



## **National Forum on Human Rights and Citizenship Education with Young People in Azerbaijan**

*in occasion of launch the Azerbaijani versions of “**Compass**”, a manual on human rights education with young people, and “**Have your say!**”, a manual on participation of young people in local and regional life”*

10 December 2018, Hotel “Hyatt Regency Baku”  
(1033 Izmir St, Baku 1065, Azerbaijan)

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## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### Human Rights and Citizenship Education at the Council of Europe

The project of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe on Human Rights Education is a direct contribution of to the core mission of the organisation to promote and protect human rights. The project – often referred to as Human Rights Education Youth Programme - aims to consolidate and support the role of non-governmental youth organisations and as actors in the implementation of the Council of Europe Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education. It does so by combining the development and dissemination of tools and resources on human rights education and capacity-building activities for trainers, multipliers and advocates of human rights education as a human right.

The work on human rights education of the Youth Department is built around Compass, a manual for human rights education with young people. A fully revised version of Compass was published and launched in 2012. In November 2018, the Azerbaijani language version became available to users.

The Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education, adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe in 2010, emphasises the role of member states of the Council of Europe in making human rights education a reality for every person in Europe and the importance of quality education to promote the core values of the institution. The Charter provides the basis for advancing human rights education at local and regional level by defining objectives and principles applying to policy, legislation and practice<sup>1</sup>.

**Specific bi-lateral co-operation activities between the Council of Europe and the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Azerbaijan** were included for the first time in the Council of Europe Action Plan for Azerbaijan for 2016-2017. They are grouped under the project Capacity Building of Youth Leaders and Activists from Azerbaijan, Human Rights Education and Democratic Citizenship.

The project was focused on human rights education and democratic youth participation and is based on the training of trainers and multipliers, and the provision of educational resources in the Azerbaijani language.

The translation and availability of “Compass” and “Have Your Say!” in Azerbaijani language played a central role in this project as it should result in a wider group of competent and experienced of youth leaders, trainers and multipliers capable of reinforcing youth organisations and youth work in Azerbaijan through participatory and human-rights based approached.

**The National Forum on Human Rights and Citizenship Education with Young People in Azerbaijan** is a culmination point of the above-mentioned project and a direct contribution of the partners to support the implementation of the Charter on Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education, as well as to disseminate “Compass” and “Have your say!” as valuable tools in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

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<sup>1</sup> The Council of Europe Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education is available at: [http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/education/edc/Charter/Charter\\_EN.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/education/edc/Charter/Charter_EN.asp)

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### **Aims and objectives**

The Forum will bring together partners and actors from the youth, education and human rights sectors to reflect on the state of play of human rights and citizenship education in Azerbaijan. The Azerbaijani versions of the manuals *Compass* and *Have Your Say!* will be publicly presented at the Forum.

### **Main organisers**

The Conference is organising by the Council of Europe Youth Department and the Ministry of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The Forum will be held in English and Azerbaijani languages with simultaneous interpretation.

## **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

- 13:30-14:00 Registration of the participants
- 14:00-14:40 **Official opening of the Forum, with:**
- ***Azad Rahimov***, Minister of Minister on Youth and Sport of the Republic of Azerbaijan
  - ***Bahar Muradova***, Vice-Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Azerbaijan
  - ***Zoltán Hernyes***, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Baku
  - ***Elmira Suleymanova***, Ombudsman of the Republic of Azerbaijan
  - ***Elshad Isgandarov***, Ambassador at Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
  - ***Maryam Majidova***, Chairwoman of the National Assembly of Youth Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- 14:40-15:10 **Approaches and practices on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education at the Council of Europe, with *Rui Gomes***, Head of Division Education and Training, Youth Department of the Council of Europe
- 15:10-15:40 **Ceremony of delivery of certificates to the participants of joint activities**, held in 2017-2018 within the youth dimension of the Council of Europe Action Plan for Azerbaijan
- 15:40-16:10 *Coffee-break*

16:10-17:10 **Panel session on the state of the human rights education and youth participation in Azerbaijan: challenges and perspectives, with:**

- ***Farhad Hajiyev**, Deputy Minister on Youth and Sport of the Republic of Azerbaijan*
- ***Vafa Yagublu**, Director of Professional Development Institute of Education workers, member of EPAN*
- *Representative of the office of Ombudsman of the Republic of Azerbaijan*
- *Participant of the "COMPASS Long-term training course on human rights education and democratic citizenship for youth multipliers and trainers from Azerbaijan"*
- *Participant of the "Together Have Your Say": National training-course on democratic citizenship and youth participation for specialists from public authorities working with young people and for representatives of youth non-governmental organisations from Azerbaijan"*

*Questions and answers*

17.10-18.00 **Introduction and practical application in youth work, formal and no-formal education of the Council of Europe publications such as "*Compass*", a manual for human rights education with young people, and of "*Have your say!*", a manual on participation of young people in local and regional life**

18:00-18:15 **Official closing of the Forum**

**The Forum will be followed by workshops for youth leaders and educators which will be held on 11 December at the Binagadi Youth House (1, Axundov st., Baku)**