

From October 12-19, 2008, in Budapest, Hungary, in the European Youth Centre, the training course on "Human Rights Education with Children for Ombudsman Offices and Advocacy Organizations" was held. Tamuna Kepuladze, Ombudsman Office representative in Kutaisi, attended it with a support of Local Democracy Agency Georgia and Youth Info-Point (Youth the Right Direction Project).

The course brought together 25 participants who were:

- Staff members of ombudsman offices working on human rights issues who are interested in developing their competencies in working with children;
- Staff members of other governmental institutions working with children directly and are strongly interested in developing their competencies in human rights education;
- Volunteers of organizations active in advocacy and lobbying on human rights issues, particularly issues of children's rights and human rights education for children, and interested in developing their competencies on practicing human rights education with children.

Objective of the course:

- To introduce COPMASITO (the manual on human rights education with children) as a tool for working on human rights education with children;
- To develop the participants' knowledge and competence in key concepts of human rights education with children;
- To familiarize the participants with the approaches and activities of COMPASITO and how to best use it and adapt various contexts and realities to;
- To discuss and develop the essential competencies, skills and attitudes needed for people working with children;
- To enable participants to develop activities and programs for future working on human rights education with children, at local and national level;
- To prepare activities for disseminating COMPASITO at local and national level;
- To contribute to the development of a pan-European network of professionals working with children on human rights issues.

The program of the course was designed and conducted by a multicultural team of experienced trainers. Training course was very interesting and well-organized. It was started at 9:30 and was till 19:00. All participants were actively involved in training course. The participants were trained in both, theoretical & practical activities. Trainers introduced to them with child-related programs of the Council of Europe; Human rights education theory; competencies in human rights education; Non-formal education theory and practice; Discrimination; Child abuse and etc. There were a lot of interesting role play and team building activities (some activities were from COPMASITO). The most interesting was field visit to the Hungarian ombudsman office. We had a chance to introduce and learn different countries experience. During the working in small groups the participants discussed different issues related on child's problems, issues in our country. They made interesting presentations and prepared presentations about each participant organizations.