

Call for participants

# Boosting youth participation at the local level 2

Study visit to Stockholm, Sweden

25th-30th  
October 2021

## Organisers

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This Study visit will be organized by DYPALL Network in cooperation with Folk til folk.

DYPALL Network (Developing Youth Participation at Local Level) is a European network of over 50 civil society organizations and local authorities from more than 30 countries, that aims to involve young people in decision-making processes at local level, and thus enable municipal and regional authorities to address the



needs and interests of youth, engage young people as active actors of problem-solving and increase the level of ownership, commitment and involvement of an important part of our communities. YP Lab is a resource and mobility centre within DYPALL Network with the focus on research development and capacity building in the field of local youth participation.

For more information: [www.dypall.com](http://www.dypall.com)

Folk til folk is an organisation based in Stockholm, Sweden, that aims to bring youth from different fields, cultures and environment together and to provide them with space where they can develop new ideas, improve their skills and gain new ones, share their views towards the world and inspire them to become leaders of today and tomorrow. They are developing social projects in cooperation with various (non) governmental institutions and organizations, organizing conferences, seminars, training, intellectual and cultural events.

Folk til folk is the platform where young people from Sweden and other countries share ideas, exchange values and provide direct experience of the current situations in Sweden, in Europe and the world and hereby strengthen youth cooperation.

## Study visit

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This Study visit is designed for **municipality officers** and **youth workers** from Sweden, Portugal, Greece, Finland, North Macedonia, Spain, UK, Latvia, Poland, Turkey and Italy.

The project focuses on the local dimension of youth participation based on the belief that youth with its energy has the creativity and potential for change and to be a source of solutions for our society's challenges, and that these challenges need to be addressed at the local level, starting from the grassroots, where youth work has its strongest impact and where local actors can

cooperate and contribute to policy reforms at the local level but also influence national and European policy processes becoming relevant actors in setting the agendas that will affect their lives. As follow-up to the work done by DYPALL Network and its partners in "Boosting youth participation at the local level 1" Study visits in Portimão (Portugal) and Borlänge (Sweden) in 2017 and 2018, we have recognised the importance of further exploring the dimension of **youth participation in decision-making processes at the local level**, with a specific focus on **participation of young migrants and young people with migrant background**, as well as of **youth from rural and geographically isolated areas**, and especially to **share practices** that are already being implemented to adapt them to one's own reality and reinforce existing programs.

"Boosting youth participation at local level 2" includes two Study visit, to Granada (Spain) in March 2020 and Stockholm (Sweden) in October 2021. The participation in the Study visits is independent of each other.

## Objectives

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The specific objectives of this Study visit are to:

- explore, experience and understand the specific challenges to youth participation in decision-making processes, with a specific focus on young migrants and young people with a migrant background;
- visit examples of good practice and based upon interaction with the project organisations and filter out elements to transfer to own reality;
- offer possibilities for long-term partnership building among organisations active in the field of youth participation at local level, for future projects;
- create a collection of best practices of participation of young migrants and young people with a migrant background.

## Participants' profile

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This study visit is targeting **youth workers** and **youth municipality officers**. Moreover, the participants must be:

- able to work in English;
- willing to contribute with their experience to the Study visit;
- residents of Sweden, Portugal, Greece, Finland, North Macedonia, Spain, UK, Latvia, Poland, Turkey or Italy;
- able to attend the whole duration of the Study visit;

- have relevant experience in the topic of youth participation in decision-making processes at the local level;
- highly motivated towards learning about local youth policies and models of youth participation in decision-making at the local level with a specific focus on young migrants and young people with a migrant background.

Two participants will be selected **per country**, namely:

1. Municipality officer working in the youth departments of the municipality.
- Local youth worker working with and for youth and young people, particularly young migrants and young people with a migrant background.

## Practical information

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- **Arrival day** is 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and **departure day** is 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021. *The arrival and departure place* is Stockholm;
- Travelling **maximum** 2 days before **or** 2 days after the designated travel dates is allowed in which case the costs of stay for the extra days will *not* be covered by the organisers;
- **Flight tickets** shall be bought **only after confirmation from the organizers**. Travel & COVID test expenses to and from the venue will be reimbursed up to a maximum per country/per participant (including all travel costs from the participants' home to the venue in Stockholm and COVID tests if required):
  - North Macedonia, Poland, Latvia, UK – 275 €
  - Italy, Turkey, Spain, Portugal, Greece – 360 €
  - Finland – 180 €
  - Sweden – 0 €
- **Reimbursement** will be done via bank transfer **after** the Study visit upon the receipt of all tickets and invoices (approximately in one month);
- **Accommodation** will be provided by the organizers in shared rooms of 2 or 3 people. There is no possibility to be accommodated in a private room;
- **Meals** will be provided for the full duration of the event starting from dinner on arrival day and finishing with breakfast on departure day;
- An **info pack** with further details on accommodation and programme will be shared with the selected participants;
- There is **no participation fee**.

## Registration procedures

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

<https://forms.gle/nsesuWTxR5pYV6cy8>

The deadline for applying is **16th September at 23.59 CET.**

## Funding

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The activity is co-funded by the Erasmus + Programme of the European Union, implemented by the Swedish National Agency for the Erasmus+ programme. For more information: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/>

## Contacts

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