

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Training course

LOCAL YOUTH COUNCILS FOR QUALITY PARTICIPATION IN THE DIGITAL SPHERE

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ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

DYPALL Network (Developing Youth Participation at the Local Level) is a European platform of civil society organisations, local authorities and research institutions focusing on youth participation in decision-making processes at the local level. We stand for active and meaningful involvement of young people in local democracies through cooperation with local authorities, and we provide the space and the resources for capacity building and exchange of good practices among our members.

DYPALL Network has the following objectives:

- Develop structures and mechanisms for youth participation in decision-making at the local level
- Identify best practices and introduce innovative approaches to public governance in cooperation with local authorities and civil society organisations active in the field of youth
- Foster youth engagement and inclusiveness in representative and participatory democracy processes
- Build capacity and provide technical assistance in various areas and processes like policy-making, advocacy, structured dialogue, co-management, and more
- Mainstream youth policies at the local and regional level (such as youth Guarantee schemes) to develop cohesive and engaged societies

DYPALL Network's field of action covers four programme areas, with a common goal of fostering quality development of democracies by enhancing youth engagement in local and regional public policy-making. Within these areas, our programmes feature a variety of international projects and activities, as well as tailor-made services for our members, partners, and institutional stakeholders. Our programme areas are:

- Quality development for stronger democracies
- Youth empowerment
- Inclusive democracies
- Innovating democracies

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TRAINING COURSE

The primary focus of this training course is to equip youth leaders and youth workers engaged in local youth councils or similar participatory structures with the knowledge, skills, and tools to become trainers, facilitators and multipliers of quality youth participation at the local level. By supporting the development of a European network of peer educators, the course aims to build capacity for participatory, inclusive, and sustainable Local Youth Councils that are responsive to the evolving digital landscape.

Local Youth Councils (LYCs) are vital spaces for fostering democratic engagement, youth representation, and policy dialogue at the municipal level. However, in an age where social media and digital platforms have become primary channels for civic expression and political communication, LYCs must evolve to navigate digital risks and promote media literacy and safe online engagement among young people.

This training for facilitators will allow participants to deepen their understanding of quality standards for LYCs, explore digital challenges to democratic participation, and develop the competences to deliver training and support to LYCs in their communities.

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING COURSE

- Explore the foundations of democratic engagement and examine the role and significance of Local Youth Councils (LYCs) in fostering inclusive participation at the local level
- Gain practical knowledge of the Quality Charter on Participatory and Inclusive Local Youth Councils, including the Toolkit for assessing and enhancing the effectiveness of LYCs
- Strengthen critical thinking and digital literacy as essential tools for informed, responsible, and active youth civic engagement
- Build awareness and resilience around digital safety, focusing on responsible behaviour, ethical communication, and protecting oneself and others online
- Equip participants with strategies and tools to design, lead, and evaluate advocacy initiatives that amplify youth voices in decision-making processes at the local level
- Improve participants' abilities to deliver peer education, lead participatory sessions, and facilitate inclusive discussions within youth groups and communities

24th UNIVERSITY ON YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT

The training course will take place within the framework of the 24th University on Youth and Development (UYD), the longest-standing youth university of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe.

Since 2000, the UYD has represented an international hub that gathers, for one week, hundreds of young people, youth workers, experts from the field and institutional representatives, providing them all with a space to meet, debate, build their capacities and cooperate on youth policy issues having as a reference the standards of the Council of Europe and other international organisations. The activities taking place within the UYD allow for the sharing of knowledge and good practices, the planning of future actions to empower young people and the designing of common messages advocating for a youth perspective that is transversal to common priorities.

The 2025 edition, under the theme “Empowering Youth for Digital Safety”, will focus on strengthening young people’s rights and protections in the digital sphere. Dedicated activities, training sessions, and thematic workshops will aim to raise awareness, improve legal and digital literacy, and equip young people with the competences needed to navigate, participate in, and shape the digital world safely and responsibly.

Please note that you are applying specifically for participating in the Training course “Local Youth Councils for Quality Participation in the Digital Sphere”, which will involve joint moments with participants of other activities of UYD, but you will not be able to switch between the activities.

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

Participants must:

- Be an active member of a Local Youth Council (LYC) or a similar youth participatory structure at the municipal level
- Have experience in managing, coordinating, or facilitating the activities of the LYC or be in a position of responsibility within the structure
- Have a good knowledge of English to participate effectively in an international training environment
- Be strongly motivated to engage in a European network of youth council peer multipliers
- Be available to attend and fully participate in the entire duration of the training course and the joint sessions of the University on Youth and Development (UYD)

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Travelling days and expenses

- Activity will take place at the Centro Eurolatinoamericano de Juventud (CEULAJ) in Molina (Spain): <https://ceulaj.injuve.es/>
- Arrival day is 14th September, and departure day is 21st September 2025
- Travelling maximum 2 days before or 2 days after the designated travel dates is allowed; otherwise, the ticket will not be eligible for reimbursement
- In the case of arriving earlier or departing after the designated travel days, please note that the organisers will not cover the cost of your stay for the extra days
- Flight tickets shall be bought only after confirmation from the organisers. Travel expenses to and from the venue will be reimbursed up to a maximum per country/per participant (including all travel costs from the participant's home to the venue):
 - 10 - 99 km: 28 EUR
 - 100 - 499 km: 211 EUR
 - 500 - 1999 km: 309 EUR
 - 2000 - 2999 km: 395 EUR
 - 3000 - 3999 km: 580 EUR
 - 4000 - 7999 km: 1188 EUR
- For participants who need a visa, an invitation letter will be provided, and the visa costs will be covered up to 100€
- Reimbursement will be done via bank transfer after the activity (within 2 months)
- Accommodation and meals will be provided by the organisers. Please note that the accommodation will be provided in shared rooms at the <https://ceulaj.injuve.es/>. There is no possibility of being accommodated in a single room.

Other information

- An Info pack with further details on accommodation and the final programme will be shared with the selected participants.
- There is no participation fee.



APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To apply for participation in this activity, please fill in the online application form:

<https://forms.gle/GF2soysvTWbntrsM9>

The deadline for applying is 22nd June 2025 by 23.59 CET.

FUNDING

The activity is co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union through the Portuguese National Agency.

For more information: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/>

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