

Call for participation in the training course

Learning from the Past for the European Future

in Berlin, Germany, on 13-21 July 2025

What is about

We invite youth workers and youth leaders to take part in a 7-day international training course focused on exploring memory culture through non-formal education. The course will bring together 30 participants from Germany, Latvia and Lithuania.

The project consists of the training courses in Berlin on 13-21 July 2025 and two following activities:

- Study Visit to Lithuania and Latvia, 25.08 – 2.09.2025, Vilnius-Riga
- Project Laboratory, 17-25.11.2025, Berlin

Participation in all three activities is highly expected.

The training course aims to support youth workers in understanding and addressing the themes of memory culture in their daily work with young people. We will explore how different cultural memories and historical narratives work in society influence young people's identity, and how youth work can foster dialogue and critical reflection in this field.

During the training course, its participants will:

- Explore the concept of memory culture and its connection to youth identity;
- Learn and test non-formal educational methods to address these topics;
- Reflect on their own professional approaches and develop new competences;
- Discover how memorials and historical narratives can be used in youth work;
- Discuss the role of youth workers in promoting a dialogue of memories in Europe.

The approach and methodology

Working with the named topics will be organized through interactive methods of non-formal education. Active participation of everybody in all phases – “play” (doing “exercises”) and de-briefing as participants as well as meta- (pedagogical) reflection – is necessary contribution into learning results of the group, other participants and oneself.

The training approach promotes interaction and reflection. The participants are invited to take part in discussions, simulation games, visits, opinion sharing and other interactive methods. Working individually, in different small groups and in plenary (all together) will be alternated.

Since non-formal citizenship education is focused more on dealing with values/attitudes, social practices and relevant skills, it is important that youth workers also examine and become more aware concerning they own ones. Due to that, the training course's topics will be exploring not only on pedagogical and/or social, but also on a personal level. It's important if the participants are ready to reflect on their experience (with memory/history and with youth work), think critically about their own attitudes and approaches and share their thoughts and feelings with the group.



Profile of the participants

We invite youth leaders and youth workers, including freelancers or long-term volunteers

- at least 18 years old (as exception, 16- and 17-year-olds can participate too)
- from Germany, Latvia and Lithuania
- who feel the need to develop their competences in the topic of memory culture in youth work and include such new aspects in their practices.

The important characteristic for the participants is to have capacity to bring back to their communities competences, gained in the frames of this training course, and integrate them into practice of their organisations within following years.

By participating in this training course, participants commit to implementing specific follow-up activities in their organisations reporting on them to the project organizers by end of the year 2025.

Involvement in all programme activities of the training course is mandatory.

Working language is English. The participants should be able to follow presentations, participate in discussions and provide feedback in English.

Costs

Most of the costs connected with participation in the programme are covered by the organizers (from the Erasmus+ grant).

The participants are asked to make their contribution:

- 100 euro for the first activity of the project
- 60 euro for the second activity of the project
- 40 euro for the third activity of the project

Thus, the participant's fee for all three activities is 200 euro.

In the case of the Training Course, 100 euro will be deducted from the travel reimbursement.

If you have difficulties covering the fee, please contact the organizer from your country to discuss the possibility of a reduction or exemption.

Accommodation, meals and transfers on the place are provided by the organizers.

Travel costs will be reimbursed by the organizers by the end of August 2025 with a deduction of 100 euro of participation fee. **Prerequisites for that are:** participation in the whole programme, preliminary agreement with the organizers of tickets as well as provision of printed tickets, boarding passes (to Berlin) and signed reimbursement form. The selected participants will be informed about the criteria for the tickets they can purchase as well as a deadline for that. Green travel will be encouraged and supported by the organizers.

The participants are responsible for having relevant health travel insurance, valid in Germany for the whole period of the training course.



Meeting place

Youth Guest House CVJM-Berlin / [Jugendgästhaus Kaurisdorf](#)

Mädewalder Weg 65, 12621 Berlin

Accommodation

You will stay in rooms with up to 3 people. Toilets and showers are in the rooms or separate but not shared with other rooms. We will have most of the meals and program sessions in the same hostel.

In the hostel, you can enjoy play table tennis, streetball or volleyball. In separate rooms you can play pool, table soccer. You can use the **WiFi-Internet** for 3 EUR for the whole week.

More details about accommodation, logistics and other practical issues (InfoPack) will be provided for the selected participants.

Programme

13.05 arrival day. **21.05** departure day. **The planned schedule for July 14-20th:**

8:00-9:00 Breakfast

9:30-12:30 Morning session

12:30-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-18:30/19:00 Afternoon session

18:30/19:00 Dinner

We plan to have some activities in the city centre of Berlin, after that you might have some free time at late afternoons and evenings (1 or two times during the programme).

***The schedule is given as an orientation; it might be subject of change** according to the group and programme needs.

How to apply

In order to apply for the training course please fill in the [APPLICATION FORM](#) by 8th of June.

Not later than 12th of June, you will receive an answer from the organizers. The selected participants will also be informed about rules for the purchase of tickets.

The selected participants will have to purchase their tickets to Berlin and back and send them to the organizers by 17th of June.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact **the organisers:**

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