

8 Training & Innovation
Intercultural Dialogue in Work and Health
3 – 5 July 2008

Call for Contributions

The Institute Work and Health of the German Social Accident Insurance will be organizing the 8th Training & Innovation from the 3rd till the 5th of July 2008. This year's topic is *Intercultural Dialogue in Work and Health*.

Again, the event will be carried out in cooperation with the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work. It is also a contribution to the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue.

Education and Training, Work and Health are becoming more and more international. In schools, the number of children with a migration background rises, one out of every twelve self-employed in Germany has a non-German passport. German enterprises are increasingly active internationally and in many areas, working in multiethnic teams is common.

On the basis of these considerations, cross-cultural competence and intercultural dialogue in Work and Health are becoming more and more important.

What influences do cultural and ethnic backgrounds have on conditions of work? How do different cultural and ethnic backgrounds influence behaviour at work? How can education and training cope with the modified requirements that derive, for example, from the different mother tongues and cultural backgrounds? How can education and training in health and safety take into account the cultural diversity of e.g. students and employees with a migration background?

In the focus of this year's Training & Innovation are the areas of the company, the school and Train-the-Trainer programmes and institutions.

The 8th Training & Innovation addresses :

- Human Resource Managers, managers and consultants at the company level
- Teachers, instructors and head-teachers of schools and training centres
- Intermediaries, lecturers and trainers working for companies, public institutions and training centres

Main Topics of the 8th Training & Innovation are:

- Culture in an interdisciplinary perspective
- Cross-cultural competence
- Interculturality and health
- Culture specific concepts of safety and health
- Consultancy of multinational companies and foreign-lead SMEs in the area of occupational health and safety
- Leadership in multiethnic teams
- Legal certainty in advising employees with a migration background

- Sending employees to a different country
- Management of intercultural projects
- Seminar participants with a migration background

Submission of Contributions

Contributions can take the form of speeches, posters or of practical or method oriented workshops:

- Contributions regarding innovative projects and the particularities of the intercultural dialogue behind it. From the area of companies, schools or train-the-trainer programmes.
- Workshops, in which methods for awareness rising for intercultural issues in companies, schools or train-the-trainer programmes will be presented and can be experienced.
- Examples of good practice or experiences of successful (or unsuccessful) intercultural dialogue in work and health, especially in the area of companies, schools and train-the-trainer programmes or institutions.
- Empirical Studies and findings concerning intercultural dialogue in work and health
- Concepts and methods to „learn“ cross-cultural competence
- Instruments to assess cross-cultural competence

Deadlines

29th of February 2008

Deadline for the submission of abstracts

31st of March 2008

Information about the acceptance/non-acceptance of the contributions

10th of June 2008

Deadline for the submission of reproducible contributions

Information for Contributors

Abstracts: max. 500 words

For workshops: Topic, objectives, target audience, workshop plan, way of assuring the workshop results

For speeches and posters: Topic, summary, objective, target audience, practical exercise, results

Send your Abstract with your contact details (name, address, telephone, Email to: anja.koehler@dguv.de).

Publication

The accepted contributions will be published in the proceedings of the conference. The costs for the publication are covered by the fee (300 Euro; early bird fee: 250 Euro up to 30 April 2008).

More Informationen

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