

## Leonardo and Grundtvig Partnerships

### UK Contact Seminar

24 – 27 November 2010,

Lansdowne Place Hotel, Brighton

### **Technology and Learning: using technology to support the learning process and overcoming the digital divide**

You are invited to attend our Contact Seminar to meet, share ideas and develop applications for funding with prospective European partners for Leonardo and Grundtvig Partnerships.

#### **Background**

The Contact Seminar is a networking event organised by the UK National Agency responsible for the implementation of the European Union's Lifelong Learning Programme, of which Leonardo and Grundtvig are a part. The Seminar's aim is to provide organisations working in the field of education and training an opportunity to develop projects that address common themes.

For this Seminar the focus will be on developing Grundtvig and/or Leonardo Partnership projects only. The Grundtvig programme is focused on non-vocational Adult Education whilst Leonardo funds projects related to Vocational Education and Training.

Partnerships are small projects which focus on co-operation and exchange of information, staff and trainees at a European level and aim to involve a wide range of organisations, particularly those who are new to European Funding. Partnerships allow you to work with partners from across Europe to share best practice, discuss problems and compare solutions on a particular topic. A minimum of 3 partners from 3 different participating countries are required which means that each Partnership should include your organisation plus other organisations from at least two additional participating countries. Partnership activities can be wide ranging and consist of mobility activities to visit partner institutions abroad and local activities in your own area.

## Contact Seminar

At the event participants will have the opportunity to:

- gather information on Leonardo and Grundtvig Partnerships;
- meet with prospective project partners;
- take part in discussion groups around the chosen theme;
- find out about good practice examples and meet experienced promoters of Partnership projects; and
- receive advice on how to transform project ideas into good quality applications for funding.

The working language of the Seminar will be English.

## The Theme

The Lifelong Learning Programme has helped a variety of groups' access learning opportunities, enhancing the contribution of technology to education and training and improving employment opportunities. Participants need to be interested in developing Partnerships in this theme for example:

**Bridging the digital divide** – significant sections of the community remain digitally excluded and a new digital divide is also emerging based not only on access to technology but the quality of use. Project ideas might include using mobile and web based technology using MP3 and 4 players to engage and support non-native speakers in language acquisition.

**Using technology to widen access to learning** - using technology to support the learning process can provide a means of engaging the hardest to reach groups. Project ideas might include targeting people in rural areas, the elderly or using assistive technology e.g. for deaf or blind people.

**Using technology to enhance learning** – technology plays an increasing role in every day life. Identifying practical ways to utilise technology so as to enhance learning represents a significant challenge. Project ideas might include exploring how learners use sector specific websites to support their continuing education and lifelong learning and using this information to share best practice in the use of web based information.

## Preparatory Visits

Participants need to apply for a Preparatory Visit grant from the National Agency in the country where they are based. The grant is a contribution towards travel, subsistence and the Contact Seminar fee.

## How do I apply for funding?

Your National Agency will be able to give you full details of the application process (i.e. application forms and general guidance including applicable deadlines). A list of contact details for all National Agencies can be found at [http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc1208\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc1208_en.htm)

You will need to complete the on-line Preparatory Visits application. Your National Agency will make a decision whether to award you a grant. If successful the grant will cover the seminar fee and a contribution towards travel costs. This funding is available for both the Leonardo and Grundtvig programmes for organisations interested in submitting an application for funding in 2011.

## Contact Seminar Fee

The fee for participation is €600 and this includes accommodation for 3 nights and all meals during the seminar. There will be approximately 60 participants from across Europe.

## How do I register for the Contact Seminar?

If your Preparatory Visit grant application is selected for funding, you will be required to complete an online registration form by **23 October 2010** to confirm your attendance. Details of the online registration process will be published during October.

## UK participant enquiries please contact:

**Leonardo Helpline:** 0845 199 2929(Contact: Mary Jolley) / [preparatory.visits@ecotec.com](mailto:preparatory.visits@ecotec.com)

**GrundtvigHelpline:** 0845199 1919 (Contact:Jessica Keller) /[preparatory.visits@ecotec.com](mailto:preparatory.visits@ecotec.com)

## About Brighton

Brighton is one of the most energetic, unique, vibrant, colourful and creative cities in Europe. Cosmopolitan, compact, exotic, historic, fun, lively, young and free-spirited, it's a city like no other. Nestling between the South Downs and the sea on the stunning south coast, Brighton offers everything from Regency heritage to beachfront cool. With a fantastic mix of iconic attractions, famed nightlife, award winning restaurants, funky arts, culture and year round festivals and events, Brighton offers the visitor an abundance of culture to satisfy all tastes. When you're here it's worth a visit to the Royal Pavilion, Brighton Marina, Palace Pier, and the many museums and art galleries.



## Directions - How to get to Brighton

Lansdowne Place Hotel is situated on Lansdowne Place (BN3 1HQ), just steps away from Brighton seafront and central attractions, and is within easy reach of Brighton Station.

Address: Lansdowne Place Hotel, Lansdowne Place, Brighton, East Sussex, BN3 1HQ

Tel: +44(0)1273 736266

Email: [info@lansdowneplace.co.uk](mailto:info@lansdowneplace.co.uk)

[www.lansdowne.co.uk](http://www.lansdowne.co.uk)

## Travelling by Rail

From Brighton train station the venue is a 30 min walk:

- Head south on Surrey St/A2010 toward Upper Gloucester Rd
- Turn left at Upper Gloucester Rd/A2010
- Turn right at Queen's Rd/A2010
- Turn right at North St/B2066
- Continue to follow B2066
- Turn left at Brunswick St West
- Destination will be on the right

Alternatively a taxi from Brighton train station takes approximately 5 minutes and a taxi rank is available at the station.

## Travelling by Air:

From Heathrow Airport you can travel by rail. Heathrow Underground Station connects to London Victoria from London Victoria there is a direct train service to Brighton; the journey takes approximately 2 hours.

There are also regular bus services from Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton and Stansted Airports operated by National Express. Please telephone +44 (0)8717 818 178 for more information.

## Travelling by Eurostar:

You can travel by Eurostar to London St Pancras International.

Take the train from Euston Station direct to Brighton train station. The train takes approx 1½hours.

## Travelling by Sea:

### Newhaven Harbour:

Brighton is within easy access of Northern France from the nearby port of Newhaven.

Newhaven Harbour Train Station provides a regular train service to direct to Brighton; the journey takes approximately 30 minutes

### Port of Dover, Portsmouth and Southampton

The journey only takes approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours by motorway from the major ports.

### Travelling by Road

North of the town, the A23 connects to the M23/M25 motorway while East-West directions are served by the A27.

The journey from the M25 London orbital motorway takes approximately 45 minutes by road.

