



Call for Participants

Keep Democracy Great!

Training Course for Youth Workers

27 November – 06 December 2020, Slettestrand, Denmark

Together with our partners, we are looking for participants from: Denmark, Hungary, Lithuania, Greece, Poland, Portugal, Turkey and Spain - for the Training Course “Keep Democracy Great! 27 November – 06 December 2020, Slettestrand, Denmark

Summary:

“Keep Democracy Great! Is a Training Course, that will be conducted in Slettestrand, Denmark. The training course will provide the participating youth workers with methods and tools to deepen their understanding of the concept of democracy, as well as to improve their competences upon how to transfer the knowledge about the importance of democratic values to young people in their local community.

The aim of the project is to promote and maintain the current democratic values and strengthen the belief of its importance amongst young people.

The objectives of the Training course are:

- a) To deepen youth workers' understanding upon the meaning and importance of democracy, also the role of the European Union to preserve it.
- b) To deepen youth workers' understanding upon the factors which can decrease the strength of democracy and the effects of its deconsolidation.
- c) To equip youth workers with skills and competences how to maintain democracy: critical thinking, detection of fake news, fighting populism.
- d) To raise youth workers' awareness on the current political issues, and how to be active citizen in Europe.
- e) To provide youth workers with new non-formal methods by which they will promote the importance of democracy and the participation in democratic life amongst young people.
- f) To raise youth workers' confidence in organising local activities upon promoting the values of democracy designed by non-formal methods.

The Training Course will be conducted in English and translation will not be provided. Therefore, the participants are expected to have an intermediate level of English, both written and spoken.





Participants profile:

The primary selection criterion is that the participant shall understand the aim and objectives of the project and shall be willing to foster its completion. Beside of that, the participant of the training course shall:

- Be a youth worker and be involved in the deliverance of non-formal learning for young people.
- Be above 21 years old. Persons under 21 years of age, may be considered based on motivation and experience.
- Be committed to take part in the whole duration of the training course, and be willing to be active on the training course and work in a multinational environment.
- Be willing to make dissemination activities to share the results of the project.
- Be at least on an intermediate level in English Participant selection.

In order to participate, the candidates should be motivated to promote the concept of democracy amongst local young people, but in need of acquiring the necessary capacity to strengthening their own understanding and knowledge upon the importance of democratic values.

Candidates who do not fulfil the above requirements will not be considered.

Application and selection procedure

Candidates shall complete an application form on the following link:

<http://intercollege.info/participants-zone-2/open-calls-2/application-keep-democracy-great>

Deadlines

The candidates should have completed and submitted the application form **no later than 23rd October 2020**. Confirmation of the participant selection will be announced by the organizer on **26th October 2020** the latest.

Within **5 days** after the selection results are announced, participants must purchase their travel tickets to the activity venue and send the organisers a copy of these.





Travel

The EU contribution for the travel expenses per participant is as follows:

Country	EU Contribution	For a distance band of
Denmark	180€	100-499 km
Spain, Hungary, Poland, Lithuania,	275€	500-1999 km
Portugal, Turkey* Greece	360€	2000-2999 km

*For participants from Turkey, funds of up to 150€/person are available to contribute to visa costs, where needed. Cost are reimbursed based on the documented real costs, and not more than 150€/person.

The travel contribution was calculated using the [distance calculator](#) of the European Commission from the location of each sending organization to the venue. Should the travel expenses exceed the contribution available, participants shall cover the extra costs from own resources.

Participants are responsible to arrange their travel insurance in cooperation with their sending organisations covering them for the whole duration of the training course. The costs for the travel insurance cannot be covered by the project.

Reimbursement of travel expenses

Participants will be reimbursed for their travel expenses up to the amount available for their countries and no more than their real costs. In order to get reimbursed for their travel expenses, participants shall send the organizer all the originals of travel documentation and invoices. The reimbursements will be made through bank transfers within 45 days after the organizer have received the original documentation by post.

Additionally, the reimbursement will be performed only if the following conditions are met:

1. Participants submit their individual participant report as requested by the European Commission through the Mobility Tool.
2. Participants and their sending organizations send the organizers a proof of dissemination activities.





Programme

Attached to this call for participants is the draft programme of the training course. Please note that some changes in the programme could potentially be made.

Participants in the training course will develop non-formal methods and best practices on promoting the concept of democracy amongst young people and are expected to actively contribute to the activities. In this regard, the selected participants will be required to send in advance examples of non-formal education methods or best practices within the following topics:

- National and international politics, media literacy, and social life.
- Democracy and European value and policy.
- Populism and how to fight it.

Selected participants shall send their contribution to: Oscar Dreymann (Oscar@intercollege.info) **no later than 16th of November 2020.**

Dissemination

Dissemination of the project results is a key feature within the Erasmus+ programme. You as participant shall commit to disseminate the project results and share them internally and externally (e.g. presentations, videos/articles, and follow-up activities with young people).

Participant's commitments

Each candidate shall read carefully and agree on the Participant Declaration, Covid-19 process and the green policy, found with the application form. Accepting the Participant Declaration is a requirement of participation.

Contacts

Should you have any questions regarding this call, please contact Oscar Dreymann by email at Oscar@intercollege.info or by phone at + 45 45 34 30 40.



Keep Democracy Great - Programme of Activities

Day 1 (Fri. Nov 27): Arrivals

Day 2 (Sat. Nov. 28): Partner meeting	
09:00	Presentation of the project (Background, activities and logic),
10:00	Presentation of host Organisation
11:00	Partner organization presentations (max. 5 mins. per partner)
12:00	Agreement & strategy on how to insure visibility, dissemination and follow-up
13:00	Lunch
16:00	Walk and talk, icebreaking, and team building
17:30	Debrief
18:00	Dinner
20:00	Informal evening activity

Day 3 (Sun. Nov. 8 – 29): NFE and Democracy	
09:00	Non-formal education and its importance.
11:00	What is democracy?
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Why people are losing their faith in democracy?
16:00	Method to promote democracy and its importance
17:30	Debrief
18:00	Dinner
20:00	Informal evening activity

Day 4 (Mon. Nov. 30): European Union and its Democratic Values.	
09:00	European Union
11:00	How to raise awareness upon the importance of the European Union?
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Democratic Values and Fundamental Rights of the European Union
16:00	Euroscepticism
17:30	Debrief
18:00	Dinner
20:00	Informal evening activity

Day 5 (Tue. Dec. 1): Participation and Active Citizenship	
09:00	Participation and E-Participation
11:00	Non-formal method for Participation
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Active Citizenship
16:00	Current Political Issues around Europe
17:30	Debrief
18:00	Dinner
20:00	Intercultural Evening

Day 6 (Wed. Dec. 2): Media Literacy, Critical Thinking and Populism	
09:00	Media Literacy and Critical Thinking
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Populism. How to fight populism?
17:30	Debrief
18:00	Dinner
20:00	Brexit Movie

Day 7 (Thu, Dec, 3): Inspiration Day	
10:00	Roundtable discussion with stakeholders
12:00	Lunch
12:30	Free time in Aalborg
18:00	Dinner
20:00	Informal evening activity

Day 8 (Fri. Dec. 4): Method Development	
09:00	Method development in multinational teams
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Method development in multinational teams
17:30	Debrief
18:00	Dinner
20:00	Informal evening activity

Day 9 (Sat. Dec. 5): Method testing and Reflections	
09:00	Method testing and Feedback
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Reflection of learning
16:00	Dissemination plans
18:00	Dinner
20:00	Farewell Evening

Day 10. (Sun. Dec. 6) Departures

Please note that some changes could potentially be made in the program.

