

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

TC “Young Migrant Voices”

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Lisbon, Portugal

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Background & Context

DYPALL stands for **Developing Youth Participation at Local Level**, and as a network, it started its development in 2011, with the purpose of fostering the potential of young people to be active citizens and actors of real social change in their local communities, as well as in their regional and international realities.



Our experience strengthened our belief that involving young people in decision making is a key driver to empower them and to increase their sense of belonging and active citizenship. This involvement should include not only the support from local authorities to activities targeting young people, but also a broader dimension, where youth has an active voice and is a fundamental actor of the development of their local communities.

The network itself is built on the principles of creating an effective and sustainable involvement of youth on decision-making with and in cooperation with local authority's demands, as well as willingness and commitment from both parties, but also the development of knowledge, sharing of experience and tools to create and to develop further these spaces of shared decision-making. This demands the development of strategies, building structures and relations of trust and cooperation between actors. This necessity and the similar experiences of several partners, made visible the common need to **establish a network that could work in a stable and systematic way on themes of common interest and strengthen the cooperation among local authorities (LA), civil society organizations (CSO) and young people, where the creation of mutual understanding and learning spaces are the main goals.**

Among a wide range of diverse but complementary activities implemented by and with its members, DYPALL Network has involved and strengthened the cooperation among municipalities and organisations working in the field of youth at local level. These initiatives and all the different local, national and European experiences strengthened our common understanding that it is crucial to develop a new culture of youth participation, especially regarding the decision-making processes on issues of direct concern and interest of youth. It is essential to look at youth as a forceful and creative source of solutions for our societies that can largely contribute for their sustainable development.

For more information on the network and what we do visit us at: <http://dypall.com/>

Training Course

This is the third edition of Young Migrant Voices - a training course for boosting participation of young migrants in decision-making processes at local level. It is designed for youth workers, youth municipality officers and youth leaders from Sweden, Portugal, Italy, Germany, Slovenia,

Lithuania, Turkey and UK. There will be two participants per country: ideally one from a civil society organisation and the other one from the local government (municipality).

Young Migrant Voices aims at addressing the gap of participation of migrant youth in the political and social decision-making processes within their communities of destination.

With this purpose, this Training Course is designed for civil society representatives and local public servants working with youth related issues, who want to enhance their skills on how to motivate and actively involve young migrants and youth with migrant background, in the improvement of the communities where they live.

Objectives

The specific objectives of the Training are:

- * Empower CSOs and Municipalities on how to involve youth with migrant background in their activities;
- * Exchange and promote realities and good practices, in terms of cooperation between local authorities and civil society organisations, for the inclusion of young migrants in decision-making processes;
- * Improve already existing local and regional integration policies and enhance the capacity of local stakeholders to work together, and alongside migrant youth, in the development of new programmes;
- * Increase the involvement of all stakeholders in the process of integration of young migrants in decision-making processes;
- * Support the integration of young migrants and develop among them a sense of belonging in their host communities;
- * Empower and develop competencies of youth workers by delivering and exchanging methods of non-formal education in the concerned fields.

Participants' profile

The training is designed for municipality officers, youth workers and youth leaders. Moreover, the participants must:

- Be able to work in English;
- Be willing to contribute with their experience to the TC;
- Be residents of Sweden, Portugal, Italy, Germany, Slovenia, Lithuania, Turkey and UK (no other countries can be accepted);
- Be able to attend the whole duration of the TC;

- Have relevant experience in the topic of youth participation in decision-making processes at local level in general and participation of young migrants and young people with migrant background in particular;
- Highly motivated towards learning about migrant youth participation in decision-making processes at the local level.

We are **targeting the following profiles per country**:

- Municipality representatives working in the youth field
- Local youth worker or youth leader working with and for migrant youth

Practical information

Travelling days and expenses

- **Arrival day** is 9th December 2018 and **departure day** is 15th December 2018. *The arrival and departure airport is Lisbon.*
- **Flight tickets** shall be bought only after agreement and confirmation with the organizers. Travel expenses to and from the venue will be reimbursed up to a maximum pre-agreed with the organizers, according to the Erasmus + Key Action 1 rules.
- **Reimbursement** will be done via bank transfer after the TC.
- **Accommodation and meals** will be provided by the organizers in the Lisbon Youth Centre. Accommodation will be provided in shared rooms with shared bathroom. Please note that there is no capacity for rooms with private bathrooms for all participants. Any particular need should be communicated at the moment of registration.

Other information

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

Registration procedures

To apply for participation in this TC, please **fill in the online registration form**:

<https://goo.gl/forms/a2Fb9RttOeIQOGPN2>

The deadline for applying is **3rd October 2018** by 23:59h CET.

Organizers

This TC will be organized by DYPALL Network in cooperation with African Empowerment Centre, with the support of Lisbon Youth Centre.

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