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## **Remembrance and learning from the Second World War**

A seminar about young people and remembrance in Europe at the occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Second World War

European Youth Centre Strasbourg  
19-22 May 2015

**Programme**

## **The Seminar**

In the process of supporting and raising the participation of young people it is important that they are not only participants in official commemorations but, especially, that they develop their own understanding of the importance of remembrance and of the risks of manipulation of history (and remembrance) for political gains. In this way it should be possible to learn from the past and to learn from the present.

The seminar “Remembrance and learning from the Second World War” takes place in the framework of the bilateral cooperation between the Council of Europe and the Russian Federation in the field of youth policy. The aim of the Framework programme between the Council of Europe and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation is to develop cooperation in the field of youth policy in Europe with the direct involvement of young people, youth work specialists, young researchers and youth leaders.

The seminar builds on the experiences and learnings of the first edition held in 2014 and is co-organised by:

- The Youth Department of the Council of Europe, and
- The Ministry of Education and Science, the Federal Agency on Youth Affairs of the Russian Federation and the National Youth Council of Russia. In the preparation of the seminar, the Russian co-organisers may associate other institutions and NGOs.

## **Aims and objectives**

The seminar is organised to promote a shared and deeper understanding of the reasons, consequences and lessons to be learned from the Second World War and its contribution to shaping common European values – democracy, rule of law and human rights, and to engage with young people on their defence and promotion of intercultural dialogue for further mutual understanding. The specific objectives of the seminar are:

- To learn about the Second World War;
- To share experiences on learning about and remembrance of the Second World War;
- To remember and honour the victims of the Second World War as a contribution to the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the war and contribute to the perpetuation of the memory and the role of young people therein;
- To develop a common understanding of human rights education as basis for remembrance education, and its practice in youth work;
- To support participants in developing remembrance projects and actions with young people including human rights and citizenship education, peacebuilding and mutual understanding, volunteering and alliance building;
- To create conditions for regular dialogue between generations and between youth from different countries about the Second World War;
- To enhance the role of the Council of Europe, its member states and partners in the protection of democracy, human rights and rule of law in Europe by associating young people with its values and programmes.

## **Programme and methodology**

The programme of the seminar will be based on human rights and citizenship education approaches as practiced by the Youth Department of the Council of Europe. The seminar programme elements will include sharing of experiences and practices of remembrance with young people, inputs and group discussions, visit to memorial places in Strasbourg and vicinity and sessions with survivors of the Second World War. The programme will allow time for participants to reflect on how remembrance can be integrated and practiced in youth work and will focus on development of follow-up initiatives.

The seminar will be held in English and Russian with simultaneous interpretation.

## DRAFT DAILY PROGRAMME

### Monday, 18 May 2015

Arrival of the participants

19:00 Dinner

20:00 Welcome evening

### Tuesday, 19 May 2015 – *Speaking one to another*

08:30 Departure from the European Youth Centre

09:00 Visit at the Palais de l'Europe

09:30 Official opening of the seminar at the Palais (the conference room N7) with:

- **Antje Rothemund**, Head of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe
- **Sergey Pospelov**, Head of the Federal Agency on Youth Affairs (*tbc*)
- **Grigory Petushkov**, Chairperson of the National Youth Council of Russia
- **Dimitrios Makrystathis**, representative of the Joint Council on Youth of the Council of Europe

10:15 The Council of Europe as a response to the tragedies of the Second World War: European cooperation for peace, human rights, democracy and the rule of law, with **Albina Ovcearenco**, Political Advisor at the Directorate of Political Affairs, Council of Europe

11:15 Departure to the European Youth Centre

11:45 Introduction to the aims, objectives, programme and methodology of the seminar

12:15 Exploring expectations and motivation of participants

13:00 Lunch at the European Youth Centre

14:30 Exploring our relation with the Second World War: subjective histories of learning

16:00 Break

16:30 Basic knowledge about the Second World War with **Andrey Fursov**, International Academy of Sciences, Russian Federation

17:30 Steps towards a shared understanding: what are remembrance, historical dialogue and multiperspectivity (*exchange among participants*)

18:15 Reflection moments

19:00 Dinner

20:30 NGO fair

**Wednesday, 20 May 2015 – Learning from the past through the lens of human rights**

09:30 Remembrance and human rights to: experiential learning

11:00 Break

11:30 Meeting survivors and veterans of the Second World War: oral histories

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Visit to Struthof, the site of the former Natzweiler concentration camp

19:00 Dinner

20:00 Reflection evening

**Thursday, 21 May 2015 – Learning from and for the present**

09:30 Activity on human rights education and remembrance with young people

11:00 Break

11:30 Learning and reflecting on our practices of work on remembrance and learning from the Second World War with young people with **Elena Ponomareva**, professor of MGIMO University (Russian Federation) and **Jonas Brochet** from International Institute for Peace and Human Rights (France)

Presentation of the youth practices

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Challenges in remembrance and human rights education with young people  
Introduction with **Alexander Ageev**, Director of the Institute for Economic Strategies, Russian Federation

(*working groups* on racism, discrimination and neo-nazism, participation of young people in commemoration, history teaching and use in conflict areas, hate speech online and offline, other topics proposed by participants)

16:00 Break

16:30 Working groups continued

18:00 Reflection moments

19:00 Dinner

20:00 Free evening

## Friday, 22 May 2015 – Planning the future

09:30 Introduction to opportunities for follow up with the organisers:

History teaching programme of the Council of Europe, with **Jean-Philippe Restoueix**, Education Department of the Council of Europe

European Youth Foundation, with **Jean-Claude Lazaro**, Administrator of the foundation

Framework Programme on Co-operation between the Council of Europe and the Russian Federation in the youth field, **Marina Filaretova**, Youth Department of the Council of Europe

Programmes of the Federal Agency on Youth of the Russian Federation, with **Sergey Pershin**, representative of the Rospatriotcentre

The National Youth Council of Russia, with **Grigory Petushkov**, Chairperson

The Alexander Gorchakov Public Diplomacy Fund, with **Nikita Silakov**, Project manager

11:00 Break

11:30 Work on follow-up plans

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Work on follow-up plans and presentations

16:00 Break

16:30 Conclusions of the seminar

16:45 Video of the seminar

17:00 Evaluation

17:30 Closing session with:

**Jean-Christophe Bas**, Director of the Directorate of Democratic Citizenship and Participation, Council of Europe

**Denis Zavarzin**, International Advisor of the Federal Agency on Youth Affairs

19:00 Dinner

20:00 Farewell party

## Saturday, 23 May 2015

Departure of participants