

19TH UNIVERSITY ON YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT (UYD)

10-14 September 2018, Spain

CALL FOR ACTIVITIES

Deadline for proposals: 8 July 2018

General presentation

The University on Youth and Development (UYD) is an activity facilitated and coordinated by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe in partnership with the Spanish Institute for Youth (INJUVE), the European Youth Forum (YFJ), the Spanish Youth Council (CJE) and other international youth organisations and youth serving organisations.

The UYD provides a platform where different organizations operating at local, national, regional and international level have a space to run their own activities with their own participants within a multilateral cooperation context which encourages networking, peer education and sharing of knowledge and opportunities.

Since the year 2000, the UYD is a space to explore the concept of global development education and global citizenship, to encourage dialogue between decision makers and young people, to advocate for youth participation and to empower young people towards their rights and duties.

Main objectives:

- Enhance youth cooperation, youth work and youth empowerment through peer-learning, networking and the exchange of good practices.
- Increase the mainstreaming of the youth-related issues through a bottom-up approach and a multilateral cooperation effort of a large number of youth stakeholders.
- Engage with young people in decision and policy making, building together recommendations on youth-related issues.
- Improve the capacity of youth organisations to contribute to the global agenda on youth participation being able to identify and address new challenges.
- Foster a structured dialogue among governments, parliaments, local and regional authorities' representatives and youth organisations and youth leaders.
- Promote human rights, intercultural dialogue and democratic citizenship as essential dimensions of global development education.

The educational model implemented in the UYD is largely inspired by the Global Education Guidelines¹, systematized by the North-South Centre and based in non-formal education methodologies. It follows the Council of Europe's Recommendation on Education for Global Interdependence and Solidarity² and aligns with the UN Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The UYD and the Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship

The UYD is an international and multilateral youth event integrated in the Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship; a partnership facilitated and coordinated by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe (NSC).

The Network was informally set up in 2011 as a platform aiming at the promotion of dialogue and cooperation on youth-related issues at regional, multilateral and global level.

The Network encourages the definition of a common agenda and the implementation of common actions to foster democratic participation and global citizenship among young people, contributing to spread of universal principles, values and standards of the Council of Europe and the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Network advocates for youth participation, provides space for youth empowerment and offers non-formal education capacity building activities for youth, generating policies, practices, mechanisms, tools and services and for youth development, in order to make young people recognized as global actors.

Every year the Network promotes, besides the [University on Youth and Development](#) (UYD), the Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship which took place 7-11 May 2018 in Tunis (Tunisia)

Annual theme

Every year the Network agrees on a thematic annual overarching priority according to a strategic understanding of the youth global agenda. The thematic annual priority represents the thread that connects all the activities taking place in the framework of the universities of the same year.

For the period 2018-2020 the Network agreed for a three-year cycle under an umbrella theme: the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16: "peace, justice and strong institutions".

However, each year the main theme will be broken down into specific annual focuses which represent different but complementary elements of the broader umbrella theme

The annual focuses are:

2018: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies.

¹ North South Centre of the Council of Europe (2012). *Global Education Guidelines*, available at: <https://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/GE/GE/GE-Guidelines/GEguidelines-web.pdf>, accessed 21 February 2018.

² Recommendation CM/Rec(2011)4, Committee of Ministers to member states Council of Europe, *On education for global interdependence and solidarity*, available at: <https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?id=1784485&Site=CM>, accessed 21 February 2018.

2019: Access to justice for all.

2020: Build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions.

Please see the concept note [“Network of universities on youth and global citizenship 2018-2020”](#) to explore in detail the three-year umbrella theme and the 2018 annual focus.

The structure and the programme of the UYD

The UYD will take place from the 9 (arrivals day) to the 15 (departures day) September 2018.

During this week different organisations will develop their own activities within a common pedagogical framework: the Joint Programme.

The annual theme nurtures the Joint Programme of each University. The Joint Programme gives the opportunity to all the partners and participant youth-led organizations and institutions to reflect and interact around the annual common topic while running its own activities.

The “Joint Programme” is developed by the Joint Pedagogical Team, selected by the North-South Centre after consulting the partners of the Network participating in this activity. The Team is composed by a professional team of experienced trainers, mastering non-formal education methodology and with multifaceted creative competences which guarantee a pedagogical approach on global education for a fruitful intercultural learning experience. The Team should also be able to work transversally through all the activities taking place within the University and engage with all participants.

The Schedule of the UYD in 2018:

Day / Time	Sunday 9	Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13	Friday 14	Saturday 15	
09.30	Arrivals and reception	Opening ceremony	Partner activities	Joint session	Partner activities	Partner activities	Departures	
11.00		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break		
11.30		Partner activities	Partner activities	Joint session	Partner activities	Partner activities		
13.00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
15.00		Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities		
16.30		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break		
17.00		Partner activities	Sharing workshops	Partner activities	Partner activities	Final Plenary		
19.00		Free time	Free time	Free time	Free time			
20.00		Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		Dinner
21.30		Free time	Joint thematic activities	Joint thematic activities	Free evening	Joint thematic activities		Interaction with local community

Procedure for submission of proposal for activities and selection criteria

Organisations wishing to take part to the UYD and integrating their activities in the programme of the University should fill the enclosed Activity Form and send it back to the North-South Centre: nsc.youthcooperation@coe.int.

Deadline for submission of the proposals: **8 July 2018**.

The main selection criteria of the activities are:

- To be organised by youth-led or youth serving organisations or other entities having young people as a target group.
- To meet the objectives of the University in terms of youth capacity building, advocacy or youth participation.
- To be connected and constitute a relevant contribution to the annual theme.
- To have a global or regional scope either in terms of the participants or contents.
- To involve a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 30 participants (including team).
- To seek gender balance and the inclusion of vulnerable groups in terms of the participants.
- To be inspired by the North-South Centre's Global Education Guidelines and the Council of Europe's Recommendation on Education for Global Interdependence and Solidarity and to align with the UN agenda for Sustainable Development.

Commitments of the selected organizations towards the University

The partners or youth-led organisations and institutions which will be selected by the North-South Centre, in consultation with the partners of the Network to run its activity within one University shall:

- Participate in the preparatory meeting and other relevant stakeholders's meetings.
- Provide feedback to the joint programme.
- Propose and mobilize guest speakers and resource persons for the joint events.
- Suggest and co-organise joint activities and side events.
- Promote the University and support its media coverage.
- Mobilise volunteers
- Participate and contribute to the final evaluation meeting
- Contribute to the financial and logistics of the event in accordance to their capacity
- Respect procedures and deadlines as set by the North-South Centre in the timeline for the Universities

The selected organisations are responsible to cover the expenses of board, lodging and travel for the participants and teams involved in their own activity.

The role and of the North-South Centre and of the local hosting partner

The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe acts as a facilitator and a coordinator of the University.

The North-South Centre collects, connects, facilitates and coordinates the efforts of its partners and youth-led organizations and institutions willing to participate in the Universities to develop the strategic objectives, to design the draft joint programme, to manage the governance of the whole event and to deal with the local hosting partner all the financial and logistics aspects. The North-South Centre will guarantee the sustainability of the University.

The North-South Centre should negotiate with the local hosting partner the best rates, subject to a contract, to cover:

- Welcoming and farewell desks to the participants of the University.
- Board and lodging.
- Safety and security.
- Training rooms and other facilities for the activities.
- Different services, such as pedagogical resources, equipment and materials.
- Logistic resource staff.

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