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PEACEJAM PEER TRAINING PROGRAMME

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CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

7th - 12th September 2020

Brussels, Belgium

Care to develop knowledge, skills and attitudes
in the field of peace education?

Care to receive hands-on tools to address today's
world issues with other youth?

How about becoming peer trainers?!

[The European Peer Training Organisation \(EPTO\)](#) and [PeaceJam](#) are proposing a unique opportunity to discover a new training programme based on *Compassion in Action*, PeaceJam's powerful award-winning curriculum, and completed by EPTO's expertise in the field of facilitation and peer education.

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Thanks to the Erasmus+ programme of the European Commission, and as part of [PeaceJam Youth Programme for an Inclusive Europe](#), EPTO and its partners developed a new peer training programme for group leaders who **wish to create inclusive communities through positive youth development**. Building upon the powerful methodology of peer training, it fosters young people's core competences from altruism and compassion, to action and engagement and helps youth value diversity and create inclusive communities.

In order to fully explore this comprehensive programme passing from awareness-raising to taking action, and leading to a certification in the EPTO network, we are proposing a 6-day training process. **The peer training programme will take place in Brussels, Belgium, 7th - 12th September 2020.**

AIM:

The training course aims to foster youth engagement and youth leadership by equipping young people with facilitation, training and coaching tools to make systemic social change for a more inclusive society.

OBJECTIVES:

- Develop skills in training, facilitation and coaching for social inclusion, more specifically to build on young people's capacity to deliver PeaceJam award-winning curriculum "Compassion in Action";
- Enhance participants' understanding of peace education, service-learning and youth-led social change through a holistic and experiential approach, in particular by training participants on PeaceJam curriculum "Compassion in Action";
- Provide young people with tools for individual and common action for change, including intercultural dialogue, compassionate leadership, building inclusive and cohesive communities;
- Establish a sustainable cooperation between participants to implement common activities aiming to build (cohesive) infrastructures of peace within and outside of their inclusive communities.

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ABOUT EPTO

The [European Peer Training Organisation \(EPTO\)](#) is a network of young people and non-governmental organisations active in the field of youth who use peer education as a mean to discuss issues related to prejudice and discrimination.

EPTO educates and supports peer trainers to lead workshops that challenge stereotypes and to become activists against exclusion within their environments. We provide a space where young people can be learners and educators, sharing with their peers their competencies in a spirit of collaboration. In EPTO, individual knowledge becomes collective knowledge.

By building capacity for young people and youth-serving organisations to implement quality peer training and offering progressive personal and professional development, EPTO furthers the objective to create a **widespread snowball effect where young people are active actors of social change through their participation.**

ABOUT PEACEJAM

[PeaceJam](#)'s mission is to create young leaders committed to positive change in themselves, their communities, and the world through the inspiration of Nobel Peace Laureates who pass on the spirit, skills, and wisdom they embody. PeaceJam Belgium is the Belgian chapter of the European network.

Actions are threefold:

1. **Encourage young people to become active for peace** thanks to the inspiration of Nobel Peace Prize Laureates. In that regard, we are organising conferences and events giving the opportunity to the youth to meet and discuss with the Peace Laureates. The next conference will take place in March in Brussels and will feature Rigoberta Menchú Tum, a Guatemalan human rights activist.
2. **Teach peaceful values of empathy, compassion and acceptance to young pupils**, from 5 years old. For that purpose, we are using the curriculum "Compassion in Action". We are training teachers and youth and social workers to use the Curriculum, for them to be able to implement it as part of their activities.
3. **Action** - Encourage young people to become active in their communities.

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PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Young people living in Belgium;
- Young people living in the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Germany and France, **AND connected to local schools and youth organisations where they could facilitate at least 12 hours of workshops by November 2020 as part of the follow-up activity;**
- Participants aged between 18 and 30 years old;
- Participants motivated and committed to become certified EPTO trainers (12 hours to complete from September to November 2020 to receive [EPTO certification level 2](#));
- Participants motivated to continue facilitating training and coaching peers with PeaceJam and EPTO for at least a year after completion of the course (at least 30 hours to receive [EPTO certification level 3](#));
- No previous experience with training, facilitation and Non-Formal Education is required;
- Able to communicate and work in English;
- Preferably able to communicate and work in French OR Dutch;
- Being able to attend the entire duration of the course (6 days from 7th to 12th September).

TECHNICAL DETAILS

a. Travel, venue, accommodation

- The training course will be held in Brussels, Belgium (precise location will be communicated after selection)
- You are expected to attend the entire duration of the training course, from **7th to 12th September, 2020. Daily sessions will run from 9am to 6:30pm.**
- Travel expenses are arranged and reimbursed by EPTO and PeaceJam.
- Lunch will be on-site and covered by the organisers.
- **Participant fee: 30€** (for 6 days of training, including lunch, travel costs and, when needed, accommodation)
- Possibility to support accommodation in Brussels if needed;
- Reimbursement of travel costs will be done at the end of the training course - you need to be present for the whole duration of the training in order to be reimbursed.

b. Language

The official language of the study session is **English**. Some sessions may also take place in **French** and **Dutch**.





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DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION

Candidates should complete the [online application](#) and submit it no later than **19th of August 2020**.

For further information and/or support please feel free to contact us at marie@peacejam.org

LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

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