

CALL FOR YOUNG INNOVATORS ACROSS GEORGIA!

Are you 18-29 years old and passionate about democracy,
human rights, and making a real difference in your
community?

Do you want to connect with like-minded young people, learn from
top national and international experts, and lead positive change in
your region?



THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!

The **Council of Europe** is launching an exciting opportunity for young people from all regions of Georgia, especially from rural, mountainous, remote, or minority communities to become part of the **Youth Labs for Democracy and Human Rights**.

WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

Build and lead regional **Youth Labs** to strengthen local democracy and promote human rights.



Join a **5-day Summer Camp (4-9 August)** packed with team building, thematic and skills-building workshops, practical exercises, co-creation and presentations.



Work with peers and mentors to design and launch initiatives that **amplify youth voices** and create tangible change in your community.



Get access to **expert mentorship, training, study visits, funding opportunities**, and membership of the Youth Hub.

*Youth Labs, informal well-structured, action-oriented platforms at regional level, established by teams of 2-3 young innovators participating in the Summer Camp. Labs will serve as coordination setup for youth-led initiatives focusing on democracy and human rights. Over time, Youth Labs are expected to facilitate the development of horizontal and vertical network – **Youth Hub** - at both national and international levels, contributing to the exchange of best practices in participatory governance and the human rights localisation.*



WHAT WILL YOU DO?

As a participant, you will:



Take part in onboarding, team formation, and capacity building



Join inspiring talks with leading local and international experts on cutting-edge topics that matter to youth



Engage in interactive workshops on civic engagement, human rights, project design, effective presentation and many more.



Work with peers and mentors to develop:

- A regional outreach strategy
- A mapping document for local needs and project planning



Present your team's ideas for strengthening local human rights and democracy, and get feedback from peers and experts



Co-create a collective **Declaration of Commitment** to launch your regional Youth Lab



WHAT IS NEXT?

After the Summer Camp, newly formed teams will:

- ⦿ Launch their regional Youth Labs
- ⦿ Engage peers to expand their networks
- ⦿ Receive continued mentorship and capacity-building support
- ⦿ Implement community-based initiatives co-created during the event
- ⦿ Participate in regular learning exchanges, visibility actions, and national/international study visits

WHO CAN APPLY?

- ⦿ Young people aged 18-29
- ⦿ Especially those from rural, remote, mountainous, and minority-populated areas
- ⦿ Committed to teamwork, civic action, and human rights promotion at local level
- ⦿ Ready to take part in the Summer Camp (4-9 August 2025) and follow-up activities

WHY JOIN?

Because **YOUR VOICE MATTERS**. This is more than a Summer Camp - it is a chance to contribute to building stronger, fairer, and more inclusive communities, with **YOU** at the forefront.

Fill out the [application form](#) before **10 July 2025, 23:59 GMT**.

Shortlisted candidates might be invited for an interview.

Not sure if this opportunity is for you? Join the information meeting on **2 July, 14:00 GMT** via [Zoom](#) [Meeting ID: 625 9860 1690; Passcode: 1111]

Do you have general questions about the Call, and/or are you experiencing issues accessing the application form? Please contact:

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ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

The initiative is implemented by the **Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe** under the **Council of Europe Action Plan for Georgia 2024-2027**, with support from the **Austrian Development Cooperation**, in the framework of the project “*Advancing Participatory and Human Rights-based Local Democracy in Georgia*”.

The project puts communities at the heart of democratic transformation. It empowers young people and underrepresented groups to take part in shaping local governance, champion human rights, and drive positive change. Participants act as co-creators in building inclusive and accountable local democracies.

Ultimately, the project seeks to improve public services and strengthen community engagement across Georgia through participatory, human rights-based decision-making.

The initiative is co-facilitated by **ForSet**.

