



Empowering Youth Engagement Workshop in Aarhus, Denmark (2025). Call for Participants

Are you a part of the ICYE Youth Engagement Committee or an active member of an organisation that is just as passionate about empowering young voices and advancing inclusion, diversity, and decolonization as we are?

The International Cultural Youth Exchange (ICYE) invites motivated young leaders to participate in the **Empowering Youth Engagement Workshop** from **21th - 27th of March**. The workshop aims to build upon the framework and ideas of the ICYE Youth Engagement Committee - and by doing so strengthen the capacity of young people to actively and meaningfully contribute to strengthen the international volunteering service (IVS) and to advocate for social justice and intercultural understanding.

Join an inspiring network of changemakers this March and take part in shaping the future of youth engagement!

About the Workshop

Participants who join the event will have unique networking opportunities - including the possibility to explore potential collaborations with other organizations, experience valuable non-formal learning approaches, and develop their professional skills within a range of areas.

This 5-day international event will:

- Build participants' knowledge of **meaningful youth engagement**.
- Strengthen **communication and public speaking skills** for effective advocacy.
- Develop competencies in **inclusion, diversity, and decolonization**.
- Facilitate the creation of visual materials for a social media campaign on **youth engagement and solidarity**.

Methodology: The workshop applies participatory and experiential learning methods to foster engagement, critical reflection, and practical action. Participants will also have the chance to lead sessions, showcasing their unique skills and expertise.



Workshop Highlights

- **Location:** You can look forward to staying in a beautiful and spacious vacation home in Lystrup near the amazing coastline of Denmark.
- Catch up and have fun with the other participants, and have a say in what the future of youth engagement in international volunteering organisations/ networks will hold.
- Day trip to the vibrant city of Aarhus.
- **Dates:** 21-27th of March, 2025 (Arrival on 21st and departure on 27th March)

** Please note that participants will be expected to contribute to the group by sharing in tasks like cooking, cleaning up, and other house work to take care of our shared space.*

Participants will work in collaborative groups to take steps towards achieving the goals of the **Youth Engagement Action Plan** - revising or setting new indicators, as needed; designing an impactful **social media campaign**; and building tools for meaningful youth engagement in IVS networks.

Who Can Apply

We are looking for:

- Members of the **ICYE Youth Engagement Committee (YEC)**.
- Members of the **CCIVS Youth Committee** (currently based in a Council of Europe country).
- Young people actively involved in youth engagement strategies or motivated to join these efforts (currently based in a Council of Europe country).
- Representatives from **ICYE member organizations** and other IVS organizations (Board members, youth committee members, staff, coworkers, etc.), especially those from minority groups (currently based in a Council of Europe country).

ICYE Federation is committed to embedding equity, diversity, and inclusion into everything we do. We welcome applications from all sections of society and actively encourage diversity to drive innovation, creativity, success, and good practice. We positively welcome and seek to achieve diversity in our workshop, ensuring equal and fair treatment regardless of background or personal characteristics. These include (but are not limited to) socio-economic background, race, gender identity and expression, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or nationality.



Eligibility Criteria:

- Interest in youth empowerment, social justice, and engagement.
- Commitment to promoting inclusion, diversity, and decolonization.
- Enthusiasm for long-term involvement in ICYE or similar networks.
- Age between 18 and 30 years.
- Able to communicate in English.
- Based in a Council of Europe country (if not a YEC member).

Expected Number of Participants: 20

Please note that priority will be given to applicants from the ICYE Youth Engagement Committee. Further applicants will be selected based on geographic diversity and motivation to participate.

Travel, accommodation and boarding costs will be covered by ICYE.

Confirmed participants will be asked to pay a deposit of €30 to confirm their participation. This will be refunded to everyone who attends. In case of cancellation, the deposit will not be refunded.

Practical information:

Participants are expected to **arrive on March 21st and depart on March 27th 2025**. The training will take place in **Aarhus, Denmark**.

Accommodation will be in a **vacation house in shared rooms** and in **double beds**.

Participants are expected to participate in the full programme. An info pack with more practical and preparatory information will be sent in the middle of February.

Once they get their confirmation, European participants (or their organisation) are expected to buy their own travel tickets (financial guidelines will be provided; for the maximum travel reimbursement see below). Travel will be reimbursed by ICYE latest one month after the activity has taken place.



Maximum travel grant:

In country travel	20 Euro
Less than 500 km	120 Euro
Between 500 and 1500 km	275 Euro
Between 1500 and 2500 km	450 Euro
Over 2500 km	According to average travel price to be agreed upon with ICYE

In case tickets were pursued in time but there is an exceptional high travel cost, exceptions can be made after consultation with ICYE.

How to Apply

Submit your application form, filling out the google form here: <https://forms.gle/ruwaTjrGLwWKvctH9>

In which we would like you to also elaborate on:

- Your experience in youth engagement and empowerment.
- Your involvement in ICYE, CCIYS or IVS organizations.
- What skills or experience can you contribute to the workshop.

Deadline to Apply: 19th January (the earlier the better)

For inquiries, contact: mail@icye.org

Ready to make a difference? Be part of a transformative journey in Aarhus this March—advancing youth solidarity and advocacy for a more inclusive future!