

## Practical information

*InTerfaith, building community* is an initiative developed by I.T.OUCH' (Brussels), an activity programme aiming at building active coexistence and peace, cf. [www.itouchalameda.com](http://www.itouchalameda.com).

The cycle of international seminars is organised in collaboration with MIT Giovani Italy and Elijah Interfaith Institute, Jerusalem.

The session from August 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 will take place at

Maison N.-D. du Chant-d'Oiseau,  
Avenue des Franciscains, 3A  
B-1150 Bruxelles, Belgium

English, French and Italian will be the working languages. Knowing one of them is sufficient.

Participation in the seminar will cost 550€, including registration fee, teaching material, pedagogical visits and full board accommodation. A grant application will be submitted to reduce these costs. Travel and visa expenses cannot be covered.

### **More information and registration:**

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“ May there be fostered everywhere the peaceful encounter of believers and genuine religious freedom. Here, our responsibility before God, humanity and the future is great; it calls for unremitting effort, without dissimulation. It is a call that challenges us, a path to be taken together, for the good of all, and with hope. May the religions be *wombs of life*, bearing the merciful love of God to a wounded and needy humanity; may they be *doors of hope*. ”

Pope Francis, Interreligious audience, 3 November 2016



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for a diversity of people

An experience  
of training  
and  
living together

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in the heart of Belgium

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## Why?

***“What can we do to respond to the most pressing challenges of our time, such as violence and conflicts?***

***What if we trained ourselves in order to build societies based on respect and mutual understanding, where we will all be collaborating with each other?”***

That is the challenge which twenty five young Christians, Muslims and Jews from Europe, the Middle East and other places will take up during a summer seminar organised by I.T.OUCH’.

Because Europe and the world need ambassadors of ‘active coexistence’<sup>1</sup>, and it is possible to enlarge networks gathering people who foster peace and build up their societies together.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. [www.coexister.fr](http://www.coexister.fr)

## What?

- Getting an insight into the values of one’s own religious tradition and familiarising one’s self with the traditions of others, with the help of experts
- Following the steps of privileged witnesses, ‘religious geniuses’<sup>2</sup>, in order to discover the basic traits of peacemakers
- Becoming aware of the constructive power of religions in the process of making the world more humane and of building peaceful societies

*Through:*

- A week of training and living together
- Conferences and themed workshops
- Peer learning and sharing different points of view regarding sacred texts
- Visits to places of interest
- Common social action

<sup>2</sup> Cf. <http://elijah-interfaith.org>

## For whom?

For ***youth workers, teachers, educators, men and women from Jewish, Christian or Muslim backgrounds and from different countries***

For people willing to start or continue initiatives involving ***interfaith dialogue for building community on a local level***

For ***you?*** ... !

N.B.

This seminar is the second of a cycle. Participants will be required to do some preparation work prior to the international seminar by distance learning. Some of the participants will be invited to the seminar in 2018, each of them accompanied by other people, who will have taken part in *InTerfaith*, *building community* activities at a local level.

