



## Background and context

JUGEND für Europa, in cooperation with SALTO SEE and Erasmus+ Youth in Action National Agencies invites you to a conference on the practice, impact and future role of Erasmus+ Youth in Action in promoting democratic values and active citizenship of young people in Europe. Against the backdrop of

an economic crisis that disproportionately impacted on Europe's youth, threats of violent extremism, growing intolerance, racism, xenophobia, hate speech and backtracking on democratic values, there are questions to be asked about how young Europeans are affected by and engage with these issues. This conference

will reflect on how European programmes are working on participation in democratic life, active citizenship, intercultural dialogue, social inclusion and solidarity, and will explore how this work is forming young people's democratic values, active citizenship, political literacy and social agency.

## Speak UP, Step UP! European youth work empowering young people's democratic values @ active citizenship

European Conference, 16–18 October  
2017 | Berlin, Germany

## Main questions

Does Erasmus+ Youth in Action really deliver on its political objectives, as enshrined in the Paris Declaration among other key documents?

What kind of educational work with young people is proving most effective for the promotion of democratic values?

Which policy processes are working to develop this kind of youth work around Europe?

What needs to be done to enhance the quality of and support mechanisms available to this kind of work?

## Programme

### Monday 16 October 2017

*Arrival*

13.00 Lunch

14.00 **Conference Opening**

#### **Back to the Future:**

A history of the 'political' in international youth work

*Break*

#### **World on Fire?**

The Social and Political Context of International Youth Work Today

#### **Young People's Civic and Political Attitudes in Europe**

**What research can tell us?**

*Dinner*

#### **Ideas Worth Sharing!**

Erasmus+ Youth in Action Change-Makers take the stage

### Tuesday 17 October 2017

**Reflections on the civic education in Erasmus+ Youth in Action**

*Break*

**Where theory meets practice I:** Exchanging best practices of working politically in Erasmus+ Youth in Action

*Lunch*

**Where theory meets practice II:** Does our practice meet our ambitions?

*Break*

**Real life inspirations** from youth work practice around Berlin

*Dinner in the city & evening programme*

### Wednesday 18 October 2017

#### **Summation:**

Taking Erasmus+ Youth in Action to the next level: Strategies for Change-Making

*Break*

**Summation continued**

*Closing*

14.00 Lunch

*Departure*

## Participants

You can be one of the 100 participants from all over Europe attending, if you

- implement or have previously implemented Erasmus+ Youth in Action projects (any action) that seek to address contemporary political and social challenges with young people

OR

- (have) actively use(d) non-formal education approaches (e.g. critical pedagogy, education for democratic citizenship, European citizenship education, human rights education, political or intercultural education) or youth work approaches (e.g. open youth work, participatory / youth led youth work) in your projects

OR

- are responsible for the development and implementation of policy frameworks that support civic and political education (e.g. youth policy, research, recognition of non- and informal education and youth work, quality standards for those delivering educational programmes, etc.)

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## How to apply?

Please apply through the [online form](#) on [salto-youth.net](#).

## Costs

This project is financed by the Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme. Costs of accommodation, travel, visa, etc. of selected participants will be covered by the National Agencies and/or SALTO. A participation fee might be charged. This varies from country to country, please contact your NA for information.

## Venue

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