

# Tolerance, inclusion and engagement for a better tomorrow!

- Young ambassadors across borders making a change

## Call for participants: Youth exchange 6. - 10. September 2023, Oslo

On 6<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> September 2023 the European Wergeland Centre (EWC) invite youth and young adults from Ukraine, Poland, and Norway for a youth exchange to support and promote tolerance, dialogue and inclusion. We will work on how to secure real and meaningful youth participation in the community. **Application deadline: July 20<sup>th</sup>**. The exchange is organized by the European Wergeland Center, in cooperation with the International Cooperation Center of the Municipality of Lublin.

The youth exchange is supported by a grant from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, through the EEA and Norway Grants, as part of the bilateral Initiative "Youth for the City, City for the Youth - projects and initiatives to involve and engage the local communities".

## About the exchange

**The aim** of the exchange is to better know how we can work with inclusion and collaboration in practice. We are aiming for a bottom-up approach with a high degree of involvement of participants. The programme will consist of workshops, seminars, and integration meetings. Detailed programme will be sent out closer to the exchange.

The training will last for **4 days** (arrival September 6<sup>th</sup> and departure September 10<sup>th</sup>) and bring together participants from Poland, Ukraine, and Norway, selected through an open call for participants. The training will be facilitated by trainers from the EWC with extensive experience in education for human rights, democratic citizenship, and intercultural understanding.

Through the training course, participants will:

- *exchange experiences and learn how youth participation can be real and meaningful*
- *be introduced to concrete experiences from Poland, Ukraine and Norway on how young people can be active citizens*
- *learn new strategies and tools to facilitate intercultural dialogue and promote inclusion to strengthen resilience to crisis and conflict*
- *learn how stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination function to find the most efficient ways to challenge them*
- *be introduced to concrete tools to combat discrimination, facilitate intercultural dialogue, and promote inclusion to prevent conflicts in their local and national contexts*

The training is aimed at **youth and young adults** who.

- are between 18-30 years and can speak English
- are involved in activities promoting a more sustainable and democratic society, such as intercultural understanding, diversity, environmental initiatives, or human rights
- wish to develop competencies and work with practical educational tools
- are committed to organizing activities to engage others in intercultural dialogue after completing the training

## Application form

The number of places is limited. Filling in the application form is not equivalent with qualifying for a youth exchange

Application deadline is 20<sup>th</sup> of July. Selected persons will be informed about their qualification by e-mail, between 7<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2023

**Apply by filling in an application form!**

[Application form](#)

## Practical information

### Costs and travels

There are no participation fee. Travel, meals and accommodation are covered by The EWC. The organiser will purchase plane tickets for the participants from Ukraine and Poland from Warsaw the 6<sup>th</sup> of September and return to Warsaw the 10<sup>th</sup> of September. Travel expenses to and from Warsaw will be reimbursed by the organisers after the youth exchange.

### Working language

The working language is English. In order to participate, your understanding of and command of English need to be at a sufficient level to actively take part in sessions, discussions and social events.

### Venue and accommodation

Utøya is situated approximately 50 minutes from Oslo. It has modern conference facilities and accommodation on site. You will share a room with other participants from the same gender. From Wednesday to Thursday, you will be accommodated in a hotel in central Oslo.

## About Utøya

Utøya is a small Iceland about one hour from Oslo. Today, Utøya is an arena for people who work to make the world a better place.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2011, a right-wing Norwegian extremist killed 69 people at Utøya, most of them young people attending the Norwegian Labour Party Youth's summer camp. The terrorist asserted that people with different cultural backgrounds cannot coexist in a society and promoted the conspiracy theory that Europe is slowly taken over by the Arabic world.

Utøya carries a strong testimony of why values such as tolerance, equality and diversity cannot be taken for granted, but need to be promoted and practiced in everyday life. For this to happen there need to be more places for people to meet, not less.

Since the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2011 Utøya has been rebuilt as a commemoration- and learning centre. More than 10 000 young people come to Utøya every year to take part in educational programs, seminars, conferences and summer camps. Utøya is today a remarkable example of young people's response and resilience to terror and violence.

## About The European Wergeland Centre

**The European Wergeland Centre (EWC)** is a resource centre on education for democratic citizenship, human rights, and intercultural understanding. It was established by the Council of Europe (CoE) and Norway in 2008, with a mandate to support member states implement CoE policies in practice. EWC designs and offers trainings and educational programmes to educational professionals and civil society actors all over Europe. EWC is a partner of Utøya and the 22. July Center on educational programmes on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July and education for democratic citizenship and human rights. [www.theewc.org](http://www.theewc.org)

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