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## Human Rights Passwords

Sharing and shaping democracy and human rights together with young people

National Training course on Human rights education with young people the occasion of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Europe within the [Youth revitalising democracy project](#)

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United Kingdom

**02 – 05 October 2024**

## Call for participants

Deadline: 5 September 2024



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## Human Rights Password

The Council of Europe was founded in London in May 1949. To celebrate its 75th anniversary [AICEM](#) and [Young Brent Foundation](#), is hosting a national training course on human rights education in London in October 2024 called “Human Rights Passwords” organised in cooperation with the [Youth Department](#) of the Council of Europe within the [Youth revitalising democracy project](#) under the support of the London Borough of Brent..

The training offers young people the opportunity to deepen their understanding of human rights and human rights education through practical non-formal education four-day course.

The event seeks to further renew and strengthen the close relationship between the mission of the Council of Europe and the current and future generations of young people. It is organised for young people to share their aspirations and commitment to a democratic Europe and to contribute, as irreplaceable partners for the present and the future of Council of Europe to shaping the future of democracy and human rights on the European continent.

## Council of Europe

The Council of Europe has 46 member states (including the United Kingdom) to promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law across Europe and beyond. From the Congress of The Hague in 1948 throughout its history, youth organisations and young people have played a crucial role in safeguarding the values of this organisation.

A key element of the Council of Europe’s work is human rights education and has several charters and recommendations aimed at supporting young people in accessing and understanding their human rights, including [the Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education](#).

The Youth Department of the Council of Europe has published several manuals and toolkits to support human rights education with young people, including [Compass](#), the manual for human rights education with young people.

Human rights passwords will explore the human rights frameworks that affect young people and give them the tools to promote human rights and human rights education in their local communities.

## Aims and objectives of the training course

This training course aims to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Council of Europe and demonstrate its relevance for young people today by :

- Promoting human rights (HR) among young people (18 – 35) living in the UK and exploring ways young people can use both offline and online tools to exercise and defend democratic rights and use them to engage and influence political decisions related to HR and Human Rights Education (HRE).
- Empowering youth workers and actors working with youth, and in particular young migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers, with tools and methodologies on HRE to support participants in implementing concrete actions through their organisations and new projects and positively influencing local authorities on the importance of HRE.
- Sharing participants’ aspirations and proposals at the official celebration/exhibition of the 75th anniversary of the Council of Europe, which will be held in the London Borough of Brent and will host several local, national, and international representatives.

## Objectives of the event

1. To strengthen participants' understanding of key concepts of human rights and human rights education and their ability to put them into practice with young people in a diverse society, including relevant mechanisms and instruments (charters, declarations, conventions).
2. To develop essential competencies, skills and attitudes to act as multipliers and advocates working with human rights education in non-formal learning settings, including familiarising participants with the approaches of Compass manual.
3. To raise awareness about the online and offline forms of phobias related to the existing standards and legislation. Giving concrete tools that can be used local organisations to promote HR and intercultural and interfaith dialogue.
4. To develop a skill set to protect and promote our cultural, social economical rights.

## Programme and outcomes

The youth event will bring together 25 representatives of local, regional, national youth councils, parliament, youth organisations, and youth work professionals for a four-day programme using participatory approaches characteristic of non-formal education and youth work.

## Why Brent?

Brent is a borough in northwest London. Brent's population is estimated to be 339,800 and 164 languages are spoken in Brent, making the area extremely diverse (one of the most diverse boroughs in England) facing the highest index of deprivation due to lack of access to social rights.

There are 102,752 under 25s in Brent, which represents 31% of the total population.

Borough plan 2023-27 explains the priority for children and young people, acknowledging the difficulties in accessing rights for communities of specific heritage.

## Profile of participants

The training course is primarily designed to bring together participants who are either:

- a) representatives of a local, regional, national youth council or national organisations of a similar scope;
- b) members/ Alumni of the Brent Youth Parliament and other youth parliament;
- c) representatives of youth organisations;
- d) young activists, facilitators and leaders active in human rights and democracy projects or campaigns or education;
- e) UK youth delegates to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities.

## Participants must:

- be in a position to multiply and follow up on the conclusions of the training
- be a resident or inhabitant of the United Kingdom
- be aged between 18-35 years (exception can be made if explained)
- be able to work autonomously in English (if sign language or additional interpretation is required, please get in touch with the organisers before applying)
- be available for the entire duration of the training

## Application procedure and selection of participants

All candidates must duly complete the online application form via this [link](#).  
The deadline for submitting applications is **Friday, 5 September at 13:00**.

The partners will select up to 25 participants based on the above profile, ensuring a balance between genders, geographical regions, different types of experiences, cultural backgrounds, organisations, institutions, and projects. A waiting list may be established. **Candidates will be informed by 10 September 2024 whether their application has been accepted or rejected and if they have been put on the waiting list.**

The organisers welcome 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.

## Practical and financial conditions

### Board and lodging

- Accommodation will be provided by the Young Brent Foundation and AICEM in Brent in a hotel or B&B near the Brent Civic Centre.
- The organisers will provide meals.
- The organisers cover accommodation costs and meals, whilst Brent Council will host the training at the Civic Centre.

### Travel

- Travel expenses will be reimbursed by bank transfer after the activity. Only the participants who attend the entire event can be reimbursed.
- Participants are expected to arrive to the venue on 2 October and depart on 6 October

2024.

- **If requiring accommodation and travelling from other regions, then the arrival should be on 1 October 2024.**

## **Questions**

If you have any questions about this activity, please contact us at [ilaria.esposito@aicem.it](mailto:ilaria.esposito@aicem.it)

# DRAFT PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 1 October 2024

Arrivals

|                    | 2 October   | 3 October   | 4 October  | 5 October  |
|--------------------|---|---|--|--|
| <b>9.30</b>        | Welcome and opening<br>Getting to know each other's | Mapping Exercise:<br>Young people have access to rights                               | Responses: Human Rights Education and Education for Democratic Citizenship                     | Practice: Group delivery   |
| <b>Break</b>       |   |   |  |  |
| <b>11.30</b>       | Brief overview on NFE and youth work concepts       | Identities and human rights<br>explore intersectionality and levels of discrimination | Am I a HR practitioner?<br>reflective practice   | Practice: Groups delivery  |
| <b>Lunch break</b> |   |   |  |  |
| <b>2 pm</b>        | Council of Europe<br>HR: values and principles      | Reflection on human rights conflicts brought by the "Illegal immigration Act"         | Practice:<br>intro to session outline structure.<br>Plan and deliver a session for your group. | Feedback on group delivery and reflections<br>on ideas and partnership generation at local level |
| <b>Break</b>       |   |   |  |  |

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| <b>3.45</b>    | Human Rights History<br>European Convention on Human Rights and<br>Political, social and economic context of Europe and UK | Human Rights in practice<br>Participants receive a Copy of Compass and Compasito | Practice continues  | Follow up<br>Evaluation<br>Closing                  |
| <b>Dinner</b>  |  |  |   |   |
| <b>Evening</b> | Reflection walk<br>75th Anniversary exhibition   | free evening   | Free evening: participants need to prepare to deliver activities on day 4 | intercultural evening hosted by a local youth group |