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## **“REMEMBRANCE AND LEARNING FROM SECOND WORLD WAR”**

Strengthening the relevance and quality of remembrance activities with young people today,  
***75 years since the end of the Second World War and  
the 70th anniversary of the European Convention on Human rights***

**14-18 December 2020**

**Draft Programme**

*Note: The current programme is a draft and it will be adapted according to the evolution of the e-learning programme, the expectations and profile of participants and the special conditions of on-line activities.*



## **BACKGROUND**

### **TO LEARN, TO UNDERSTAND AND TO CREATE**

In the current context of resurgence of radicalised ideologies and rising antisemitism, learning from the past in a human rights framework is fundamental to preserve human dignity and to prevent further human rights violations.

Youth work and human rights education play an important role in this respect by allowing young people to learn together and address topics that may be sensitive but cannot be avoided. Remembrance and learning from the past are important when working in intercultural learning activities, especially with respect to such topics as human rights, promoting peace and counteracting discrimination and violence among young people.



Discussing these topics with young people can give context and meaning, can empower them to become critical thinkers, responsible and active global citizens who value human dignity and respect for all, who reject antisemitism, racism and other forms of prejudice that can lead to violence and genocide.

The training seminar in 2020 is built on the experience and learning accumulated during previous editions of the seminar since 2014 and [the Guidelines on Remembrance activities for and with young people](#), prepared during a workshop held in December 2020 at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg. It will be held in the context of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Second World War and focus on strengthening the relevance of remembrance work with young people and to improve the quality of activities, projects and programmes with young people promoting, peace, human rights and intercultural dialogue.

The activity is a part of the 2020 Action plan of the Framework Programme on co-operation between the Council of Europe and the Russian Federation in the field of youth policy as a contribution to implementing one of the objectives of the Framework Programme – promoting intercultural dialogue, peacebuilding and cultural diversity.

### **Co-organisers**

The seminar is co-organised by the Youth Department of the Council of Europe with the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation and the National Youth Council of Russia, and with the support of MIREA – Russian Technological University.



## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

**Aim:** to strengthen the relevance and quality of Remembrance work with young people while promoting peace, human rights and intercultural dialogue.

The **specific objectives:**

- to discuss the participants' understanding of remembrance, human rights, intercultural dialogue and reconciliation;
- to share and critically reflect on the Remembrance education practices of participants with a view to applying the Guidelines for youth activities on Remembrance based on human rights education approach;
- to reflect on the meaning of the commemorations of 75 years since the end of the Second World War, the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations and the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights, for young people and society today;
- to remember the victims of the Second World War as a contribution to the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its ending and contribute to the perpetuation of the memory and the role of young people therein;
- to explore current challenges related to remembrance and history, learning ways to respond to them (including revision and manipulation of history);
- to enhance the role of youth work and youth organisations, in the Russian Federation and other member states of the Council of Europe, in upholding the values of democracy, human rights and the rule of law.



## PROGRAMME AND METHODOLOGY

The seminar will run for 5 days from 14 to 18 December and will require regular involvement from the participants every working day for four hours from 10h to 14h (Central European Time).

The seminar will be held on a Zoom platform and include group activities on sharing experiences among the participants, common sessions with invited experts and guests, workshops and sessions on follow-up actions.

In addition, there will be 4 online modules at the Moodle educational platform of the Council of Europe Youth Department.

The programme is based on and derives from the methodological approaches and principles of human rights education. The programme will focus on building a trusting, open, safe and reflective atmosphere in order to develop critical thinking of the participants and to foster a deep relationship between the participants and the theme.



## The programme will take place in the following formats:



**Webinars:** Online presentations and discussion with experts with the possibility for questions through a facilitated chat room.



**Online workshops:** Interactive workshops for a limited number of participants for developing skills and spaces to discuss and share about different experiences and realities



**E-learning activities:** Moodle based online exercises and tasks to be accomplished by learners individually or occasionally in cooperation with other participants.

English and Russian will be the working languages of the seminar.



### PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS:

The seminar will bring together 50-60 participants from the country parties to the European Cultural Convention, together with a selected number of participants from other countries directly concerned by the objectives of the seminar.



### FURTHER INQUIRIES

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## DRAFT PROGRAMME

**Monday, 14 December:**

### Introduction and welcome



10:00-10:50 **Introduction to the training seminar and its framework:** practical issues and working together



11:00-11:30 Opening session: **What may we take from the past to live better today and tomorrow?**

- **Hande Taner**, *Advisory Council on Youth, Council of Europe*
- **Grrigory Petushkov**, *National Youth Council of Russia*



11:30-12:00 *Break*



12:00-13:30 **Building a common ground:**

- When and how we first learned about the Second World War and how did it shape our understanding?
- Dialogue and multiperspectivity – are they the key features in remembrance work?
- How do we work on Remembrance topics with young people?

**Tuesday, 15 December:**

### Sharing understanding about Human Rights and Remembrance



10:00-11:30 **Human rights and Remembrance work: framework and challenges**

- Directorate General for Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
- *Education about the Holocaust and prevention of genocide, UNESCO*
- German Foundation "Remembrance, Responsibility and Future" (*tbc*)
- *Education Department, Council of Europe*
- Institute of General History of the Russian Academy of Sciences

#### **Discussion about the connection between the concepts of Human Rights and Remembrance**



11:30-12:00 *Break*



12:00-13:30 **Exchange among participants** on existing practices and challenges in Remembrance work with young people



15:00-16:30 **Virtual visits to the memorial sites:**

- [German Resistance Memorial Center](#)
- [European Center for Deported Resistance and Site of the former Natzweiler-Struthof camp](#) (*tbc*)

- [Jewish Museum and Tolerance Centre](#)
- [Victory Museum](#)
- [House of the Wansee Conference, museum and memorial site](#)

### Wednesday, 16 December:

#### Different looks to the past, present and future



10:00-10:30 **Debriefing following the visits of the memorial sites**



10:30-12:00 **Open talks with the experts on:**

- *Memory and remembrance in the past and today*
- New context – can it be a pre-condition for the revision of history?
- *Multiperspectivity and critical thinking – how do they serve in talking about and working on Remembrance topics?*
- Right and Duty to Remember



12:00-12:30 *Break*



12:30-13:30 **Sharing questions and reflections**



15:00-16:30 **Major Tribunal of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: 75 years of the Nuremberg Trials**, with *Aleksandr Zvyagintsev*, author of the books and documentary films "Nuremberg. The Main Process of Humanity"

### Thursday, 17 December:

#### Human rights education in Remembrance work with young people



10:00-11:30 **Human rights education as a key approach to Remembrance work**



11:30-12:00 *Break*



12:30-13:30 Parallel workshops on **Remembrance work with young people through and for:**

- Intercultural dialogue
- Peacebuilding and reconciliation
- Non-discrimination and equality

### Friday, 18 December:

#### Follow-up actions and evaluation



10:00-11:30 **New tools for working on Remembrance with young people**, with *Olga Amelchenkova*, Chair of the international organisation "Volunteers of Victory"

**Remembrance and youth work I:** using the learning outcomes of the seminar in our future work



12:00-12:30 *Break*



12:30-13:30 **Remembrance and youth work II:** discussion on the seminar main results

Dialogue with:

- **Denis Ashirov**, *Head of Department of state youth policy, Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation*
- **Antje Rothmund**, *Head of the Youth Department, Council of Europe*
- **Ivan Soltanovsky**, *Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Council of Europe*

Moderator: **Grigory Petushkov**, Chairperson of the National Youth Council of Russia



13:30-14:00 **Evaluation and closing of the seminar**