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Learning Together Online

Human Rights Education and Youth Participation for Euro-Arab Dialogue

2 November – 15 December 2020



Call for participants

Background

Young people today in the European and Arab regions grow up in societies exposed to various pressures for change, and resistance to change, that deeply impact on their understanding and exercise of active citizenship and on their role as agents for Human Rights. The realities for youth participation and young people's access to rights vary from one to another context, which makes some young people closer to decision-making, and others further away. On local, regional and national level across European and the Arab regions, young people are striving to build more inclusive spaces where they can have a say.

The participants in the 7th Euro-Arab Youth Forum held in 2019 in Budapest expressed concern that young people have few opportunities for appropriate education or training on peace and security, and they lack the expertise to tackle the sensitive nature of security. The participants encouraged:

the Council of Europe and the League of Arab States to initiate a human rights education programme for youth activists enabling them to take action on the topic of

peace and security and to invite their member states to implement such interventions in the education of young people.

The League of Arab States mission is to encourage cooperation between its member states on a range of issues including Human Rights, economic and social development, migration, rights of women and youth. Cooperation with the Council of Europe in the youth field has become an important feature in the youth programme of the League, notably through the youth fora jointly organised by the two organisations. The League's specific focus is on youth participation and empowerment through a campaign.

The 2030 strategy of the youth sector of the Council of Europe confirmed the central role of human youth participation, human rights education and intercultural dialogue in the activities of the Youth Department. The strategy aims at enabling young people to actively uphold, defend, promote and benefit from the Council of Europe's core values of human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

Learning Together Online – the course

As a follow-up to the 7th Euro-Arab Youth Forum, the Council of Europe and the League of Arab States agreed to co-organise a Training course on Human Rights Education and Youth Participation for Euro-Arab Dialogue. The course should take place at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg.

The situation with the COVID-19 pandemic has made the residential course impossible to be held. However, the need and opportunity for a Euro-Arab youth cooperation activity focusing on human rights education and youth participation remain intact.

The Council of Europe and the League of Arab States have thus decided to prepare and offer an online learning course. The course will focus on youth participation and empowerment in the framework of the League of Arab States campaign, as well as, will build on the experiences of the Youth for Democracy programme of the Council of Europe. The activity also contributes to the fourth phase (2020-2024) of the World Programme for Human Rights Education, focused on youth, and supports action for the Sustainable Development Goals (Goal 4.7).

The online course will take place from 2 November – 15 December 2020. It will prepare participants to apply youth participation and human rights education in their youth organisations and activities.

Aim and objectives

The online course promotes dialogue and mutual learning for youth leaders from the Council of Europe and League of Arab States on applying human rights education to address and improve youth participation and empowerment.

Objectives

- To strengthen participants' understanding of key concepts of human rights education and youth empowerment in the context of Euro-Arab cooperation;
- To explore the current realities, challenges and opportunities for applying human rights education in the Council of Europe and League of Arab states area;

- To share and devise ways of improving youth participation and empowerment through human rights education at local and national levels;
- To support exchange and mutual learning among youth leaders interested in Euro-Arab cooperation, notably by sharing the current obstacles and opportunities
- To associate the participants and their organisations with the priorities and work of the Council of Europe’s Youth Sector and the League of Arab States notably in relation to the Euro-Arab youth fora.

Programme and working methods

The course will be facilitated and run on a Moodle e-learning platform (<https://e-learning4youth.coe.int/>) for exchange and collaborative learning online; it will also include webinars using visio-conferencing providing space for inputs and discussion with experts. The course will run for approximately 6 weeks and will require regular involvement from the participants including presence and cooperation in the e-learning platform and submitting assignments timely. The participants should plan to commit around 4 hours per week for the e-learning on Moodle. In addition, there will be 3 online conferences – webinars each taking between 3-4 hours to complete.

The **e-learning** units based on Moodle will be the following (adjustments in content and timing are possible):

2-10 November	Unit 1: Introduction to the participants, their organisations, the Council of Europe and the League of Arab States
11-19 November	Unit 2: Introduction to Human Rights and young people’s access to rights
19-26 November	Unit 3: Human Rights Education
26 November – 7 December	Unit 4: Youth participation in the Euro-Arab context; conditions for Euro-Arab youth cooperation
7 -15 December	Unit 5: Applying Human Rights Education and youth participation in the participants organisations and projects

The **webinars** proposed within the course will be the following:

10 November	Webinar 1: Introduction to the Euro-Arab youth cooperation by the Council of Europe and the League of Arab States
26 November	Webinar 2: Human Rights Education in Action
15 December	Webinar 3: Tools and means for follow-up activities

Participants are expected to take part in all the activities.

Working languages

The course will be primarily run in English by a multicultural team of facilitators working with the Council of Europe and the League of Arab States. Some webinars may be held using English and Arabic with interpretation.

Certificates

The Council of Europe and the League of Arab States will issue certificates for participation to those participants who will complete at least 80% of the learning programme.

For more information about the programme, please check the annex to this call for participants.

Profile of participants

The online course will gather some 80 participants from Council of Europe member states and from the League of Arab States. All participants should be youth leaders, engaged in activities with young people either focused on education, youth work, youth policy or participation in public life.

