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# YOUTH IN LEADERSHIP TODAY: THE PATHWAY FORWARD

Study session organised within the [Youth for Democracy programme](#)  
in cooperation with the [World Student Christian Federation in  
Europe \(WSCF-E\)](#)

**European Youth Centre Budapest, room BC  
3-7 March 2025**

## DRAFT PROGRAMME



## **Sunday, 2 March 2025**

Arrival of participants

19:00 Dinner

21:00 Welcome evening in Disco space

## **Monday, 3 March 2025**

09:00 Morning prayer

09:20 Getting to know each other, introduction of the team and participants

10:10 Welcome words from Marcos ANDRADE, Deputy Director of the European Youth Centre Budapest

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Programme introduction

11:30 Hopes, concerns and expectations

12:00 Introduction of formalities for the reimbursement of travel expenses

12:30 Lunch break

14:00 Setting the ground rules

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 Sharing personal experiences related to the programme theme

17:30 Reflection groups

18:00 Team meeting

18:30 Dinner

20:00 Evening informal time

## **Tuesday, 4 March 2025**

09:00 Morning prayer

09:30 Where do I stand with my values?

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Fishbowl simulation on leadership style

12:30 Lunch break

14:00 Interactive input: Leadership styles and communication

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 Group work: The ideal youth leader

17:30 Reflection groups and sharing ideas for outputs

18:00 Team meeting  
18:30 Dinner  
20:00 Intercultural evening

### **Wednesday, 5 March 2025**

09:00 Morning prayer  
09:30 Exploring diverse identities through intersectional lenses  
10:30 Coffee break  
11:00 Social justice message for different audiences (institutional, creative, SOME)  
12:30 Lunch break

Free afternoon-Walking tour in Budapest

19:00 Dinner out in the city

### **Thursday, 6 March 2025**

09:00 Morning prayer  
09:30 "Heritage and History of Collaboration of Youth Ecumenical Movements in Europe" by  
Saara Alamaki, Chairperson of Student Christian Movement of Finland (SKY), and  
Vice-Chairperson of Ecumenical Youth Council of Europe (EYCE), Finland  
11:00 Coffee break  
11:30 Keeping the history and identity alive  
12:30 Lunch break  
14:00 Storytelling and sharing experiences on the life of the movements  
15:30 Coffee break  
16:00 Elevator pitches: finding your uniqueness and areas for collaboration  
17:30 Reflection groups and sharing ideas for outputs  
18:00 Team meeting  
19:00 Dinner

### **Friday, 7 March 2025**

09:00 Morning prayer

09:30 Drafting the toolkit: creative output, concrete follow up and plans for collaboration  
11:00 Coffee break  
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12:30 Lunch break  
14:00 Individual evaluation and group evaluation  
15:30 Coffee break  
16:00 Graduation and closing prayer  
17:30 Team evaluation  
19:00 Dinner  
21:00 Farewell party

### **Saturday 8 March 2025**

Departure of participants

### **Aim and objectives of the study session “Youth in leadership today: The pathway forward”**

**Aim:** The study session aims to empower young people in Student Christian Movements by building their leadership skills, with a focus on inclusive, fair, and socially just leadership, encouraging a renewed appreciation for ecumenism.

#### **Objectives:**

- To enhance the collaboration between national organisations and WSCF-E as an umbrella organisation.
- To improve young leaders’ self-awareness, intercultural competence and intersectional knowledge.
- To encourage knowledge transfer and shared decision-making.
- To foster a sense of belonging to the organisation through heritage sharing to develop a common identity.