



## **Call For Participants**

### **Study Session: Empowering Young Refugees**

**09 - 15 October 2017 (including arrival and departure dates),  
European Youth Centre in Strasbourg**

Voices of Young Refugees in Europe ( <http://wearevyre.net/> ) is organizing, with the support of the Council of Europe, a study session aiming at empowering young refugees to take an active role in their new communities and contribute to positive change of the existing image about refugees.

**VYRE is an international network created by, with and for young refugees. As a strong grass-root strong network, in which members can share experiences and raise common concerns, acquire new skills and strengthen their capacities, VYRE aims to contribute to a Europe with greater knowledge of the reasons for being a refugee and with greater capacity for building social cohesion with intercultural learning as a base.**

#### **Objectives of the study session:**

- to empower young refugees and grassroots organizations working with them to carry out projects tackling challenges faced by refugee youth;
- to share best practices and successful experiences among the participants mapping/documenting refugee projects across Europe;
- to promote refugee youth as group with potential to contribute to European societies, rather than "victims" and "burdens";
- to create space for networking and future cooperation among participants, as well as international institutions invited to the study session;
- to produce collection of successful projects run by and targeting young refugees in the form of handbook or toolkit in order to document.

The study session will have an interactive approach, encouraging participants to contribute with their own experiences, ideas and expertise. Bringing their own good practices from their own fields.

We will use a *non formal educational* approach with a combination of peer-to-peer learning, group discussions, simulation exercises, debates and presentations to engage and motivate participation.

### **Profile of the participants**

- Young refugees both who are involved in grassroots organizations and who are interested in joining them in member states of the Council of Europe;
- Representatives of organizations and professionals working with young refugees at the grassroots level, both those who has implemented successful projects and those who are interested in initiating such;
- Current and former unaccompanied minors and those in transition to adulthood are also invited to participate along with the professionals accompanying them;

**Participants will be selected both among VYRE members and non-members. Gender, age and geographical balance among participants will be ensured.**

### **Application procedure:**

If you are interested in being a participant please fill in the application form. In order to fill in the application for please [click here](#)

**The deadline for the application is July 23, 2017**

The results of the selection will be informed on July 30. Only the shortlisted applicants will be informed.

**Travel expenses:**

Travel expenses and visa fees for the Study Session in Strasbourg will be reimbursed according to the rules of the Council of Europe. The participants should be present for the entire session. Participants attending less than 80% of the total duration of the session will not be reimbursed their travel expenses.

The payment of the travel expenses will be made in cash on the last day of the study session, on the provision that the reimbursement file is complete. All receipts and proofs of purchase must be provided to the Secretariat together with the completed travel claim form by 16:00 on the first day of the study session. Otherwise, payment will be made by bank transfer after the study session. More details regarding the travel reimbursement procedure will be provided on confirmation of your selection to the study session.

**Accommodation:**

Board and lodging will be provided by the Council of Europe at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg.

Every participant will be responsible for organizing their own comprehensive insurance (health, luggage, cancellation etc).

**Enrolment fee**

The participation fee to the event is 50 Euros and the fee will be deducted from the reimbursement for travel expenses or paid at the EYCS during the residential seminar.

**Working languages**

English and French will be the working language of the Study Session.

If you need further information please send your email to

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