



“United youth against violent extremism in Europe”

European Youth Centre Budapest

1st Study Session: 24th-28th April 2017

2nd Study Session: 11th-15th September 2017

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

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Deadline 15th February 2017

Background

“**United youth against violent extremism in Europe**” is a partnership activity organized by HREYN – Human Rights Education Youth Network, UNITED for Intercultural Action, EYP - European Youth Press and the Youth Department of the Council of Europe.

HREYN – Human Rights Education Youth Network is an independent non-governmental human rights education organization composed by youth associations as well as trainers, activists, youth workers, youth leaders, teachers, researchers, volunteers, professionals and other people committed to promoting human rights education and the protection of human rights.

UNITED for Intercultural Action is the European network against nationalism, racism, fascism and in support of migrants, refugees and minorities. Together with over 560 supporter organizations all around Europe, ranging from local grassroots associations to national and international NGOs, UNITED coordinates campaigns, organizes conferences, takes part in projects, produces publications and undertakes advocacy work to protest against discrimination and promote our shared vision for a diverse and inclusive society.

EYP - European Youth Press is a network of youth media organizations in Europe. It works to build a society where empowered young media makers are actively participating and contributing to the public sphere by creating fair, independent and responsible media, fostering the development of democracy, international development and a sustainable future.

This project builds upon the experience gained by these organizations and its members in different European contexts throughout the No Hate Speech Movement Campaign promoted by the Council of Europe and on the proposals collected by HREYN during the Study Session “Building Peace in Europe – The Role of Civil Society and Young People” held in Budapest in March 2016.

The extension of the No Hate Speech Movement gives us the opportunity to continue and further improve our activism for the protection of human rights in and through the online space, considering the new challenges that activists and educators are facing today compared to the Campaign kick-off in 2013. Such challenges include the recent conflicts at European borders, the ongoing refugees’ crisis, the escalation of global terrorism and the recent terror attacks in Europe, with the consequential raise of hate crimes and hate speech often targeting young people belonging to minorities as well as educators and activists working with minorities.

Aims and objectives

The aim of this project is to provide to youth trainers', youth activists' and young people at risk of social exclusion skills to act against violent extremism and hate speech, fostering young people’s active participation, promote social cohesion and increase a sense of European citizenship.

Objectives:

- To develop strategies and activities involving young people in combating hate and violence in response to the ongoing political and social events in Council of Europe member states;
- To encourage cooperation among youth networks and groups who may be targets of hate speech;
- To multiply the local impact of the No Hate Speech Movement by actively involving local communities in countering hate speech;
- To increase competences of youth trainers, activists and young people at risk of social exclusion in the field of Human Rights Education and activism;
- To enhance youth participation and facilitate access to international youth activism for young people at risk of social exclusion;
- To mainstream anti-hate speech and HRE methods and tools developed during the No Hate Speech Movement, with specific focus on Bookmarks and the updated version of Compass;
- To create and develop projects that will be implemented by young people and the partner youth organizations.

Phases and methodology

1st Study Session: April 24-28 2017. The first Study Session will be open to youth trainers/activists already engaged and experienced in countering hate speech within the No Hate Speech Movement and through the partner organizations.

Intermediate phase: April-September 2017. Participants will implement a joint action day/campaign defined during the first Study Session.

2nd Study Session: September 11-15 2017. The second Study Session will be open to youth trainers/activists and young people engaged during the intermediate phase, with priority to young people belonging to vulnerable groups and/or at risk of social exclusion.

The educational approaches will follow the principles of non-formal education, mainly through experiential learning where participants learn from one another and explore the themes through inputs and discussions, simulation activities and work in smaller working groups. The experience of participants is the starting point, but methods will vary in the different phases and will be adapted to the needs of the selected groups of participants.

Venue, board and lodging

The first Study Session will start on April 24 2017 9.00 AM and will finish on April 28 2017 6.00 PM at the European Youth Centre Budapest. Board and lodging costs will be covered by the Youth Department of the Council of Europe.

Travel expenses and enrollment fee

Travel expenses and visa costs will be reimbursed upon presentation of the relevant receipts, according to the rules of the Council of Europe. Only the participants who attend the entire study session may be reimbursed. The payment will be made on spot at the end the study session or by bank transfer after the study session in Euros. An enrolment fee of 50 Euros is payable by each participant. This amount will be deducted from the amount to be reimbursed for travel expenses. For participants with travel costs lower than 50 Euros, the difference needs to be paid at the EYCB during the study session.

Please do not arrange your travel and do not buy any tickets until you get the official confirmation from organizers of the study session that you have been selected for attendance and given further instructions for travel arrangements.

Profile of participants

The current call for participants is open to youth trainers/activists who:

- have experience in countering hate speech within the No Hate Speech Movement and through the partner organizations.;
- are highly motivated to participate and contribute to the event and to implementation of its results;
- are ready and able to work as multipliers;
- are preferably aged between 18 and 30;
- can attend the full duration of the first study session and to the intermediate phase;
- can work in English;
- reside in one of the States parties to the European Cultural Convention (all member states of the Council of Europe plus Belarus, Holy See and Kazakhstan) and Kosovo*.

Selection procedure

The preparatory team will select participants on the basis of the profile outlined above and ensuring a balanced group (gender, geographical regions, different types of experiences, cultural backgrounds and organizations). All interested candidates are required to duly complete the application form available

HERE: <https://goo.gl/forms/51KaKuWvrTxkXFNB2>

by February 15th 2017. Successful applicants will be contacted by latest 28 February 2017.

Further information

For further information, please contact us at info@hre-youth.net

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