

## Learning from the Past – Acting for the Future Teaching about the Holocaust and Human Rights

A 11-week online engagement professional opportunity for teachers in Europe (21 September – 4 December, 2020)

## **Call for applications**

This program, developed by The Olga Lengyel Institute (TOLI), in partnership with the Intercultural Institute of Timisoara and with support from the Council of Europe, is addressed to teachers working in Europe, who are interested to develop their competences to teach about the Holocaust and human rights.

The aim of this course is to contribute to increasing the quality of education regarding the Holocaust and human rights. The program provides a rich opportunity to integrate national and international approaches in teaching about these topics and in understanding the contemporary relevance of this important part of modern history.

## The objectives of the program are to:

- Develop teachers' awareness of historical and current dialectical discussions concerning the Holocaust and other instances of social injustice;
- Develop teachers' understanding of the impact of stereotypes, prejudices and discrimination at individual, group and society level;
- Develop teachers' understanding of the Jewish history and Roma history before and after World War II;
- Increase appreciation for innovative, student-centered teaching methods, including extra-curricular activities and partnerships between school and other institutions and organizations
- Promote a blended approach of Holocaust education and Human Rights education.

A group of 40 teachers from across Europe will have the opportunity to attend the online course. Following the course teachers will receive support to put into practice what they learned and develop local projects with their students. They will be able to access a Minigrant Program which offers financial support and educational counseling.

The duration of the course is 11 weeks. The engagement required from the teachers is 2-3 hours per week. The methods used in the course will consist of both synchronous and asynchronous activities such as: webinars, discussion forums, collaborative work, video, individual and group assignments, readings, etc. Participants will create an account on the



course platform where they will be able to access all the materials, as well as to communicate and collaborate with the other participants. Every week, a new module of the course will become available for participants and the learning process will be organized and supported by two facilitators, while guest speakers will address participants live or through recorded videos.

Applications are welcome from teachers who:

- Teach high school or middle school students in a Member State of the Council of Europe
- Have some experience teaching about the Holocaust (have taught this topic at least one semester before)
- Are committed to teaching about the Holocaust following their participation in this program
- Are able to attend the program for its entire duration and to contribute to the program's activities
- Have basic skills to operate computers
- Have good English language skills (at least B2)
- Have <u>not</u> been previously involved in a seminar on the Holocaust organized by The Olga Lengyel Institute (TOLI)

In order to apply for this course, please fill in the form available at the link below, no later than **11 September, 2020**: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TOLI-Europe</u>

You can find out more about TOLI programs in Europe at: <u>https://www.toli.us</u>

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