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Study session

Youth Democracy Academy

Study session organised within the [Youth for Democracy programme](#)
in cooperation with the [DYPALL Network](#)

European Youth Centre Budapest 4th Floor, Room A

Draft Programme

Sunday, 8 October 2023

Arrival of participants
19:00 Dinner
20:30 Welcome evening

Monday, 9 October 2023

09:30 Intro to study session & DYPALL Network & Youth Department of the Council of Europe

Welcome by Balint MOLNAR, director of the European Youth Centre Budapest

Aim: Introduction to the study session, programme and Youth Department of the Council of Europe & European Youth Foundation

10:45 Reimbursement process - explanation

11:00 Break

11:30 Team Building Activity

Aim: Get to know each other, create safe environment and set ground rules

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Defining concepts – Democracy & models of youth participation.

Aim: Explore the values, principles and models of democracy and youth participation

16:00 Break

16:30 Non-formal education for democratic citizenship: Introduction to the Educate for democracy toolkit

Aim: Introduction of Educate for democracy toolkit, experiential learning and non-formal education (principles, tools and methods)

17:45 Reflection

19:00 Dinner

21:00 [Self-organised evening].

Tuesday, 10 October 2023

09:30 Democracy from local to European level

Aim: Understanding of the challenges in different context and share good practices of addressing local challenges of democracy

11:00 Break

11:30 - Local policies and youth participation

Aim: Reflect on how the local policies are dealing with the challenges of democracy

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Lecture by expert Mr Nemanja MARINOVIĆ (Executive editor of Zoomer.rs/ Center E8)

“Hate speech as “freedom of speech” - the biggest threat to democracy”

Aim: Get informed and develop critical thinking regarding threats to democracy (populism, media literacy, digital security)

16:00 Break

16:30 Facts-checking -Media literacy and critical thinking in the context of democracy

Aim: Explore the topic of media literacy in more depth and assess the reliability of information found online by reflecting on the tools /methods for facts-checking

17:45 Reflection

19:00 Dinner
21:00 [Self-organised evening].

Wednesday, 11 October 2023

09:30 Democratic citizenship education: Facilitation Tips & tricks

Aim: Share good practices for facilitation of training sessions on democratic citizenship

11:00 Break

11:30 Theory to Practise: Preparation of Workshops based on the Educate for Democracy toolkit led by participants

Aim: Develop facilitation skills of participants through guidance and preparation of participants-led workshops based on Educate for Democracy Toolkit

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Free Afternoon

19:00 Dinner outside

Thursday, 12 October 2023

09:30 Practice - group 1 & 2 Sessions from Educate for Democracy toolkit led by participants – Citizen participation & Understanding and experiencing democracy (parallel sessions)

Aim: Practice and develop facilitation skills

11:00 Break

11:30 Practice - group 3 & 4 Sessions from Educate for Democracy toolkit led by participants – Increasing my impact & Media literacy and critical thinking (parallel sessions)

Aim: Practice and develop facilitation skills

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Practice - group 5&6 Sessions from Educate for Democracy toolkit led by participants - Our democracies at risk & Youth leadership (parallel sessions)

Aim: Practice and develop facilitation skills

16:00 Break

16:30 Reflection (whole group) - Me as a facilitator

Aim: Reflect on and identify the gaps in facilitation

19:00 Dinner

21:00 [Self-organised evening].

Friday, 13 October 2023

09:30 From practice to action: Educate for Democracy in my local community

Aim: Brainstorm and develop an activity plan for local actions and sustain the learnings of the Study session to multiply the learning outcomes further

11:00 Break

11:30 Further steps for revitalizing democracy: Presentation of local actions

Aim: Share the ideas of local actions with other participants to get inspired

12:30 Opportunities for the implementation of local actions
With inputs by Margit BARNA, European Youth Foundation
Anca-Ruxandra PANDEA, DHDN Project (Youth Department)

Aim: Give information about existing opportunities that can be used for the implementation of follow-up activities

13:30 Lunch

15:00 Evaluation: Harvesting learning outcomes and highlights

17:00 Closing of the study session

19:00 Farewell Dinner

Saturday 14 October 2023

Departure of participants

Aim and objectives of the study session “*Youth Democracy Academy*”

Aim: Equip the participants with knowledge and skills to implement the "Educate for democracy" programme in their local realities.

Objectives:

- a) to further develop young people's sense of critical thinking and skills for information analysis and fact checking,
- b) to bring young people closer and discuss their approach to existing challenges and threats to democracy Europe is going through, such as a lack of social bonds and solidarity, a generalised sense of insecurity, growing populism and misinformation and environmental challenges,
- c) to empower 30 young facilitators committed to revitalising democracy and equip them with the skills to educate other young people to rebuild trust in democracy.