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Strasbourg, 25 September 2023

GIVE PEACE A CHANCE

Study session organised by [YMCA Europe](#) in cooperation with the Council of Europe within the [Youth for Democracy programme](#)

European Youth Centre, Strasbourg, room **0.1**
October 15 - 21, 2023

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday, 15 October, 2023

Arrival of participants

19:00 Dinner

21:00 Welcome evening

Monday, 16 October 2023

08:15 *Registration and travel reimbursement formalities (dining room)*

09:00 Opening of the session, with MARIE FARIGOULES, Executive director of the European Youth Centre

Introduction of the session aims and objectives; Planning Team and Participants; Expectations and Programme Overview

11:00 Getting to Know each other

- 11:30** Team Building activity – To get to know each other
- 13:00** Lunch
- 14:00** Ice-Breaker Activities
- 14:30** The work of the Council of Europe and YMCA Europe on Conflict Transformation in a nutshell
- 15:30** Coffee Break
- 16:00** Safe Space: River of Life
- 17:30** Home Groups: concept & reflection
- 19:00** Dinner

Tuesday, 17 October 2023

- 09:15** Roots Stories to Share: Personal, Communications
- 10:30** Coffee Break
- 11:00** Roots Know How: Guidebook, Online Platforms
- 13:00** Lunch break
- 14:00** Ice-Breaker Activities
- 14:30** Marketplace
- 15:30** Coffee Break
- 16:00** Trust Building Activity (Blob tree)
- 17:30** Home Groups: reflection
- 19:00** Dinner
- 20:00** Free Evening

Wednesday, 18 October 2023

- 09:15** Tools for Conflict Transformation (Council of Europe)
- 10:30** Coffee Break
- 11:00** Tools for Conflict Transformation (YMCA Europe / Roots for Peace)
- 13:00** Lunch break
- Free Afternoon & Evening in the City

Thursday, 19 October 2023

- 09:15** Do No Harm: Seven Steps plenary presentation with VARDAN HAMBARDZUMYAN
- 10:00** Do No Harm: group exercise on Understanding the Context - Dividers & Connectors.
- 10:30** Coffee Break
- 11:00** Do No Harm: Understanding the Context (cont.d)
- 11:30** Do No Harm: Unpacking the Project - Details Matter
- 13:00** Lunch
- 14:00** Energizers
- 14:30** Do No Harm: Assessing the Effects - RAFT
- 15:30** Coffee Break

16:00 Empathy-building Activity
17:30 Home Groups: reflection
19:00 Dinner

Friday, 20 October 2023

09:15 Reflecting on Peace Practices: with VARDAN HAMBARDZUMYAN
10:30 Coffee Break
11:00 Reflecting on Peace Practices (cont.d)
12:00 Advocacy
13:00 Lunch
14:00 Energizers
14:30 World Cafe for Opportunities
15:30 Coffee Break
16:00 Evaluation Activities (Acknowledgement game)
17:30 Closing
19:00 Dinner
21:00 Farewell party

Saturday 21 October 2023

Departure of participants

Aim and objectives of the study session

Aim: The major aim of the activity is to develop competences and enhance the local capacities for peace in Europe via empowering the young people to act as advocates and multipliers of peace and reconciliation in their respective communities - through raising the awareness and sharing the experience and know-how of YMCA Europe and Council of Europe in peace education and conflict transformation work.

Objectives

- Participants acquire the basics of peace building & conflict transformation methods and tools with a particular focus on how to apply them into youth work at a local level;
- Participants are aware of YMCA Europe and Council of Europe work in peace education and promotion of dialogue;
- Participants are empowered to take initiative to promote peace & dialogue within their sending organisations and / or own communities.