

4 Democracy

CALL FOR PARTNERS

Aims

In the last years a new worldwide movement of activism is lobbying for a different kind of democracy, for a different kind of society. More and more people all around Europe is starting to understand that their future depends on their own ability to be active shaping their dreams. How young people can get involve in this process?

Through this Training Course we want to empower our participants by encouraging them to take advantage of the different international programmes which promotes youth activism. We'll try, in this way, to answer the need for training of young people willing to provoke a change in their local communities. Creating an atmosphere of exchange we expect everyone can get inspiring ideas to advocate for this new society.

Objectives

- Gain basic common understanding about participatory and liquid democracy.
- Get knowledge about different aspects of the democratic leadership.
- Share experiences and good practises about democratic youth participation projects.
- Work on the concepts of democracy, human rights, activism... and the importance they has for youth people in Europe.
- Analyse different forms of government.
- Promote cooperation and exchange of experiences between partners after the course.
- Promote the Youth in Action programme and 1.3 action as a tool for create youth democratic projects.

Partners & Participants

We are looking for 10 partner organisations that can bring each 2 participants. We will apply for action 4.3, which means that all partners should be from [Programme Countries](#).

In terms of participants we are looking for group leaders, young people and youth workers (professional or volunteer) who has experience or are interested on the topic and are be able to implement local democracy actions. They have to be motivated to learn and participate during the whole project. Take in consideration that sessions are going to be in English, so is required to be able to communicate in this language.

Location and date

The training course will take place from 23 to 29 June 2013 in [Łódź](#) (Poland).

Hosting Organisation

[Foundation for Education and Development of Civil Society](#) (FERSO) was created in Łódź in 2003. Our organization is very experienced in projects of democracy and participation for different age groups. Our main activities in this area include:

- An international project to promote youth participation in local government decisions, "One, two, three - you act!"
- Conducting a local NGO Center for Civil and informal groups of our city (training, consulting)
- Keeping the volunteer center for youth and seniors (funded by the City)
- Project action 1.3 "space of alternative culture" in partnership with Germany and England.
- 10 EVS project coordination - including sent and hosted more than 100 volunteers
- Implementation of local projects and international exchanges within "Youth in Action"

We have a staff of experienced volunteer coaches and coordinators. Quality is our greatest value!

Conditions

Participants will have to cover 30% of their travel costs.

All the other costs related with the training (accommodation, board, insurance, activities and 70% of the travel costs) will be covered by the hosting organisation through a grant of the Youth in Action Programme.

How to apply

If you are interested in being a partner please send part III information (you can download it from <http://bit.ly/UI60vM> or see document attached) before **20 January 2013** to:

4democracytc@gmail.com

Once you are selected as partner, we will send you the part III from the project in order you can return it to us signed & stamped by post.

By sending part III, you commit to select 2 participants that fit within the criteria set by the hosting organisation. In case you cannot provide 2 participants, the hosting organisation is entitled to select participants from different organisations.