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## Study session

# "ADVOCACY IN ACTION: SAFEGUARDING A SUSTAINABLE AND PEACEFUL FUTURE"

Study session organised within the [Youth for Democracy programme](#)  
in cooperation with [Don Bosco Youth-Net](#)

European Youth Centre Strasbourg, rooms 3.1 & 3.2  
2-6 September 2024

## **Draft Programme**

Every day starts with the Good morning at 09:00 and finishes with the Good Night at 22:00 (or at the start of the evening).

### **Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024**

Arrival of participants  
19:00 Dinner  
21:00 Welcome evening

### **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**

09:30 Opening session with welcoming from the EYCS/CoE and Introduction to Study Session – *to understand why we are here*  
11:00 Break  
11:30 Team Building activity – *to get to know each other*  
13:00 Lunch  
14:30 Exploring Human Rights Education and Peacebuilding – *to build a common understanding for the study session*  
16:30 Break  
17:00 Council of Europe’s approach to Human Rights and NFE education – *to better understand Human Rights and the educational resources of the CoE*  
18:30 Reflection group  
19:00 Dinner  
20:30 Intercultural evening

### **Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024**

09:30 Expert session: Sustainability advocacy (By Angela Reithuber) – *to get an understanding for advocacy through a practical example*  
11:00 Break  
11:30 What is advocacy – *to get the theoretical background on advocacy*  
13:00 Lunch break  
14:30 What is advocacy (continued) – *to get the theoretical background on advocacy*  
16:30 Break  
17:00 Advocacy Examples – *to get knowledge about other advocacy campaigns*  
18:30 Reflection groups  
19:00 Dinner  
20:30 Check in & Free evening.

### **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

09:30 Expert session: Environmental Peacebuilding and Advocacy (By Sophia Stanger) – *to get an understanding of the link between environmental peacebuilding and advocacy*  
11:00 Break  
11:30 Tools and skills – *Workshop to analyse and get confident in our knowledge.*  
13:00 Lunch break

- 14:30 Possibility to visit the building of the Council of Europe, followed by a free afternoon in the city of Strasbourg
- 15:30 Free Afternoon in the city
- 19:00 Dinner out in the city

### **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

- 09:30 Advocacy tips and tricks – *to review the knowledge acquired and get confident in the skills in order to start an advocacy campaign*
- 10:30 Full day of work on the advocacy campaigns with floating coffee break
- 13:00 Lunch break
- 14:30 Work on the advocacy campaigns with floating coffee break
- 18:30 Reflection groups
- 19:00 Dinner
- 20:30 Free time
- 19:00 Dinner out in the city
- 20:30 Mentoring time

### **Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

- 09:30 Campaign slam – *to present the campaigns worked on and get feedback*
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Mentor meeting & what's next – *to prepare and inform of opportunities after the study session*
- 13:00 Lunch break
- 14:30 Evaluation with participants – *to evaluate the study session*
- 16:30 Break
- 17:00 Preparation of the Mass/Thanksgiving moment
- 18:00 Mass
- 19:00 Dinner
- 20:30 Farewell evening

### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Departure of participants

## **Aim and objectives of the study session “*Advocacy in Action: Safeguarding a sustainable and peaceful future*”**

Aim: The aim of this study session is to continue the work of DBYN volunteers in representation and continue building capacity for human rights advocacy, especially in the field of sustainability and peace-building.

### **Objectives:**

- To strengthen the human rights advocacy potential of local volunteers and take on future engagements as youth representatives.
- To develop a deeper understanding of Human Rights based approach, peacebuilding and sustainability.
- To develop participants' competences necessary for successful Human Rights advocacy at all levels, by giving young people information, know-how and practical tools to advocate and participate successfully in social change and influence decisions.
- To create Human Rights advocacy campaigns in the field of sustainability and peace-building, on a local or international level to create spaces for dialogue.
- Encourage them to continue the institutionalisation of DBYN's representation work on different levels.