

## **interdiac**

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### **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE**

**New interdiac interactive course**

#### **Just Communication?**

*Pastoral Conversations, Counselling, and Coaching*

#### **Invitation**

Welcome to this course, which is for people who in their everyday practice are involved in conversations with people facing some difficulties or challenges in their life. It will help you develop your knowledge and skills.

#### **Key Themes of the Programme**

- ✓ The course is based on the practice of communication that accepts people and encourages and supports them to take personal responsibility for their lives.
- ✓ The course also aims to support empowerment rather than simple adaptation, in cases where the context is a key factor causing the problems the person or group is facing.
- ✓ In this process of learning the link between communication and the search for conviviality and social justice will be explored.

#### **Main Learning Points**

- ✓ Learning experientially to differentiate communication, counselling & coaching, and to discern which one to apply
- ✓ Exploring the meaning of conviviality in relation to communication from both sociological and theological perspectives and the recognition of the need to take social justice issues into account in counselling and coaching
- ✓ Ethical issues in communication, counselling and coaching
- ✓ Learning to work with people at different stages in the life course so as to affirm common humanity, express compassion and practice accountability
- ✓ Building an empowerment based framework for practice and learning the skills of empowering communication in the settings
- ✓ Discovering and sharing resources of self-compassion and spiritual practice to address caregivers' fatigue

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### **Methodology**

The workshop will blend the sharing of participants' experience, gaining fresh knowledge and practicing new skills. The emphasis will be on a participatory approach to learning.

### **Who is invited to join the Course?**

- Social and pastoral workers, diaconal workers and pastors

### **Applications**

If you wish to participate in the course, please, write a short motivation letter covering the questions:

- Briefly describe your current involvement in social or diaconal work (max 10 sentences)
- Explain why you want to participate in this course. What are your learning goals? How this course will help your practice? (max 15 sentences)

### **Please Note:**

1. Your motivational letter is expected by the **31<sup>st</sup> of March 2018** at the latest. Please send it to this email address:  
[administration@interdiac.eu](mailto:administration@interdiac.eu)
2. The chosen candidates will be informed and invited to the Course at the latest by the **16<sup>th</sup> of April 2018**
3. Participants will need a working knowledge of English

### **Duration of the Course**

November 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 2018, Český Těšín, the Czech Republic

### **Financial matters**

The course fee is 50 EUR plus the cost of accommodation in Český Těšín during the course. These costs are kept to a minimum.

Admitted participants will have the possibility to apply for financial support to help cover travel and accommodation expenses. More detailed information will be sent to the selected candidates.

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