We will welcome participants who are:

- Up to 35 years old (exceptions possible in justified cases)
- Able to follow the entire activity in English
- Resident in a member state of the Council of Europe or the League of Arab States
- Have access to the Internet and be ready to allocate at around 4 hours per week for taking part in the course, as well as, 3 hours for each of the webinars
- Interested in the promotion and protection of Human Rights and developing human rights education with young people
- Motivated to learn and support the learning process of other participants in a dialogical process
- Involved in the Euro-Arab youth cooperation or interested in getting involved
- Supported by their organisations, movements, councils or other nominating structures in their work, especially in applying potential follow-up.

Application procedure

Interested applicants from the Council of Europe member states should apply online through the open application form on <https://youthapplications.coe.int/Application-forms>

The Council of Europe welcomes applications from all candidates who fulfil the specific profile of the activities, irrespective of gender, disability, marital or parental status, racial, ethnic or social origin, colour, religion, belief or sexual orientation. Participation in the online learning activity is free of charge.

Applicants from the League of Arab States should apply through their Ministries responsible for youth.

Deadline for applications: **28 October 2020**

For additional questions, please write to eyc.programme@coe.int



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Draft Programme, aim and objectives

Units are hosted on the [e-learning platform of the Council of Europe's Youth sector](#)

Webinars are hosted on an online conferencing platform

Programme

2-10 November Unit 1: Introduction Unit

1. Introduction to the online learning activity
2. Introduction to the participants and their youth organisations
3. Participants expectations and learning objectives from the online activity
4. Presentation of the Council of Europe and the League of Arab States
5. Online group building activities

10 November 2020 Webinar 1: Introduction to the Euro-Arab youth cooperation by the Council of Europe and the League of Arab States

- 10:00 Opening of the Online learning activity – welcome address
- 10:15 The work of the League of Arab States with young people in the Euro-Arab context
- 10:45 Young people at the Council of Europe, Introduction to the Youth for Democracy programme and the instruments of the Council of Europe's youth sector
- 11:30 Small groups exchange with speakers from the Council of Europe and the League of Arab States

11-19 November Unit 2: Introduction to Human Rights and young people's access to rights

1. Defining and building a common understanding of human rights
2. Introduction to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Human Rights standards set in international legal instruments
3. European Convention of Human Rights and the European Court of Human Rights
4. Human Rights issues and violations in different contexts and situations – the experiences of young people
5. Access to rights for young people, exploring obstacles and issues which prevent full access and living in Human Rights
6. The notion of youth rights and the rights-based approach in the youth field

19-26 November Unit 3: Human Rights Education

1. Introduction to Human Right Education
2. Approaches to Human Rights Education
3. Using COMPASS for Human Rights Education with young people
4. Human Rights Education online?

26 November Webinar 2: Human Rights Education in Action

- 10:00 Applying Human Rights Education in the Euro-Arab context
Input and exchange with Rui Gomes, Youth department of the Council of Europe
- 11:30 Practical examples and initiatives – Human Rights Education in the Euro-Arab youth context, exchange in working groups with experts
- 12:30 Conclusions and recommendations from the working groups

26 November – 7 December Unit 4: Youth participation in the Euro-Arab context

1. Defining Youth Participation based on the practices and experiences of the participants' organisations
2. Experiences and contexts youth participation on local, national and regional level
3. Standards and mechanisms for youth participation
Revised European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life
Co-management in the youth sector of the Council of Europe
Arab youth council under the League of Arab States
4. Rights Means Spaces Opportunities and Support for youth participation
Ladder of youth participation
5. Contexts, experiences and dilemmas on youth participation
 - Participation on global and local level
 - Online participation and recent changes / challenges in youth participation
 - Participation and power division
 - Youth empowerment

7 -15 December Unit 5: Applying Human Rights Education and youth participation in the participants organisations and projects

1. Opportunities for Euro-Arab youth cooperation on Human Rights Education and youth participation
 - Funding opportunities including the European Youth Foundation

- Recommendations for local level advocacy
- 2. Reflection on joint follow up action
- 3. Available resources to support participants developing joint projects/initiatives
- 4. Implementing and reflecting on a joint action for the Human Rights Day (10 December)
- 5. Evaluation of the online learning activity

15 December	Webinar 3: Tools for follow-up activities in the Euro-Arab context
10:00	Euro-Arab youth cooperation – examples from the past years
10:30	Practical tools and resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Social media and campaigning- Advocacy and youth policy- Education and youth work
11:30	Possibilities for Euro-Arab youth cooperation by the Council of Europe and the League of Arab States
12:30	Closing of the Online learning activity

Aim and objectives

The online learning activity promotes dialogue and mutual learning for youth leaders from the Council of Europe and League of Arab States on applying Human Rights Education to address and improve youth participation and empowerment, in a context of Euro-Arab intercultural dialogue.

Objectives

- To strengthen participants' understanding of key concepts of Human Rights Education and youth empowerment in the context of Euro-Arab cooperation;
- To explore the current realities, challenges and opportunities for applying Human Rights Education in the Council of Europe and League of Arab states area;
- To explore ways of promoting youth participation and empowerment through Human Rights Education in the Euro-Arab context;
- To associate the participants and their organisations with the priorities and work of the Council of Europe's Youth Sector and the League of Arab States;
- To contribute to the dialogue and networking of youth leaders and multipliers on human rights education and youth participation and to the mainstreaming of human rights education in the Euro-Arab youth cooperation.