unemployment and working conditions and community development. It has a special focus on women's issues and migration issues. We hope that this workshop will be the a new step in developing networking in the region and that further workshops may be organised in participating countries, in collaboration with participants