



# young people in action

## TRAINING COURSE ON PROMOTING ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AND DEMOCRACY

1<sup>ST</sup> / 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE | BERLIN, GERMANY

APPLY BEFORE MAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> AT  
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Dear friends,

We have the pleasure of inviting you to the forthcoming:

## YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACTION: PROMOTING ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AND DEMOCRACY

JUNE 1-4, 2017  
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### Description of the activity

We are strongly convinced that a democracy can only be truly functional when all of the actors in the society are ready and able to take responsibility for its shaping, including active participation in different stages of the public debate and the decision-making process on important issues of concern. Therefore, all decisions concerning the issues of utmost importance to young people should include the input of youth organizations as their principal representatives.

Young people and youth organizations active within our movement are highly motivated to actively engage in the democratic process and aware of the necessity for a broad cooperation between all stakeholders to be able to truly influence the society. Their concerns include issues that directly affect their lives, like education and employment, as well as those of immediate concern in many European societies, like the outcome of the UK referendum or the strengthening of the far-right political movements. Through this project, we propose to provide them with much-needed opportunities for debate, discussion and exploration, in order to come up with the best policy approach and the advocacy tools best suited for their action. In addition, exchange of experience, best practice examples and ideas between the young people who have already achieved a level of democratic participation in their society and those coming from the societies of lower democratic standards, will represent an important peer-to-peer support.

Providing young people and youth organizations with a platform for debate and discussion on their role in democracy and the best methods for them to expand their active participation are the objectives of this international workshop that IUSY is proposing to realize. Its expected impacts include a stronger engagement of young people in the democratic process and their increased presence as social actors.

### Aim

The main aim of the project is to increase the engagement of young people in policy debate on issues relevant to them, their influence on the outcomes of the decision-making and their active part in the democratic process.

### Objectives

- Organize a debate and learning program for young people and youth organizations to explore the reach of democratic participation and, in particular, their role in the society. Discuss and outline the issues of particular concern to young people and their response and proposals for solution.

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- Provide an opportunity for young people and youth organizations to cooperate and combine their efforts in order to be able to support each other's in the struggle for their rights.
- Explore the tools and mechanisms for young people and youth organizations to increase their presence in the society and their influence on the democratic process.

### Participants profile

- Grass root youth activists from IUSY/YES partner/member organizations
- Interested in the topic of active citizenship and democracy
- Interested in developing follow up proposals on the topic

### How to apply

To make sure that everyone has equal chance in participating, participants **must apply via the online application** form at <https://goo.gl/forms/xg4R7xXr11jplYB2>

**DEADLINE for the registration is May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

The final confirmation will be sent to all participants within 2 days after the deadline of the registration.

### Eligible member/partner organizations per country

Country	Number of participants
Albania	2
Armenia	1
Austria	1
Belarus	1
Belgium	1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1
Croatia	1
France	2
Georgia	1
Germany	1
Hungary	2
Republic of Moldova	1
Montenegro	1
Netherlands	1

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Norway	1
Poland	2
Serbia	1
Slovenia	1
Spain	2
Sweden	1
Turkey	2
Ukraine	1
United Kingdom	2

## Costs

There is no participation fee for the project. Travel, accommodation and food will be fully covered by the project.

## Travel information

### Arrivals and Departures

Day of arrival for the activity is the 31<sup>st</sup> of May and day of departure is the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. Please make your travel arrangements accordingly and do not forget that IUSY will not be able to cover accommodation or any other additional expenses for participants who need to stay additional nights.

### Travel reimbursement

As soon as your participation is confirmed, we strongly advise you to communicate with IUSY Secretariat in order to organize your travel and buy your tickets as early as possible to avoid high costs. All travel reimbursements will be made in euro by bank transfer after the meeting.

Cost of travels must be proven by original documents. Therefore, please do not forget to keep and hand in ALL of the following documents at the activity:

### Flights:

1. Booking confirmation, itinerary and ticket (if the amount is not mentioned, you should provide an invoice or a bank statement)
2. Original boarding passes for all flight segments for both ways
3. Local travel tickets, where relevant
4. Your bank account details

### Train/coach:

1. Booking confirmation, itinerary and ticket
2. Original, stamped tickets for all journey segments

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3. Local travel tickets, where relevant
4. Your bank account details

#### **Car:**

1. Petrol receipts and a calculation of the kilometric allowance (itinerary showing the number of kilometers and kilometric rate used)
2. Origin address and route map
3. Your bank account details

#### **Car sharing:**

1. A statement signed by both by the driver and the traveler including the name of the traveler, the name of the driver, the dates of the journey, the itinerary and the number of kilometers and the amount paid.
2. Your bank account details

#### **Visas**

The IUSY Secretariat will support visa applications for the activity. If you require a visa, please send a copy of your passport to [iusy@iusy.org](mailto:iusy@iusy.org) as soon as possible, so the secretariat can draft a visa invitation letter for you.

#### **Accommodation and meeting venue**

The accommodation and project venue will be sent to all participants nearer the time, at latest two weeks in advance of the event.

#### **Contact**

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