

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Training Course "Educate for Democracy"

15th – 22nd September 2024

Spain

Organized by:



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ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

This activity will be organized by DYPALL Network in cooperation with Novisi Elkartea.

DYPALL Network (Developing Youth Participation at Local Level) is a European platform of over 80 civil society organizations and local authorities from more than 30 countries, that aims to involve young people in decision-



making processes at local level, and thus enable municipal and regional authorities to address the needs and interests of youth, engage young people as active actors of problem-solving and increase the level of ownership, commitment and involvement of an important part of our communities.

YP Lab is a resource and mobility center within DYPALL Network with the focus on research development and capacity building in the field of local youth participation.

In order to realize this ambitious and challenging initiative, DYPALL Network has the following objectives:

- Develop structures and mechanisms for youth participation in decision-making at local level;
- Identify best practices and introduce innovative approaches on public governance in cooperation with local authorities and civil society organizations active in the field of youth;
- Foster youth engagement and inclusiveness in representative and participatory democracy processes;

- Build capacity and provide technical assistance on various areas and processes like policy making, advocacy, structured dialogue, co-management, and more;
- Mainstream youth policies at local and regional level (such as youth Guarantee schemes) to develop cohesive and engaged societies.

For more information: <http://dypall.com>

TRAINING COURSE

The primary focus of the training is to empower youth workers and youth leaders from various EU and non-EU countries to effectively replicate in their local communities the "Educate for Democracy" programme, and thus create a larger international network of trainers and peer educators of this educational programme focused on citizenship.

The "Educate for Democracy" training programme is focused on citizenship education, be it in a formal or a non-formal learning environment, bringing the concept, ideas and values of democracy closer to young people. In the XXI century, the true meaning of democracy and citizenship is threatened by old and new fears, lack of social bonds and solidarity, environmental challenges, and a generalised sense of insecurity.

Youth work has a key role in ensuring the empowerment of young people, offering them the opportunity to develop skills and competencies that would allow them to understand the dynamics behind the democratic processes, to practice citizenship, to be active in their community, not just every 4 or 5 years casting a ballot, but every and each day of their life.

We will cover six key topics: Citizen participation, Understanding and experiencing democracy (from local to European level), Increasing my impact – local initiatives and advocacy, Media literacy and critical thinking, Our democracies at risk (populism among other factors) and Youth leadership.

OBJECTIVES

- Empower youth workers with knowledge and tools to address issues like democracy, active citizenship, and critical thinking with young people in a non-formal education setting
- Train youth workers and youth leaders from municipalities and civil-society organisations to be the multipliers of the "Educate for Democracy" programme that serves as a valuable resource for youth workers seeking to empower young people to become active and engaged citizens, fostering a culture of democracy, participation, and social responsibility among the next generation
- Raise awareness among youth workers about the fragility of democracy and the importance of nurturing a sense of active citizenship and encouraging democratic engagement among youth in their local communities
- Foster collaboration and networking among youth workers from EU and non-EU countries, facilitating the exchange of best practices and experiences in promoting democracy and active citizenship among young people
- Enhance intercultural understanding and tolerance, promoting a shared sense of European identity and unity

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

The training will be done in the format of Training for trainers and peer educators and will be designed for 25 participants from Spain, Portugal, Croatia, Slovenia, Albania, Latvia, Greece, Türkiye, Georgia and Armenia with the following profile:

- Youth workers from civil society organizations and municipalities
- Members of Local youth councils who can act as peer educators

The Training will be completely based on non-formal education methods and as

a basis for the training programme we will use the “Educate for Democracy” toolkit.

After the training the participants are expected to deliver a session from “Educate for Democracy” programme in their local community.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Travelling days and expenses

- Activity will take place in Mollina, Spain
- **Arrival day** is 15th September and **departure day** is 22nd September 2024
- Travelling **maximum** 2 days before **or** 2 days after the designated travel dates is allowed; otherwise, the ticket will not be eligible for reimbursement
- In the case of arriving earlier or departing after the designated travel days please note that the organisers will not cover the cost of your stay for the extra days
- **Flight tickets** shall be bought **only after confirmation from the organizers**. Travel expenses to and from the venue will be reimbursed up to a maximum per country/per participant (including all travel costs from the participant’s home to the venue):
 - Croatia, Slovenia, Portugal – 309€
 - Albania, Greece – 395€
 - Latvia, Turkey, Georgia, Armenia – 580€
 - Spain – 28€
- For participants who need a visa, the visa costs will be covered up to 100€

- **Reimbursement** will be done via bank transfer **after** the activity (within 2 months)
- **Accommodation and meals** will be provided by the organizers. Please note that the accommodation will be provided in shared rooms. There is no possibility to be accommodated in a single room.

Other information

- An **Info pack** with further details on accommodation and final programme will be shared with the selected participants;
- There is **no participation fee**.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To apply for participation in this Training please **fill in the online application form**: <https://forms.gle/CuQ1MejZbNPdoHNc7>

The deadline for applying is **23rd July 2024 by 23.59 CET**.

FUNDING

The activity is co-funded by the Erasmus + Programme of the European Union, implemented by INJUVE, which performs the function of being the National Agency for the Erasmus+ programme in Spain. For more information: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/>

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