



Living Library organised by the Council of Europe

2016 – EUROPEAN YOUTH EVENT AND THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

— The Council of Europe cooperates with the European Parliament and the European Youth Forum for the second time for the organization of the EYE “together we can make a change”.

— The Youth Department of the Council of Europe is part of the Directorate of Democratic Citizenship and Participation. It develops guidelines and programmes for young people from the 47 Member States of the Council of Europe and aims at promoting the respect of Human Rights, diversity, democracy and youth participation through training and youth policy development.

TIME/ VENUE

YO!Village in front of the European Parliament premises

Friday 20th May from 13:00-18:00

Saturday 21st May from 10:00-18:00

The last opportunity to borrow a book will be half an hour before the closing of the living library.

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The Council of Europe is the continent's leading human rights organisation. It includes 47 member states, 28 of which are members of the European Union.

All Council of Europe member states have signed up to the European Convention on Human Rights, a treaty designed to protect human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

The European Court of Human Rights oversees the implementation of the Convention in the member states.

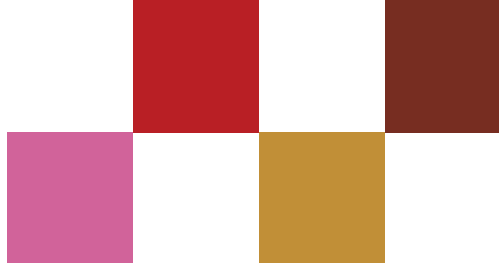
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LIVING LIBRARY - DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER!

- What does diversity mean to you?
- Have you ever thought about your own prejudices and stereotypes about other people? Or felt that other people might have some about you?
- Do you have a lot of stereotypes for example about Roma people or Muslims, priests or lesbians, feminists or policemen?
- Have you ever had the chance to speak to one of them to find out what his or her life is like?
- If you're ready to face your own prejudices and stereotypical judgements and meet "your stereotype" personally, you should become a reader of the Living Library where books speak!



HOW DOES THE LIVING LIBRARY WORK?

- When you come for the first time you will have to register as a reader to receive your Living Library Pass. By becoming a reader you accept the Living Library policy;
- From the library catalogue you can choose a book you would like to read.
- You can spend 30 mn with the book of your choice. Then you must bring the book back to the Living Library;
- The services of the Living Library are free of charge for registered readers.



WHAT ARE THE RULES FOR READERS OF THE LIVING LIBRARY?

- Only registered readers who have accepted the Library rules can borrow a book;
- Only one book can be borrowed at a time;
- A book can be borrowed for 30 mn, and then it must be returned to the Living Library. Readers can extend reading time for a maximum of one extra hour arranged with the librarian;
- The reader must return the book in the same mental and physical condition as when it was borrowed. It is forbidden to damage the book, tear out or bend pages, spill food or drink over the book or hurt his/her dignity in any other way. The reader is responsible for preserving the condition of the book;
- The reader accepts the fact that the book can quit the conversation if he/she feels that the reader treats him/her in an inappropriate manner or hurts his/her dignity.

