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## **Participation in all its forms**

**European symposium  
on  
diversity and participation**

organised  
as part of the  
**All Different – All Equal**  
European Campaign

Schengen  
Luxembourg  
25-29 April 2007

**Presentation  
and  
registration form**

## Summary

A call repeatedly made by the “youth sector”, ie all youth organisations, associations and institutions involved in working with young people outside school, is for its work to be recognised. The “Participation in all its forms – European symposium on diversity and participation” event is an opportunity to illustrate the potential of the youth sector. More specifically, on the basis of projects conducted as part of the All Different – All Equal campaign, the symposium will seek to show how the youth sector contributes to active participation by young people in society and the integration of young people from non-majority communities.

It will also provide an opportunity to develop new projects and discuss action to be taken in future.

The symposium is being organised by the Council of Europe and partners from Benelux (Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg).

## Aims and objectives of the symposium

The symposium will consider the theme of youth participation in the light of experience under the All Different – All Equal European campaign.

Objectives:

- Discuss and analyse projects conducted under the campaign;
- Assess the degree of involvement of young people in the campaign;
- Facilitate discussion of co-operation between non-governmental organisations and public authorities during the campaign;
- Discuss the limits and advantages of the concepts related to youth participation;
- Draw up recommendations for the future.

## Organisation

The symposium programme will comprise:

- plenary sessions;
- exchanges of best practice;
- discussion workshops.

## Discussion workshops

The workshops will cover different themes, but will also look at common issues:

- shared basic documents;
- presentation and discussion of the participants’ experiences, examples of best practice;
- analysis of obstacles, challenges and needs identified in the course of projects;
- identification of possible ways forward at European level;
- identification of possibilities for future co-operation between participating bodies;

Each discussion workshop will last approximately eight hours (divided into several sessions) and will be chaired by two experienced moderators.

## Themes of the workshops

### Are young people all different or all equal as regards active participation in society?

#### Workshop 1: What can make it difficult for young people to participate actively?

What do young people need to be able to “participate” actively: personal background (personal outlook, information, knowledge, skills, etc)? Which obstacles exist?

How can improvements be achieved on an individual level: strategies involving youth organisations, schools, “open” youth work? How can discrimination be prevented? How can more young people from communities vulnerable to discrimination be encouraged to participate?

In particular: what can the youth sector contribute here?

#### Workshop 2: Discrimination and participation

How can young people “vulnerable” to discrimination (immigrants, people with disabilities, women and girls) be enabled to play a fuller part in society?

Which strategies should foster participation by these groups of young people in particular?

Is introducing a system of positive discrimination (quotas) useful?

In particular: what can the youth sector contribute here?

### Youth participation: myth and reality

#### Workshop 3: Diversity in organisations

Does the makeup of youth organisations’ members reflect the diversity of society as a whole? What are the most effective strategies for including young people from widely differing backgrounds in youth organisations?

#### Workshop 4: Youth participation and integration

How can fostering active participation by young people at local and regional level help improve the integration of young people and prevent violence?

One goal of this workshop is to produce arguments setting out examples of best practice so as to persuade local and regional authorities to become involved in the area of active youth participation.

#### Workshop 5: Good intentions and follow-up

Many forums and symposiums set out their conclusions in the form of resolutions. All too often, however, these resolutions are not really taken into account in the further development of youth policies. This can result in a feeling of frustration among the young participants.

What are the limits of the use of “resolutions”? How can frustration be avoided? Which possible new approaches are there to the problem? How can youth organisations help to implement the conclusions?

### European added value

#### Workshop 6: All Different – All Equal European campaign: impact, follow-up and added value of European co-operation

The results and impact of the campaign as regards “participation”. What are the conclusions regarding the actual conduct of such a campaign? How should a European campaign be conducted at national level? How does European co-operation support national, regional or local efforts? What does the youth sector expect from European bodies? What are the conclusions for the future? How should follow-up be ensured?

## Conclusions and follow-up

It is not planned to present the results in the form of resolutions. The examples of best practice and the proposals for the future will be set out in a final document.

The Benelux partners have agreed to ensure follow-up to the symposium. They will analyse the conclusions of the discussions and propose follow-up action in co-operation with Council of Europe bodies.

## Provisional programme

### Wednesday 25.04.07

17:00	Arrival and registration of participants
20:00	Welcome dinner
	Official opening of the symposium

### Thursday 26.04.07

09:00	Opening and introduction
09:30	Addresses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Council of Europe's efforts in the area of youth participation</li><li>• Definition and types of youth participation</li></ul>
10:30	Break
11:00	Workshops
12:30	Lunch
14:00	Conclusions of morning workshops
14:30	3 statements: experiences and examples of best practice
15:00	Presentation of the guide to implementing the revised European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life
16:00	Break
16:30	Workshops
18:30	End of workshops
19:00	Dinner

### Friday 27.04.07

09:00	Addresses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How can diversity be promoted in work with young people?</li><li>• Interim review of the All Different – All Equal European campaign</li></ul>
10:00	Presentation of 2007, European Year of Equal Opportunities
10:30	Break
11:00	Workshops
12:30	Lunch
14:00	3 statements: experiences and examples of best practice
15:00	Presentation of the Portfolio
15:30	Break
16:00	Workshops
18:30	End of workshops
19:00	Dinner

### Saturday 28.04.07

10:00	Presentation of the results in plenary
12:30	Lunch
14:00	Tour of the City of Luxembourg
20:00	Farewell dinner
	Official closure

### Sunday 29.04.07

Departure of participants

Statements by politicians will be fitted into the programme depending on their diary commitments. An updated detailed programme is available at: [www.campagne-jeunesse.lu/symposium](http://www.campagne-jeunesse.lu/symposium).

