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Study session

”Activists for Change: Standing up for Human Rights and Democracy”

Study session organised within the [Youth for Democracy programme](#)
in cooperation with the [No Hate Speech Network](#)

European Youth Centre Strasbourg, room 0.1
15-20 April 2024

Draft Programme

Sunday, 14 April 2024

Arrival of participants

19:00 Dinner

21:00 Welcome evening

Monday, 15 April 2024

09:30 Opening with Introduction to Study Session, with Sarah WALTER, Deputy Executive Director and Financial Support Officer, European Youth Centre Strasbourg

Intro of aims & objectives of the Study Session

11:00 Break

11:30 Team Building activity

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Expectations, fears and contributions, learning needs

16:00 Break

16:30 Introduction to Human rights and democracy

18:00 Reflection groups

19:00 Dinner

Tuesday, 16 April 2024

09:30 Council of Europe's work and approaches to hate speech, with Stefan MANEVSKI, Senior Project Officer, Hate speech, hate crime and AI Unit, Anti-discrimination Department

11:00 Break

11:30 Human Rights Education with young people, with Mila LUKIC, Youth Department

13:00 Lunch break

14:30 Exploring challenges to human rights and democracy, sharing their realities and experiences, personal perspectives

16:00 Break

16:30 Exploring challenges to human rights and democracy, sharing their realities and experiences, personal perspectives - continued

18:00 Reflection group

19:00 Dinner

Wednesday, 17 April 2024

- 09:30 Exploring hate speech, identifying hate speech online, hate speech vs freedom of expression
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Exploring Activism and Human Rights activism online
- 13:00 Lunch break
- 14:30 Council of Europe campaign Democracy Here, Democracy Now
Presentation of the No Hate Speech Network
- 16:00 Break
- 16:30 Participants practices in Human Rights and Democracy activism
Exploring the Council of Europe manuals for Human Rights
- 18:00 Reflection group
- 19:00 Dinner
- 20:30 Movie night – ARTE Climate justice documentary

Thursday, 18 April 2024

- 09:30 Exploring campaigning - Tips and tricks for online campaigns
Content academy
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Digital security workshop, with Arthur PAPYAN, Digital Security and Media Consultant
- 13:00 Lunch
Free Afternoon in the city
Dinner out in the city

Friday, 19 April 2024

- 09:30 Working on the ideas of online campaigns
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Campaign planning / working on Action Plan for the campaign
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Working on the campaign content
- 16:00 Break
- 16:30 Working on the campaign content - *continued*
- 18:00 Reflection groups
- 19:00 Dinner

Saturday, 20 April 2024

09:30 Finalisation of the campaigning materials

11:00 Break

11:30 Presentation of the campaigning content

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Networking

Presentation of the grant opportunities with the Council of Europe – European Youth Foundation

16:00 Break

16:30 Evaluation and closing

19:00 Dinner

21:00 Farewell Party

Sunday, 21 April 2024

Departure of participants

Aim and objectives of the study session

The aim of the activity is to empower young human rights activists to challenge hate speech online through human rights education.

Objectives:

- To develop youth activists' understanding of human rights education by learning about, through and for human rights;
- To develop the competences of young activists to challenge hate speech and stand up for democracy and human rights online;
- To develop the competences of young activists to apply the Human Rights Education methodology and resources, such as Bookmarks, We CAN, Compass, Compasito, etc;
- To create a community of activists to develop and implement a joint digital campaign promoting human rights and democracy online;
- To support sharing and partnership building between young activists from different countries and contexts;
- To contribute to the implementation of the NHSN strategy.