

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS
TRAINING "EMPOWERING YOUNGSTERS TO IMPROVE THEIR
INFLUENCE ON DECISION MAKING PROCESSES"

Basic information

What? Title?	Training Course "Empowering youngsters to improve their influence on decision making processes"
When?	19 - 26 August (including arrival and departure day)
Where?	Ommen, the Netherlands
Eligible Countries?	Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia/FYROM, Netherlands, Romania, Turkey
Number of participants?	2 per country (24 in total)
Application deadline	June 12th, 2015

Idea, themes and objectives

In the Netherlands, youth political parties are very active. In most cities there are youth branches of political parties. They serve multiple purposes: to provide leisure activities, to get organizational experience, to gain experience in a political context and to have influence on decision making processes. Next to these structures, many countries have national youth councils, with representatives who function as a key between politicians and youth. Despite the existence of these structures, many youngsters feel like they don't have a say in governance that affects them directly. Especially within the target group of many youth clubs and youth NGO's this sentiment could be expressed. Many youngsters don't see the opportunities they have, to let their voice be heard.

This training aims to equip the youth worker with the right tools, to guide youth in order to be active in democratic structures to voice their needs. The training will promote the start of a debating club within youth organizations, ran by youth. Via this club, youth will be united to discuss their opinions and to advocate for their wishes. To motivate and to empower them, we will explore the existing structures in each country and offer workshops on debating (persuasion techniques etc.) and philosophical backgrounds. To pitch their ideas and to advocate for them, we will explore the possibilities of social media in particular. The best practices will be discussed and we will gain inspiration from representatives of organizations like youth political parties, the national youth council and debating clubs. Clear working plans will be made for each organization and after the implementation it will be evaluated, resulting in a quick guide with best practices, usable for other organizations as well. The working methods are non-formal, with brain storms, discussions, expert input, role plays and energizers.



Aim:

- To develop competences of youth workers to empower youngsters with skills, knowledge and attitudes to improve their influence on decision making processes.

Objectives:

- To explore the situations in which youth can have stronger influence on decision making processes
- To analyze the deficiencies of youth on having a stronger influence on policies that affect them
- To examine the existing structures for youth to have influence



- To explore different ways in which youth workers can empower youngsters to play an active role in decision making processes
- To introduce debating clubs as a tool to stimulate youngsters to develop their skills and increase their influence regarding youth policies, with workshops on debating, philosophical backgrounds and advocacy
- To discuss the best practices
- To develop concrete working plans for each organization on empowering youth regarding their influence on decision making processes
- To evaluate the implementation and provide a guide with best practices for other organizations as well.

Partner organizations

Armenia	APY	Latvia	Youth for City
Austria	Jugendzentrum Perg	Lithuania	JMB
Belgium	YEU International	Macedonia/FYROM	CID
Croatia	Realization	Netherlands	JUB
Estonia	MTU	Romania	GEYC
Georgia	Kartlosi	Turkey	TOG

Each partner organization will send two participants, making a total of 24 participants.

About JUB

JUB is a youth organization, founded in 2011, aiming to promote peace, understanding and co-operation between young people in the world. We aim to realize local and international youth activities, to promote tolerance between young people from different cultures and countries. Further, we hope to encourage active involvement in society, without any distinction because of race, social status, educational level or any other 'disadvantage'. We work in a spirit of respect for human rights and we highly value sustainable development. Our projects are carried out by trained professionals, mostly based on non-formal education methods. It means we make use of several techniques, like brainstorming, discussions, presentations, role plays, simulations and expert inputs. The proverb 'learning by doing' is most suitable here. In short, we create a space for young people to develop themselves.

Accommodation and finances

The training will take place in training center / hostel 'Olde Vechte', close to the city of Ommen in the Netherlands. It is easily reachable by a 1,5 hr. / 2,5 hr. train ride from Amsterdam or Eindhoven airport. It is situated in a nice environment and it has excellent facilities. Check out their website: <http://www.oldevechte.nl/>.



Specifics on costs:

- JUB will cover your stay 100%, including food and drinks;
- 70% of all travel costs (cheapest way, until the limits below) will be reimbursed afterwards, after receiving all relevant receipts;
- 100% of visa costs will be reimbursed;
- There is a participation fee, which will be deducted from the travel reimbursement:
 - Participants from EU countries: 50 euro
 - Participants from non-EU countries: 35 euro

Limits for travel costs (door to door), to be reimbursed for 70%:

Armenia	€530,-	Latvia	€275,-
Austria	€275,-	Lithuania	€275,-
Belgium	€180,-	Macedonia/FYROM	€275,-
Croatia	€275,-	Netherlands	-
Estonia	€275,-	Romania	€275,-
Georgia	€530,-	Turkey	€360,-

Profile of the participants

Priority will be given to participants matching the following profile:

- Experience with non-formal education;
- Willing and able to work on local youth policies with youngsters;
- No expertise in the topics is needed, but welcomed for input during sessions - enthusiasm is most important;
- Supported by our partner organizations in each country;
- Ability to work in English.

There is no age restriction. The organization will take into account balance in terms of gender and cultural background.

How to apply?

In order to apply, please fill out this online form: <http://goo.gl/forms/UcZdbqpWGd>.

The deadline is 12 June 2015 :)

In case of any questions, please contact Martijn: martijn@jubinternational.org :)

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