Dear all

The CiCe/CiCea executive and members from our working groups are October 27-29 having a meeting in Vienna discussing the CiCe 6 bid. Issues for the future, important for both CiCe and CiCea are how we can benefit from what we have accomplished over the years and what we can do in order to develop further and make use of all the materials we have produced. So far, some ideas have come up during our meeting here and we want to encourage you all to add to them. Please get in contact with any EC member and let us know about your suggestions.

In September CiCea in an e-mail advertised the possibility of applying for a research grant. To our surprise we didn’t have any applications at all. Therefore the EC has decided to extend the deadline. For deadline and guidelines see further down in the newsletter. Also, a travel grant for visiting one of our research centres will be advertised in February 2014. So, don’t forget to read your newsletters. You may risk missing valuable information

In an earlier message you were invited to take part of a student conference in Malmö. Malmö University has now had its first undergraduate student conference titled Future Global Challenges, October 7. Three perspectives were on the agenda, citizenship education, intercultural education and sustainable society. Texts from CiCe network and CiCe association members were used. The conference was a success with its paper- and poster seminars. Everything is now documented in a net paper, Global Future Challenges, http://grundlarartidning-en.wordpress.com/. Right now only those understanding Swedish can read it.

However, the course will be given again next year and our ambition is to invite teachers and students within our network and association. Please get in contact with me as soon as possible for more information if you and some of your students would like to take part by coming to our next conference or by publishing in the net paper.

Nanny Hartsmar, CiCea President

The new Cicea Research Centers

It is a pleasure to announce that two European universities recently adhered to the network of CiCea’s Research centers. These are the University of Huddersfield, in the UK and University of the West of Scotland, in Glasgow and Ayr, Scotland.

These research centres will be described in the next NL.

This scheme of a network of European Research Centres has been launched in September 2009 and it is composed presently of 10 universities. Besides the two new ones, the former ones are located in Ankara, Turkey; Budapest, Hungary; Coimbra, Portugal; London, UK; Olsztyn, Poland; Malmö, Sweden; Patras, Greece; and Reims, France.
On the 9th of October 2013 ‘Hard to become who you are’, a film by Wim Kratsborn has won the European VITA AWARD in Dublin as the most innovative project for young people in higher education. Essential was the creativity, the use of competences and the validation.

The film is about, for and with young people in Europe and the Arab world. During a fascinating ‘learning journey’ per train 8 youngster are searching for an own identity and an own learning style. The intro is in the disco ‘Feels like heaven’ in Istanbul and from there they participate in the ‘To-Gather Tour’. It brings them back in time to Passchendale (WWI), Auschwitz (WWII) and Riga (Cold War) and to the present Amsterdam. With the Golden Age as decor they start ‘The Global Tweet Revolution’ as solution for the present civilization crisis in ‘To-Gatherland’. There they may find an own identity and learning style, ‘a multiple choice identity’ for the future.

It is a creative and ‘passion driven learning’ as an interactive experience with images, media and music, in which social media and new technology (post digital design) are integrated. In ‘The To-Gatherbook’ (a kind of Facebook) is used. Furthermore as source of knowledge the book ‘Hard to become who you are’ is written (published in 2014).

Sources of inspiration are Howard Gardner, Jeremy Rifkin, the bands Muse and Pink Floyd, Quintin Tarantino, Carl Smith, Peter Sloterdijk, Friedrich Nietzsche and Rob Riemens.

The film lasts 60 minutes but may also be used as separate scenes: ‘World War One’, ‘Let’s have a party’ (Cold War) or ‘Crisis! What Crisis!!) in education or youth projects. It is a ‘sense opener’, source of knowledge, problem solver and a way of communication or reflection in history, sociology, art and media, philosophy, psychology and economy. For each scene a learning route is designed with info, images and links.

The VITA AWARD was won by the whole crew such as the actors, the cameraman Jan Dodema and Joris Vermost and the assistants Hugo Verkest, Zigurds Bilzonis and Sandra Rone.

And now the To-Gather Tour is starting and will bring us to London, Ieper, Vugt, Riga, Berlin, Beirut, Boston (Harvard), Kortrijk, Olsztyn and maybe to your place. We’re happy to meet you and your students for a lecture, the film or a scene, a workshop and/or a performance. The price is 500 euro plus travel and subsistence.

John Lennon sang: ‘For the benefit of Mister K. there will be a show to-night’

Drs. Wim Kratsborn
Director, scriptwriter and producer of the film ‘Hard to become who you are’
The Association is inviting applications from groups of members for research support. The available award is 1500 Euro. Applications should be made on the form available at the CiCea’s website, and e-mailed to the Association office (cicea@londonmet.ac.uk) by 1st of December, 2013.

