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8 February 2021, Strasbourg

Online Consultative Meeting

APPLYING INTERSECTIONALITY IN THE YOUTH FIELD in search of a cooperative approach among youth

organisations and other stakeholders

24-26 February 2021

Programme

Wednesday, 24 February 2021 – Understanding and sharing

09:30-11:00 Welcome and opening of the meeting Introduction to the programme and the participants In working groups: sharing expectations and overview of experience on the topic of intersectionality

Break

11:15-12:00 Introduction to the Council of Europe's Youth Department Addressing discrimination with an intersectional approach – examples from the Youth for Democracy programme input and exchange with Rui Gomes Head of Education and Training Division, Youth Department

Lunch break

- 13:45-14:45 Building a common understanding: Theoretical framework of intersectionality, expert input, and discussion with Asha Allen, European Women's Lobby
- 14:45-15:30 Intersectionality in the work of ECRI, input and exchange with Paula ECK-WALTERS, European Commission against Racism and Intolerance

Thursday 25 February 2021 – Realities and barriers

- 10-11:15 The Council of Europe's work on addressing discrimination with an intersectional approach, exchange with:
 - Eleni Tsetsekou, Head of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Unit
 - Janeta Hanganu, Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees
 - Oana Taba, Roma and Travellers Team

Break

11:30-12:45 Good practices and examples from the youth field In parallel workshops

Lunch break

- 14:30-16:00 Why is intersectionality an issue for youth organisations? Discussion and mapping of issues and challenges to apply intersectional approach in the youth field especially with:
 - 1. Local youth work and youth organisations
 - 2. Education and Training activities
 - 3. Research and knowledge gathering
 - 4. Youth policy making cycle and youth councils

16:15-17:00 *Optional session on mindfulness and creativity*

Friday, 26 February 2021 – Looking forward

10-11:15 Open space discussions Elements, experiences and issues of intersectionality to be further explored

Break

11:30-13:00 What does it mean to apply intersectionality in practice? Brainstorming for activities, tools and approaches on the basis of intersectionality which can be applied in the youth field

Lunch break

- 14:30-15:15 Presentation of the ideas and proposals for further work on applying intersectionality in the youth field by youth organisations, local and national level authorities and the Council of Europe
- 15:15—16:00 Conclusions from the consultative meeting Evaluation of the activity Closing of the meeting

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

The consultative meeting aims to build a common understanding of the role of intersectionality in promoting social inclusion, fostering active participation and combating discrimination taking an intersectional approach by:

- 1. creating a deeper understanding of intersectionality and its application in the youth sector
- 2. identifying experiences, examples and expectations from the youth field in applying the theoretical frameworks of intersectionality
- 3. proposing examples of educational activities, tools and approaches on the basis of intersectionality that are applicable and used in youth work and training activities
- 4. identifying what the youth sector stakeholders can do to further apply an intersectional approach in their work.