

Green Games 2011 – a training course on environmental education with an experiential approach

28. March – 03. April 2010 Berlin, Germany



You work with young people in- or outdoors?

You want to address environmental topics without scaring your participants with possible environmental catastrophes, but using an appreciative approach to nature?

You want to know more about learning through games that can be used to work on environmental topics with young people?

And you want to gain experience on what it is like to work on common topics in an international group in a nice surrounding and a great atmosphere?

Then apply for the Green Games training course!

What are the GreenGames?

The Green Games are organised by the Germany Young Naturefriends (NFJD) in cooperation with their international network; IYNF. The training course takes place in Berlin, Germany 28. March – 03. April. It is meant for youth leaders, youth workers and youth trainers to learn and develop **non formal and experiential education methods connected with environmental themes**. During this training the participants will experience an ongoing process of discussion, sharing and experiencing the potential of these methods.

Practically this means:

- working with a positive approach towards environmental issues
- getting to know Naturefriends from other countries and work with them on common projects
- learning new skills, methods – and especially a lot of games.

Who can join?

Everyone that is:

- directly or indirectly working with young people
- pro active and both wants to learn and share their knowledge
- interested in non formal and experiential education methods - especially in learning through games - connected with environmental topics
- between 18 and 30 years old, with exceptions possible on both sides
- able to understand and speak English

The team will select the participants based on the criteria mentioned above and taking into consideration geographical, gender and experiential balance among participants. Priority will be given to participants actively involved in IYNF member and partner organisations, but there is also space for other participants from the Partner countries Germany, Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Belgium and Portugal.

Why do we organise the GreenGames?

We want to connect and inspire active volunteers in the Naturefriends network to combine experiential and non-formal education methods to develop a relationship with nature and environment in their youth work. We provide the participants with tools and methods for attractive and effective ways of training on environmental issues. During the training courses the participants experience and exchange methods for environmental education that can be used in activities with e.g. local youth groups. The participants can bring this fresh knowledge and skills to their own organisation to motivate their respective target group.

What you need to apply?

To apply, please use our: http://www.iynf.org/obsah/take_part/activities.php online application form, which is the only way to enlist this activity.

The deadline for applications is Friday, 11 February 2011.

The application form, besides your personal data, includes also questions to your motivation and experience. Please reply the questions fully; your answers will be the basis for the team to select the participants for the activity. After you apply, you will get immediately an automatically generated confirmation of your application. This only means that your application was successfully processed by the system.

All participants will be informed about the decision (accepted/rejected/waiting list) by email to the address you provide in the application form (please make sure it is a correct one) on 18. February 2011. Accepted applicants will receive an admission sheet with instructions for further action. In case you did not receive any email from us in the expected time, please contact us by email or phone.

Do not forget to read this!

Participation fees

We want to offer this activity to you at an affordable price, and ask for a small contribution to our costs in the form of a participation fee.

We follow a policy of fair prices, dividing Europe into five regions according to the different income levels. In addition, Students and Naturefriends (members of IYNF member or partner organisation) have a combinable discount and there is a special reduction rate for Registered IYNF Volunteers. You can find the price valid for you at the intersection of your region and your status in the tables below.

Region	%	Basic fee	NF fee	Students	NF students	Volunteers
		100%	85%	85%	70%	30%
A	100%	98	83	83	69	29
B	85%	83	71	71	58	25
C	60%	59	50	50	41	18
D	50%	49	42	42	34	15
E	33%	32	27	27	23	10

A: Germany,
B: Belgium
C: Portugal
D: Czech Rep., Hungary
E: Poland

For being a student and / or a member of a Naturefriends member organisation we would need a proof by sending a copy of your student or membership card by fax, post or a scan per mail. If you would like to know if you are a registered IYNF volunteer or not, please send an email to [iynf \[at\] iynf.org](mailto:iynf@iynf.org).

Travel regulations

NFJD will provide travel reimbursement to all participants covering 70 % of total travel costs. The maximum reimbursed costs (70%) are:

- 290 EUR for travels over 1000 km,
- 250 EUR for travels not exceeding 1000 km,
- 120 EUR for travels not exceeding 500 km and
- 50 EUR for travels less than 300 km.

Please note that NFJD wants you to choose the most ecological travel means. To stimulate this we give the highest discount if you travel bus and a lower discount if you travel by train. In case you need to take a plane you have to consult [friedrich\[at\]iynf.org](mailto:friedrich@iynf.org) to get permission for it. You can read more about this in our travel regulation: http://www2.iynf.org/obsah/materials/documents.php?id_document=21

And if you would like to come but cannot pay the fee?

We don't want money to be an obstacle for anyone to participate to our activities; on the other hand we want committed and motivated participants, who value the opportunity. Therefore, we employ the principle 'pay what you can, and a little bit more'. So do contact us **if money is an issue, but you do want to come.**

Questions for application (to be filled in in the online application form on the website):

What is your motivation for applying for the GreenGames?

Do you have experience in environmental and/or experiential education? If yes, please describe it.

What would you like to learn during the GreenGames?

We are looking forward to your application. In case you can't come yourself please send this call to friends or colleagues that might be interested in it.