## Working languages

English and French for the plenary sessions. English for the workshops.

## Venue

The workshop meetings will be held in Schengen Castle (Luxembourg) and in the Relais de l'Europe in Schengen. Schengen Castle is a former convent, part of which is still occupied by nuns. The plenary sessions will be held in the Relais de l'Europe.

For more details about the venue, please go to: [www.ont.lu/site\\_citydetails-fr-182.html](http://www.ont.lu/site_citydetails-fr-182.html).

## Accommodation

Most of the participants will be accommodated in the new youth hostel in Schengen (see [www.youthhostels.lu](http://www.youthhostels.lu)), located 3 km from the workshop meetings.

The moderators and the remaining participants will be accommodated in Schengen Castle (see [www.chateau-de-schengen.lu](http://www.chateau-de-schengen.lu)).

There will be two to three people per room.

## Financial conditions

Participation in the symposium will be paid for by the Council of Europe. Travel and any visa expenses will be refunded on **condition** that the individuals concerned **attend the full programme**.

## Participants

Total number of participants: 105 (excluding moderators and staff)

Profile: Leaders of youth associations or youth organisations, youth workers

Selection criterion: Involvement in a project which is being carried out as part of the campaign and is linked to the theme of democracy and participation by young people in public life

## Selection of participants

All Different – All Equal national committees are encouraged to put forward participants who have not attended previous campaign meetings at European level.

Participants will be selected by the relevant Council of Europe bodies on the basis of applications and letters of recommendation from All Different – All Equal national committees (in countries where such committees exist) or from youth organisations. The European Youth Forum will put forward candidates for organisations active at European level. Candidates will be notified of the decision as soon as possible (late March, early April).

## Visas

Luxembourg is part of the Schengen Area, with the related advantages and constraints.

Once the participants have been selected, the organisers will contact the relevant embassies or consulates with a view to simplifying visa procedures to the maximum extent and possibly obtaining free visas.

The participants concerned will be informed of the details as soon as possible.

## **Additional information**

The participants selected will receive all relevant additional information upon receipt of their registrations. The website [www.campagne-jeunesse.lu/symposium](http://www.campagne-jeunesse.lu/symposium) provides further details about the symposium.

## **Deadline for submission of registration forms**

19 March 2007



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## Symposium Participation in all its forms

**SCHENGEN Castle, Luxembourg, 25-29 April 2007**

### REGISTRATION FORM

Please type or write clearly

#### I. INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARTICIPANT

<p><b>1. Name:</b></p> <p>Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female</p> <p>Age: _____ Nationality: _____</p>
<p><b>2. Contact details – please note that all correspondence will be sent to the address indicated, which must be complete</b></p> <p>Postal address (street, number, town, post code, country):</p> <p>Telephone: _____ Fax: _____</p> <p>Mobile telephone: _____ E-mail: _____</p>
<p><b>3. Do you have any special needs or wishes (for instance, diet, disability, etc)?</b></p>
<p><b>4. Visas</b></p> <p>If you are selected as a participant, will you need a visa for Luxembourg?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>If yes, please indicate:</p> <p>Date of birth: _____ Place of birth: _____</p> <p>Passport no: _____ Place of issue: _____</p> <p>Date of expiry: _____</p>

## II. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ORGANISATION OR INSTITUTION

### 6. Sending organisation or institution

Name:

Postal address:

Telephone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Website:

### 7. How would you describe your organisation?

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> An international organisation   | <input type="checkbox"/> A government institution responsible for youth policy (eg members of the European Steering Committee for Youth, CDEJ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A national youth council (name) | <input type="checkbox"/> An organisation defending minorities and minority rights  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A national youth organisation   | <input type="checkbox"/> An antiracist or antidiscrimination organisation  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A national campaign committee   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):   |

### 8. What is your role or position in your organisation?

- |  |                                   |  |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil servant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Active member                         |                                   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board member                          |                                   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of national campaign committee |                                   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):               |                                   |  |

### 9. Please briefly describe the youth activities and goals of your organisation or association:

### III. MOTIVATION AND INTEREST IN SYMPOSIUM

**10. Your experience and interest in relation to the symposium themes and objectives:**

- I am an active member of the national campaign committee (please indicate your role):
- I am currently dealing with the campaign issues in my organisation
- I have taken part, am taking part or will take part in an All Different – All Equal campaign project

**11. Why would you like to take part in the symposium?**

**12. Would you like to make a contribution to the symposium (example of best practice, account of experiences, video report, information poster, etc)?**

If yes, please specify:

Please send us your contribution before the symposium.

#### IV: REGISTRATION FOR WORKSHOPS

Please indicate by order of preference (1-6) the workshops in which you are interested. The organiser will be free to choose the composition of the workshops.

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**Youth participation: myth and reality**

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Workshop 4: Youth participation and integration

Workshop 5: Good intentions and follow-up

**European added value**

Workshop 6: All Different – All Equal European campaign: impact, follow-up ...

Date:

Signature:

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This form must be returned to the Luxembourg National Youth Service along with a letter of recommendation from your national committee, your organisation or your department

**By 19 March 2007**

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