



Young Activists Communicating Peace 15.08. - 22.08.2022

Training for Youth Workers in: Sievershausen, near Hannover, Germany

Age: 18 +

Language: English

An international training for those who are involved in youth work and who want to learn and experience concrete peace work at an international level!

In recent years, we have observed an increasing radicalization in public communications and an increase in hate speech on social media. News and social media are dominated by escalating and polarizing language. Nationalist, anti-democratic and racist actors are threatening social cohesion worldwide with targeted fake news. This has become increasingly clear over the past 10 years and has reached a new level since Russian troops invaded Ukraine: democracy and peace are under threat worldwide.

With this training, which is part of our long-term project "**Young Activist for Peace**", we want to remind you that we as human beings are also characterized by the ability to **communicate successfully**, to cooperate, to show compassion and to act in solidarity. We believe that the ability to communicate successfully is a key to greater understanding and appreciation for one another and contributes to a more peaceful society.

Our training aims to provide the opportunity to develop knowledge by learning and performing. We are inspired by the following questions:

- Which concepts help us to understand and deal with interpersonal and social conflicts?
- How do my personal experiences of violence shape my thoughts and actions in conflicts, in general and in view of the current war in Ukraine?
- How is it possible to communicate peacefully instead of escalating and how can we implement this in our work with young people?
- How can we recognize fake news and propaganda in the media-led war and replace them with positive examples?
- Where can we contribute to peaceful communication in public discourse?

We are happy that [Christoph Pinkert](#) will be our trainer this year. He is an experienced trainer, lecturer and supervisor for peace education, conflict management as well as leadership and organizational development, whose achievements are recognised at

an international level. During the training, he will combine theoretical concepts with their practical implementation to reach a non-violent conflict resolution.

The participation of Ukrainian participants as well as online communication with Russian young people is planned.

Become part of the international community working for peace and a world without discrimination!

We invite two participants from EU- and neighbouring countries from each partner. Some experience in youth or non-formal political education is required. You are welcome to use the experiences and results of this project in your own work.

Conditions for participation

- Date of arrival: 15.08.2022 in the afternoon
- Date of departure: 22.08.2022 after lunch
- Location: Sievershausen (Germany)
- Age: 18+ (no upper limit)
- Working language: English
- Previous experience: you should have some experience in running non-formal youth learning or political education activities
- The Hosting Organization of this offer will organise the accommodation and covers the costs for accommodation and food
- The participation fee: 40,- Euro from EU, 20,- from non EU residents. There might be other costs charged by your Sending Organization.
- Reimbursement of the travel expenses is calculated according to the flat rate of the ERASMUS + programme. There is a higher reimbursement if sustainable transport is chosen - **It is strongly recommended to travel sustainably.**