Application Guidelines

The application must be made by a group of at least THREE Association members, from different institutions. International collaboration is strongly preferred.

Please indicate the title of the research proposal.

Please provide a one page long CV of each applicant and a list of publications that are relevant in relation to the proposed research project.

Please describe the aim of the research and its relevance in terms of citizenship (250 words).

Please give a short theoretical background: what has been done in the given field and how the proposed research can contribute with new insight to the already existing knowledge (500 words).

Please describe the planned research: sample (who will be researched – if applicable), what methodology will be used, how the results will be analyzed and provide an indicative timetable (750 words).

Please describe the planned outcomes of the research (publications, conferences, educational use etc.) (250 words).

In case the grant is planned to be used to supplement other awards and grants, then the research proposal must clearly specify what the present proposal adds to the overall project.

The Association will require a final report at the end of the project, that describes how the goal of the research was met, the research itself and its results and planned dissemination of the results (3000 words). The final report should also contain an appendix on the description of the expenditure.

The project proposed should be completed within 12 months. It must start by January 1, 2014 and end by December 31, 2014. A final report is due by March 31, 2015. The support of the Association must be acknowledged in all reports, articles, etc., resulting from the project. Please provide an informative and detailed description of the budget. The financial planning should be realistic and in line with Associations’s criteria for funding;

The budget can include:

- travel for research purposes
- transcription costs
- research assistance
- events directly linked to the research project
- incentives for research participants
- photocopying
- statistical consulting

The budget cannot include:

- conference registration and associated fees
- general subsistence
- capital expenditure (e.g., building refurbishment, equipment acquisition, etc)
- consumables (e.g., stationery, scientific supplies, websites etc)
- school, college or university fees
- school/college/university student covering existing salary costs or professional fees
- retrospective research
- replacement of statutory funding
- commercial activities

Procedure

All applications will be reviewed by the CiCea Executive committee. Feedback about acceptance or non-acceptance is expected by November 30, 2013. The award will be transferred to a designated official bank account by December 31, 2013.

APPLICATIONS ARE WELCOME!!!!!!

Inquiries should be addressed to Márta Fulop, Research and Publication Officer, CiCea fmata@mtapi.hu
The last CiCe/Cicea's (executive committee meetings and Cice working groups seminar took place in Vienna, at the campus of Pädagogische Hochschule Wien on the 28th-30th October, 2013. The organization of the seminar has been possible due to the hospitality of the university and the priceless collaboration of Dr. Thomas Bauer.

The following members have been participating at the meeting: Andrew Mycock, Andri Savva, Antal Orkeny, Beata Krzywosz-Rynkiewicz, Chris Gifford, Christine Roland-Lévy, Despoina Karakatsani, Henry Maitles, Hugo Verkest, JulMarta Fulop, Nanny Hartsman, Nilufer Pembeçioglu, Paula Cowan, Penelope Hartnett, Peter Cunningham, Susana Goncalves, Ulla Lundgren and Wolfgang Berg.

The Cice5 external evaluator, Iring Wasser was also be present at the meeting as part of his evaluation. He will report on the basis of his observations and talks with the EC and working group members.

Regional workshop on Social Development and Interpersonal Dynamics in childhood and adolescence (Hungary, 12-14 September 2013)

The International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD) Regional Workshop 2013 titled ‘Social Development and Interpersonal Dynamics in Childhood and Adolescence’ was organized by Prof. Mártá Fülöp, the Scientific Vice-director of the Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience and Psychology of the Research Centre for Natural Sciences of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Research and Publication Officer of the Children’s Identity and Citizenship: European Association (CiCe).

The aim of the regional workshop of the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD) was to provide a forum for talented young researchers of Central Europe to present their research in the field of the development of social behaviour and to give them the opportunity to attend plenary talks of world-famous scholars and the possibility to discuss their ongoing work with experienced senior researchers. The workshop also served as the annual meeting for eight international young researchers supported by the Jacobs Foundation Fellowship Program presented their studies in posters in a separate poster session that was moderated by two invited chairs and discussants Prof. Toni C. Antonucci and Prof. Silvia Koller.

