

## Erasmus+

# Youth work Preventing Polarisation



#### **Overview**

The training course "Youth work preventing polarisation: Euro-Mediterranean youth work for intercultural democratic citizenship" focuses on developing youth work competences to analyse causes, consequences and dynamics of polarisation and develops youth workers' skills to prepare, execute and evaluate initiatives for the prevention of extreme polarisation through human rights and democratic citizenship education methodologies.

Along the course, polarisation prevention methodologies and practices will be shared, including dialogue circles, living libraries, spaces for citizen cohesion and appreciative dialogues.

The course will include the preparation to implement local actions and cooperation strategies in the Euro-Mediterranean area as a direct follow-up of the project.



#### Outcomes

The Training Course will support youth workers and educators to:

- Develop competences to prevent polarisation based on the principles of intercultural democratic citizenship and human rights education;
- Analyse the role of youth work addressing the causes, consequences and dynamics of polarisation and exchanging practices and methodologies on how to prevent it;
- Prepare initiatives contributing to prevent polarisation in the local communities and develop cooperation strategies in the Euro-Mediterranean area.



#### Methodological Approach

The course is conceived in ways that require active participation and exchange between participants. It is based on participants' experiences and builds on concrete actions for the future. The methodology of the training programme is based on the main principles of experiential learning cycle and non-formal education.

The programme includes the exchange of good practices as well as the development of initiatives in cooperation with other civil society actors. Among the depolarisation methodologies that will be shared during the course, we will talk about the experiences in the development of Dialogue Circles, Living Libraries, Citizen Cohesion Spaces, Appreciative Dialogues ... It is expected that the impact of the course will be translated in the use of these methodologies at local and regional level, as well as in the creation of synergies and the increase of Euro-Mediterranean cooperation. Participants will be supported along the course to produce their Youthpass.



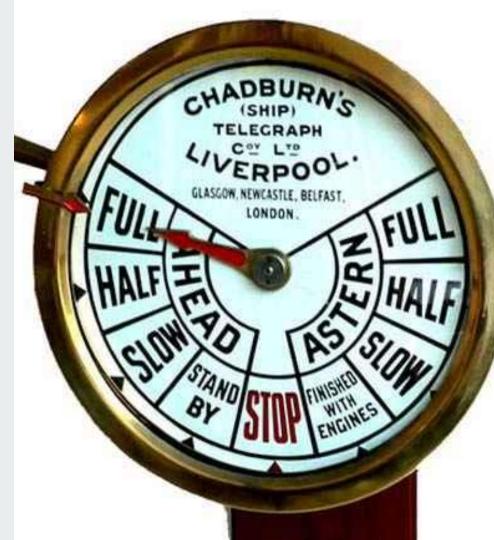
#### **Dates and venue**

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**Euro-Mediterranean Youth Work** 

5th to 11th November 2021 (arrival and departure dates)

In <u>Coma-ruga (Tarragona)</u>



#### Participant's profile

The project is designed for 20 educators and youth workers who wish to develop competences to prevent polarisation based on the principles of intercultural democratic citizenship and human rights education.

Applicants from Catalonia, Estonia, Germany, Italy, Jordania, Lebanon, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Tunisia and Turkey with youth work experience and capacity to act as direct multipliers in their communities and organisations are welcomed to <u>apply for the course.</u>

Participants will be selected by the coordination team according to their Application form. Previous experience, youth work background and potential to develop concrete follow-up will be specially taken into account.





#### **Application Procedure**

#### All candidates must apply online through the Application Form <u>https://forms.gle/TsLwZQe2L2hHXuTT7</u>

Applications should be sent before the 10th September 2021

The preparatory team will select the participants on the basis of the profile outlined above and ensure a balanced group (gender, geographical regions, different types of experiences, cultural backgrounds and organisations).

Selected candidates will receive the course documentation and further technical and educational information directly from the organisers. A waiting list may be established.

#### **Financial Arrangements**

Full board and accommodation for the duration of the Training Course will be provided and paid for by the organisers

An enrolment fee of 45€ is payable by EU countries participants and 35€ by participants from non-EU countries.

On presentation of all the required receipts and proofs of payment, Transportation and Visa Costs will be reimbursed at the 70% of the maximums established for each country (20€ for Spain, 300€ for Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and The Netherlands, 400€ for Estonia, 500€ for Tunisia and Turkey, and 750€ for Jordan and Lebanon)

Do not book your travel until your participation has been confirmed !!



#### Health and safety

Situation with the pandemic is improving rapidly in Catalonia after some weeks of crisis. In view of the positive evolution of the situation, the organisation decided not to postpone the start of the project any longer.

The training course will be implemented in line with updated European health and safety regulations. Participants will be hosted in double rooms and will make use of outdoor and safe working spaces.

Selected participants will be updated on the travelling regulations, and organisers will request the European Covid Certificate to the participants, complemented with further safety measures throughout the training course.





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### **Hosting Organisation**

The <u>Association of Educators in Human Rights (AHEAD)</u> is a non-for-profit, non-governmental Training Organization. It organises educational events and provides training and consultancy to non-governmental organisations and educational institutions working with young people.

The mission of the Association is to promote human rights education as a requisite to strengthen the commitment towards a culture of peace, democracy and solidarity.

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