



Call for participants from Rural Youth Europe and ECYC

Rural Youth Europe and ECYC present the study session:

”Play Your Part”

**16th – 23rd of September 2018
European Youth Centre Budapest, Hungary**

Aim

The aim of this study session is to empower both urban and rural youth to strengthen youth participation in their communities.

Objectives

- To explore different forms, strengths and obstacles of youth participation in rural and urban areas, and identify the background of the differences
- To share experiences and good practice regarding how to overcome barriers of youth participation.
- To define the preconditions for youth participation and to assess the capacities rural and urban youth have for participation.
- To explore the Revised European Charter of the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life within the Human Rights framework defined by Council of Europe and how they can be used to promote youth participation
- To plan concrete actions for enhancing youth participation and removing barriers for participation of rural and urban youth
- To promote the importance of targeting a diversity of young people, including young people from disadvantaged backgrounds (e.g. through the Council of Europe “Enter” recommendations)

The study session is facilitated by using **non-formal** educational methods, where participants will be actively participating in the sessions and discuss their views and experiences on the topic. The

sessions include a variety of methods such as group work and visits of experts.

Participant profile

We are looking for participants who are:

- Active in their sending organisations but do not necessarily possess a leadership role or have a long experience in youth work,
- interested in working on the study session's aim and objectives,
- motivated to develop your knowledge and skills and to share your experiences with other participants,
- at least 18 years of age, applicants under 30 years old are given priority
- able to communicate in English
- able to attend for the full duration of the course.

No previous international experience is needed for participation.

Local Study Visits about Youth Participation

As preparation for the activity all participants are asked to do a local study visit about youth participation. The aim of the study visit is to get familiar with how rural youth can in various ways get actively involved in the society.

It is up to you what kind of youth participation you want to study at your visit. Some examples are that you could:

- interview a young person being actively involved in an organisation, council or political party,
- participate in a demonstration or observe and analyse one,
- make a presentation about how you yourself participate in the community.

Regardless the format of your visit, please find out information like: What change in the society does this person/event aim for? What is the motivation/context? What is done to get closer to the goal? Who benefit from it? What more could young people do on this matter?

The study visit can be done individually or in groups, and the visits should be completed during the beginning of the summer. **Please send by the 30th of July to office@ruralyoutheurope.com** a description of your visit and what you learned about youth participation in the format of a short, written summary and a few pictures, and if the visit is done in a group, also a video clip. This material will then be collected to be shared between all participants of 2018 activities and for Rural Youth Europe's media and reporting.

Practical information

This study session is arranged by Rural Youth Europe and ECYC with the support of Council of Europe at the European Youth Centre in Budapest, Hungary.

The total of 40 places are shared by participants and team members of Rural Youth Europe and ECYC and therefore each member organisation of Rural Youth Europe and ECYC will get 1-2 places. The preparatory team will select participants on the basis of the profile outlined above, ensuring a balanced group (gender, geographical regions, different types of experiences, cultural backgrounds and organisations).

- Applicants will be informed about the selection decision at the beginning of July.
Please do not book your travel tickets before your participation has been confirmed!!
- **Arrival** in Budapest on Sunday 16th of September 2018, (preferable no later than 18:00).
- **Departure** on Sunday 23rd of September 2018, (preferably after 9:00).
- **Accommodation and meals** will be provided and paid for by the Council of Europe at the European Youth Centre Budapest. Participants may need to share rooms.

- An **enrolment fee** of 50 euros should be paid by all participants to the Council of Europe. This amount will be deducted from the amount to be reimbursed for travel expenses or paid at the European Youth Centre Budapest during the course.
- **Travel expenses and visa fees** are reimbursed to 100% based on presentation of the relevant receipts according to the rules of the Council of Europe. Only the participants who attend the entire study session can be reimbursed. The payment will be made either by bank transfer after the course, or at the end of the course in cash (in euros). Participants are asked to use the cheapest transportation possible. More information about the travel conditions will be sent with the acceptance letter to participants.
- Participants requiring a **visa** should fill in the part of the application about details required for visa. The cost of the visa will be reimbursed upon presentation of a receipt. Agency fee or visa service fee will not be reimbursed. If the participant has to travel to get the visa the cost of the travel is not automatically reimbursed, so the participant should in this case contact the Rural Youth Europe secretariat or the ECYC one and check if the reimbursement of the travel for the visa is possible.
- Participants are responsible for arranging suitable **insurance coverage** (travel + medical, and in addition E111 for EU citizens) for themselves.

What is next for applicants?

All candidates must apply using the online application form:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S56ZL5Q>

- **Deadline for applications: 30th June 2018**

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