The workshop was supported by a grant of 50,000 USD given by the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD, http://www.issbd.org) and the Swiss Jacobs Foundation (http://jacobsfoundation.org).
Your hosts: The University of Huddersfield

You will be hosted by the Institute for Citizenship and Applied Human Sciences (IRCAHS) https://www.hud.ac.uk/research/researchcentres/cahs/, which is part of the School of Human and Health Sciences https://www.hud.ac.uk/hhs/. The Institute develops and coordinates the highest quality national and international research within the broad areas of social and public policy, focusing on areas around social work, politics, criminology, applied psychology, health sciences and investigative psychology.

We carry out research on citizenship and citizenship related themes including: young people and political participation; ethnic identities and multiculturalism; gender and sexuality; health, well-being and the safety of children. The University recently led an FP7 funded project “Coping”, which explored how imprisonment of a parent affects children. https://www.hud.ac.uk/research/researchcentres/cacs/projects/coping/

About Huddersfield

Huddersfield is in the North of England, situated in the heart of the Yorkshire Moors close to Bronte country. It is a handsome former mill town that was at the centre of the industrial revolution and that heritage is still visible today. It is one of the largest towns in the UK but is easy to get to know and the people are hospitable and friendly. The University is on the edge of the town, 10 minute walk from the main station, and is a “state of the art” campus that now includes a 30 million Euro Learning and Leisure Centre providing students and staff with a unique hub combining a library, computing, sport, leisure, eating, social and meeting facilities.

Practical aspects

Facilities

dedicated research and meeting rooms
excellent library and computing facilities
a good hotel next to the University

Getting there

Airport: Manchester (direct train to Huddersfield), Leeds -Bradford

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Truth breaks from the bottom and bobs to the surface.
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Its peak offers an excellent view of the Essence of Things.
For all its charms, the island is uninhabited,
and the faint footprints scattered on its beaches
turn without exception to the sea.
As if all you can do here is leave
and plunge, never to return, into the depths.
Into unfathomable life.
Young People's Citizenship Activity Profiles and the Underlying Psychological Characteristics – An International Perspective

A new research initiative of CiCe and CiCeA members. The academic staff of European universities that are members of CiCe and CiCeA initiated a research project aiming to determine young Europeans’ readiness to undertake citizenship activities and to describe the psychological characteristics that underlie citizen attitudes.

Three profiles of young people’s citizen attitudes have been identified in previous research based on cluster analysis:

Teenagers demonstrating high levels of civic engagement, who were referred to as Rebels and constituted more than 15% of the studied population, were characterized by both passive and semi-active citizenship attitudes and a general reluctance to participate in political activities or activities aiming to bring about change.

The Activists group demonstrated high levels of involvement in all forms and types of activity. They constituted more than a quarter of the surveyed population (27%). The psychological characteristics underlying every profile were described with the use of psychological tests.

The previous study was based on a reliable methodological model, but it was carried out in a single country, Poland, which was a significant limitation. To validate our previous results and identify new trends and correlations, we have invited academics and professionals from many countries to participate in this project. Our project team represents the cross-European perspective:

Poland – Beata Krzywosz-Rynkiewicz, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, and Anna Zalewska, Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities
Czech Republic – Jan Lasek, University Hradec Kralove
Estonia – Kristi Koiv, University of Tartu
Finland – Riitta Korhonen, University of Turku
France – Christine Roland-Levy, University of Reims
Greece – Despina Karakatsani

Our project will attempt to answer three main research questions:

Are the profiles identified in the previous study of Poland also manifested in other European countries, and if so, in what proportions?

What psychological characteristics underlie citizenship activity profiles?

What developmental regularities (from late childhood to late adulthood) accompany different citizenship activity profiles?

Our results will expand our understanding of young people’s attitudes and participation in citizenship activities.

The study will contribute valuable data for preparing a series of high-level publications in the field of pedagogy, developmental and social psychology, psychology of personality, social and political sciences.

Beata Krzywosz-Rynkiewicz

Smart Solutions

Nanny Hartsmar, a member of the EC of CiCe/Cicea took the opportunity of the conference of The Index Design to Improve Life (held in Denmark on the 30th August, 2013) to disseminate the idea of Citizenship Education and CiCe/CiCeA in nine 7 minutes seminars.

More information on this interdisciplinary project of social and environmental positive impact can be seen at the website http://designtoimprovelife.dk/
THE GAME OF EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP

CiCea produced this kit with 40 images as a pedagogical tool for discussions on issues of European citizenship. The kit may be used with young people of 15 to 25 years old through a range of activities utilizing various group dynamics (energizers, ice-breakers, storytelling, stimulating creativity, cooperative work…)

Help CiCea pursue its mission

Order your kit for 20 € from CiCea (the kit included 40 photos and a leaflet with instructions and suggestions for its use)

Information and orders: ciceassociation@gmail.com

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