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Strasbourg, 17 May 2024

## Study session

# **"FINDING YOUR VOICE!"**

Study session organised within the [Youth for Democracy programme](#)  
in cooperation with the [International Federation of Hard of Hearing Young People](#)

European Youth Centre Strasbourg, room 0.1  
27 May – 1 June 2024

## **Draft programme**

### **Sunday, 26 May 2024**

Arrival of participants

19:00 Dinner

21:00 Welcome evening

### **Monday, 10 January 2019**

09:30 Welcome and round of introductions

CoE Presentation

IFHOHYP Presentation

Technical Information - to go through the health and safety of the building, fire alarm texts, technology assistive technology (loop system) and role of palantypists

Finance/reimbursement

11:00 Break

11:30 Introduction to the aims and objectives of the study session and its programme

Expectations, fears and needs

Ground rules of study session

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Group building activity

16:00 Break

16:30 Sharing lived experiences: Challenges and existing needs in our lives and communities

17:30 Reflection groups

18:00 Break

19:00 Dinner

21:00 Free Time

## **Tuesday, 28 May 2024**

09:30 Human Rights Overview - an Introduction to Human Rights legal documents, focusing specifically on the CRPD

11:00 Break

11:30 Mapping & Navigating existing Rights in our communities - knowledge and tools necessary to identify, understand, and navigate our rights within our communities.

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Participation Rights - an insight about participation and political participation of hard of hearing young people.

16:00 Break

16:30 Representation - What does representation mean? What are the effects of good/bad representation of hard of hearing young people?

17:30 Reflection groups

18:00 Break

19:00 Dinner

21:00 Game night

### **Wednesday, 29 May 2024**

09:30 AI Benefits and Limitations- an introduction to AI, discussions on its benefits and limitations

11:00 Break

11:30 AI Tools Hands-On - the cutting-edge of AI tools.

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Guest Speaker –The Data Journey: From Numbers to AI - *Amelia Andersdotter AI expert takes us from the basics of numbers and statistics to how it drives AI.*

16:00 Break

16:30 Guest Speaker - How to Talk to Politicians – *Amelia Andersdotter – Former member of the European Parliament shares her experiences of being a politician and gives suggestions to how you can approach politicians when doing advocacy.*

17:30 Reflection groups

18:00 Break

19:00 Dinner

21:00 Free Time

### **Thursday, 30 May 2024**

09:30 What is Advocacy? - Deepen the understanding of the concept of "Advocacy";

11:00 Break

11:30 Self Advocacy – understanding the power of storytelling, crafting, unique story, creating an impact, etc.

13:00 Lunch

14:30 FREE TIME & DINNER OUT IN THE IN CITY

## **Friday, 31 May 2024**

09:30 Branding & Public Speaking - understanding the concept of personal branding and its importance in shaping their professional identity in today's world.

11:00 Break

11:30 Peer learning – participants led workshop

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Creating Community - focus on community building, building relationships, social capital and focus on mapping communities.

16:00 Break

16:30 We are all activists - How to campaign – steps, skills and examples - necessary to plan and execute effective campaigns.

17:30 Reflection groups

18:00 Break

19:00 Dinner

21:00 Free Time

## **Saturday, 1 June 2024**

09:30 European Youth Foundation, & Info on fundraising - improve participants' fundraising skills and knowledge by guiding them through the application procedures for securing funding from the EYF and covering basic fundraising concepts and best practises

11:00 Break

11:30 What's next - Follow Up Plans

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Follow Up Plans continued, Closing and Evaluation

19:00 Dinner

21:00 Free Time

## **Sunday, 2 June 2024**

Departure of participants

## **Aim and objectives of the study session “*Finding Your Voice!*”**

The **aim** of this study session is to empower hard of hearing individuals by enabling them to share their stories and experiences, strengthening their advocacy skills in technology, AI, and human rights.

### **Objectives:**

1. To empower participants with knowledge of technologies and social platforms to expand their reach and create a community.
2. To strengthen hard of hearing young people’s skills in public speaking, leadership, teambuilding, and storytelling as methods for advocacy.
3. To learn about human rights for persons with disabilities, which includes policies, documents, and conventions by organisations like the United Nations, Council of Europe, and the work of other organisations.
4. To map and navigate the state of play in relation to the rights of hard of hearing young people in different countries.