

INVITATION

## Europe@DJHT

### Europe at the 17th German Child and Youth Welfare Congress

18–20 May 2021 – Digital participation for European guests

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We create future – now!

#### What's it all about?

DJHT, also referred to in German as Deutscher Kinder- und Jugendhilfetag – the German Child and Youth Welfare Congress – is the biggest child and youth welfare summit in Europe. It is organised by Germany's Child and Youth Welfare Association (AGJ) every three or four years, bringing together experts and other interested individuals from all over Germany and Europe to exchange opinions and experiences and strengthen networks.

#### A digital event with an exciting programme

Due to the current situation, DJHT 2021 cannot be held in Essen, Germany as planned; instead, it will take place virtually. This makes DJHT 2021 one of the biggest digital events in the field of child and youth welfare in Germany. Its message is "We create future – now!". The digital format will enable a large number of European guests to be part of the exciting programme, some of which will also be available in English thanks to simultaneous interpretation.

The agenda features a wide range of events, inputs and workshops delivered by researchers and practitioners representing many different perspectives, making DJHT 2021 an ideal place for experts to learn and develop. Participants will come from all different areas of youth work and child and youth welfare – full-time or volunteer youth workers and representatives of projects and initiatives, organisations and associations, NGOs, public bodies at local, regional, national and international level, and academia and research.

➤ For more information, please check  
[www.jugendhilfetag.de/en/what-is-the-djht](http://www.jugendhilfetag.de/en/what-is-the-djht)

## And what about Europe?

The environment in which young people grow up is ever more influenced by Europe. Training, jobs, travelling – all of this and more is taking place in a European context.

Moreover, European policy has a knock-on effect on young people's opportunities and living conditions.

It is this setting that highlights the significance of a specialised European programme at DJHT 2021, organised by JUGEND für Europa and AGJ, the Child and Youth Welfare Association, and known as Europe@DJHT. Join us as we discuss the circumstances, potentials and challenges that impact the way the European child and youth (welfare) community operates today. We look forward to debating the theory, practice and future of European cooperation in the youth field with a truly European group of experts.

*Interpretation between German and English will be provided throughout the European programme.*

## What's in it for European participants?

### Up to 30 events in the European programme

Europe@DJHT will consist of a broad range of different workshops on a multitude of topics covering the entire spectrum of youth work. In addition to an insight into the German child and youth welfare system, the events will discuss a variety of experiences, developments and trends in European youth work, European youth policy, international exchange and mobility, as well as opportunities for further training for organisations and professionals from the international youth work community.

### A central element of the European programme will be the expert forum entitled **Shrinking Spaces: Youth Work under Pressure**

Together with experts and using examples from projects from all over Europe, we want to discuss how space for civil society engagement and especially for youth work in Europe is affected by current political, social, legal and financial developments. The workshops will address the impact of authoritarian tendencies and the extreme right on the scope of action of civic engagement in Europe, how the trend towards shrinking financial spaces affects youth work structures in certain countries and how these processes have been accelerated or changed by the coronavirus pandemic. Emphasis will also be given to how societal challenges such as rural-urban disparities, social inequality and an increasingly ageing society affect youth work and what new possibilities and spaces digitalisation can offer.

➤ **JUGEND für Europa is contributing ten events to Europe@DJHT.**  
An overview is available in [this document](#).

➤ **A detailed overview of the entire programme of DJHT 2021, all 30 workshops of Europe@DJHT and the schedule of individual programme elements will probably become available in early April 2021 at [www.jugendhilfetag.de/en](http://www.jugendhilfetag.de/en)**

# Join us!



## Join us!

Mark **18–20 May 2021** in your calendars and experience an exciting programme online, whether you're a full-time or volunteer youth worker, a child and youth services expert, a youth researcher or a youth policy representative at the local, regional or national level. The German youth work field is made up of individuals from a range of backgrounds, engaged in a variety of activities and working with different target groups with whom you can share your experiences and forge new partnerships.

➤ **So sign up and register online! Please apply [here](#) by Sunday, 2 May 2021.**

After applying, your country's National Agency for Erasmus+ Youth and the European Solidarity Corps will perform a selection. If you are selected to participate, you will receive a confirmation by 4 May 2021, following which you can put together your personal Europe@DJHT programme on the AGJ's event platform. For each time slot you have a choice between three different workshops. For all of these, simultaneous interpretation into and from German and English will be available. Of course you can also sign up for the other events in the DJHT programme, but these will only be available in German.

## Agenda



## The agenda of the DJHT and Europe@DJHT: The European Dimension

Workshop slots all times in CEST	Tuesday, 18.5.2021	Wednesday, 19.5.2021	Thursday, 20.5.2021
I. 9:00–10:30		Europe@DJHT	Europe@DJHT
II. 10:45–12:15		& <b>EXPERT FORUM</b> <b>Shrinking Spaces:</b> <b>Youth Work under Pressure</b>	Europe@DJHT
	11:00–12:00 <b>Warm-Up for DJHT 2021*</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
	12:00–13:15 <b>Opening event of DJHT 2021*</b>		
III. 14:00–15:30	Europe@DJHT	Europe@DJHT	Europe@DJHT
IV. 15:45–17:15		& <b>EXPERT FORUM</b> <b>Shrinking Spaces:</b> <b>Youth Work under Pressure</b>	Europe@DJHT
			15:45–16:45 <b>Cultural event*</b>
v. 17:30–19:00	Europe@DJHT	Europe@DJHT	17:00–18:00 <b>Closing event</b> <b>of DJHT 2021*</b>

\*The opening and closing events of DJHT 2021 will also be interpreted into English.

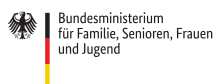
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