

Invitation to the International Seminar:

**Innovative Learning
for Community Based Action**

Linz, Austria, 8 – 9 March 2016 (+ Workshop 7 March)



The aims of the Seminar are to:

- ✓ **share** experiences of learning programmes which have used participatory and community based methods
- ✓ **learn** from the approach to learning processes based on the so-called 'exposure process' in different contexts
- ✓ **develop** new learning programmes which can be used with different groups of learners
- ✓ **focus** on the theology & spirituality that underlies 'exposure based learning' and related service models.

The Seminar is for:

- ✓ trainers involved in learning programmes for local diaconal, pastoral and social action
- ✓ workers in local social and community based projects, parishes, diaconia or caritas who are seeking new ways to work for empowerment and transformation in their work
- ✓ trainers and lecturers involved in providing initial learning and education for pastoral or diaconal work, who are developing participatory and empowering approaches
- ✓ those responsible for developing new ways of working in the areas of pastoral, diaconal and mission work
- ✓ people who have participated in CABLE training and want to share and deepen their experience

Background to the Seminar

A network of organisations involved in training and learning for Christian social practice has developed a training model that is known as 'CABLE – community action based learning for empowerment'. CABLE is based on a process of biography-based learning, known as 'exposure' to work on the development of a clarified and renewed approach to work in context.

The CABLE approach has been used to **train new workers in the field, in degree programmes and in in-service training**. It has been applied in both 'community' and 'institutional' settings.

The CABLE approach has also been used **with members of community groups, local congregations and with service users** in localities and in service organisations.

The Cardijn Association has been pioneering this approach in Linz and now wishes to share with others in developing new steps in the work locally, nationally and internationally.

Programme of the Seminar

The programme will give a space for those who have used this approach to share it with others and to develop and deepen it in relation to different groups of learners and contexts. It will also give attention to the theological and spiritual learning from such processes.



There will be an open evening of the seminar on Tuesday to which interested and active people from the Linz area will be invited. The focus of this will be on theological reflection on exposure based learning and work.

Pre- Seminar Workshop 7th March

For those unfamiliar with the practice of exposure based learning a one-day participatory workshop will be organised one day before the seminar starts. For those new to the methodology we recommend participating in this workshop.

Resource People

Rob van Waarde, Urban mission practitioner and researcher. Co-editor of a book of reflections on exposure based learning and practice 'This is how the Game is Played' (Netherlands)

Members of the CABLE network and the Cardijn Association who have used the CABLE approach in their own work.

Practicalities

Workshop: The preparatory workshop will be held on Monday 7th March from 9.00 until 18.00 and participants from outside Linz may arrive on the Sunday evening

Seminar: The seminar will run from 9.00 on 8th until 18.00 on 9th March and there will be a social evening on 9th. Departures will be after breakfast on 10th March.

Accommodation costs and participation fee details are on the booking form.

Language

The seminar and workshop will be accessible in English and German

Accommodation

Those who request accommodation will be offered overnight bed and breakfast in Cardijn House or a nearby comfortable youth hostel. For information see the booking form

Travel Information

Will be circulated nearer the time but Linz is connected by train service to Vienna Airport. Many international trains come via Linz, which also has its own airport with connecting flights via Vienna, Frankfurt and Dusseldorf as well as a direct flight to London. Allow 2- 3 hours for travel from Vienna and 30- 60 minutes from Linz airport.

Cardijn Association

The Cardijn Association is based in Linz, Austria and is involved in local and international ecumenical learning activities. It organises regular seminars on the questions of theology, economy and work as well as on community based work and social action. It is a member of the CABLE network and has been developing the exposure approach to training locally for different groups as well as internationally.

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The logo for CABLE, featuring the word 'CABLE' in a blue sans-serif font with a red 'C'.

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