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Study session

“Reaching Further: Decentralising LGBTQI Youth Activism”

Study session organised within the [Youth for Democracy programme](#)
in cooperation with the [International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer &
Intersex Youth and Student Organisation \(IGLYO\)](#)

European Youth Centre Budapest, room B/C
26 May - 1 June 2024

Draft Programme

Sunday, 26 May 2024

Arrival of participants

19:00 Dinner

Monday, 27 May 2024

09:15 Intro of the Day

Stretches and meditation

09:30 Welcome Plenary

Welcome by Marcos ANDRADE, deputy executive director of the European Youth Centre Budapest

Introduction to the programme, ground rules,

Code of Conduct and accessibility needs - *To ensure that participants feel welcomed, informed, and prepared to actively engage in the programme by establishing ground rules, introducing the programme's structure, and addressing accessibility needs.*

11:00 Break

11:30 Expectations, getting to know each other and team building, reimbursement presentation – *to address the concerns of the participants, to get to know each other and to build a good team spirit for the upcoming days.*

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Who is LGBTQI rural youth? (Part 1) – *To establish a comprehensive understanding of the experiences and obstacles encountered by LGBTQI young individuals living in rural areas.*

16:00 Break

16:30 Who is LGBTQI rural youth? (Part 2) – *To deepen participants' understanding of the lived experiences and challenges faced by LGBTQI youth in rural areas through personal narratives, fostering empathy and solidarity among participants.*

18:00 Reflection groups

19:00 Dinner

20:30 Board games night

Tuesday, 28 May 2024

09:15 Intro of the Day

Stretches and meditation

09:30 Mapping services in local context and human rights-based analysis of services – *To learn how to apply a rights-based approach to the mapping of local services for queer youth in rural areas.*

11:00 Break

11:30 Skills building: strategies to work with local actors – *To foster cooperation With local service providers, such as schools, counselling offices, educators, non-formal education spaces, health professionals, etc.*

13:00 Lunch break

- 14:30 Sharing good practices/networking (Part 1) – *To create a platform for young activists to get to know each other's work and learn from each other.*
- 16:00 Break
- 16:30 Sharing good practices/networking (Part 2) – *To create a platform for young activists to get to know each other's work and learn from each other.*
- 18:00 Reflection groups
- 19:00 Dinner
- 20:30 Film screening

Wednesday, 29 May 2024

- 09:15 Intro of the Day
Stretches and meditation
- 09:30 Expert input by Daniel GRIST, *Rural Youth Europe: Digital tools – To equip participants with the knowledge and skills to leverage technology for effective advocacy and outreach, particularly focusing on the unique challenges faced by LGBTQI youth in rural areas.*
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Community-Building, Community Organising – *To define and explore the importance of community building and solidarity among rural LGBTQI youth.*
- 13:00 Lunch break
- 14:30 Free afternoon in the city / Queer Walking Tour
- 19:00 Dinner out in the city
Free time

Thursday, 30 May 2024

- 7:30 - 9:00 Breakfast
- 09:15 Intro of the Day
Stretches and meditation
- 09:30 Skills-building: Local level and community-based advocacy – *To be able to use advocacy techniques to improve the rights of queer youth in rural areas.*
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Knowledge and Skills building: How to advocate at the national level using The Council of Europe standards including the CM Recommendations *with Gabriella CALLEJA, Senior Policy Advisory of the Council of Europe's SOGIGESC Unit and Péter TOROK, member of the Advisory Council on Youth – To guide participants on how to apply recommendations gathered by the Council of Europe at their national level*
- 13:00 Lunch break
- 14:30 Work on recommendations (Part 1) – *To produce a set of recommendations for IGLYO, youth organisations, local service providers and the Council of Europe, by compiling the knowledge gained in the previous days and by doing further research.*
- 16:00 Break

- 16:30 Work on recommendations (Part 2) – *To produce a set of recommendations for IGLYO, youth organisations, local service providers and the Council of Europe, by compiling the knowledge gained in the previous days and by doing further research.*
- 18:00 Reflection groups
- 19:00 Dinner
- 20:30 Free time

Friday, 31 May 2024

- 09:15 Intro of the Day
Stretches and meditation
- 09:30 Finalise recommendations – *To finalise a set of recommendations for IGLYO, youth organisations, local service providers and the Council of Europe, by compiling the knowledge gained in the previous days and by doing further research.*
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Action plan (Part 1) – *To brainstorm ideas for the upcoming months and develop an initiative participants can implement in their organisations/in the areas where they live.*
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Action plan (Part 2) – *To finalise action plans and give feedback on the ideas proposed by participants.*
- 16:00 Break
- 16:30 Evaluation and Closing – *To measure the outcomes, the overall participation, the learning process of the participants, and bring symbolic closure to the experience.*
- 18:00 Free time
- 19:00 Dinner
- 20:30 Disco night / farewell drinks

Saturday 1 June 2024

Departure of participants

Aim and objectives of the study session “Reaching Further: Decentralising LGBTQI Youth Activism”

Aim:

To develop competences of LGBTI+ youth activists on how to decentralise their work and reach rural areas, how to advocate at the local level for LGBTI rights and how to build networks and raise visibility outside of urban areas.

Objectives

1. Acquire an understanding of the mechanisms that cause young LGBTQI living in rural areas to have disproportionately negative health/mental health and social outcomes.
2. Acquire knowledge of existing models of decentralisation of activism and services, through peer exchange of good practices, including best practices in the use of technology for the inclusion of youth in rural areas.
3. Acquire a range of skills relevant to working with young LGBTQI in rural areas and raise their visibility, in the fields of community organisation, community-based advocacy, the use of internet, social media and technology, and working with local authorities and service providers.
4. Contribute to a set of recommendations to IGLYO, youth organisations, local service providers and the Council of Europe to reach and support young LGBTQI people living in rural areas.
5. Elaborate a follow-up plan on how each participant will use the competencies acquired in their own local environment and raise visibility of queer youth living in rural areas.