

## Call for Applications

### **Youth for Peace - 100 Years After World War I, 100 Ideas for Peace**

Belgrade, 12 – 14 October 2018 /// Berlin, 14 – 18 November 2018

Are you interested in Europe, history and peace? Do you want to learn more about World War I and its consequences? Do you want to know how other societies experienced the war and how you can personally contribute to a peaceful future in and around Europe? Do you have ideas for peace in and around Europe that you want to carry forward?

As the partner of the "Youth for Peace - 100 Years After World War I, 100 Ideas For Peace", RYCO invites 50 young people from the Western Balkans to meet young people from Germany, France and the European Union, as well as from the EU accession candidates and the European Union's Southern and Eastern neighbors and discuss topics like war and peace together as part of an international, intercultural meeting, from 14 to 18 November 2018 in Berlin. For the selected participants from the Western Balkans, there will be a preparatory meeting organized in Belgrade from 12 to 14 October 2018, as well.

As part of a dialogue with representatives from the fields of science, media, politics and culture, you will have the opportunity to discuss or creatively implement different topics in workshops. There will also be on-site activities in peace education, as well as an exciting supplemental program that includes alternative city tours, a film and football night and visiting places of remembrance and memorials in Berlin. This youth meeting will give you the chance to meet new people and learn what your peers think of the topic of war and peace in and around Europe and in the world. The remembrance of the millions who died during the First World War (1914-1918) and its repercussions takes very different shapes in each of the societies and countries involved.

Following youth events at Hartmannswillerkopf in the French Vosges (2014) and in Verdun (2016), this big youth gathering in November 2018 in Berlin will offer the opportunity to discuss the First World War's lessons for peaceful coexistence no longer solely on a Franco-German level, but also on a European and international level. The high point and conclusion of the gathering will be an event on 18 November during which results from the workshops and concrete ideas for peace will be transmitted to political decision-makers and discussed with them.

Your civic engagement and commitment to a peaceful future in and around Europe and friendly neighborly relations are needed. Those who know more about the past can better understand the present and better shape the future. Participating in the FGYO's youth meeting "Youth for Peace - 100 Years After World War I, 100 Ideas For Peace" offers you the possibility to get involved in an intense discussion of the topics of war and international peace work.

Prior topical knowledge is not necessary. The event is open to all young people (students, apprentices, young professionals, interns, etc.) who are interested in this topic. However, basic English skills are a requirement, as the common working language during the workshops is English.

#### Requirements:

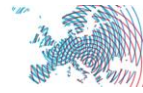
- Strong motivation and interest in the topic of the First World War and the conclusions that can be formed for the present-day coexistence of people in and around Europe
- A readiness to discuss different cultural and historical viewpoints in Europe and its neighborhood
- Interest and participation in civic engagement
- Must reside in the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo\*, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia)
- English language skills are required
- German or French language skills are a plus, but not required
- Age: 18-22 years.

#### Conditions of participation:

- You should be available to attend both, the preparatory meeting in Belgrade (12 – 14 October) and the meeting in Berlin (14 – 18 November 2018)
- Arrival in Berlin should occur on 14 November 2018 by 17:00; departures from Berlin on 18 November 2018 after 14:00.
- The FGYO will cover the costs of housing in a youth hostel that will have been reserved in advance. Accommodation is organized in double and multi-bed rooms separated by gender. Catering will also be provided.
- The FGYO will also cover visa costs, as well as handling the organization of the journey and covering the travel costs (meaning the journey to and from the location). The train or plane ticket(s) will be booked directly and in consultation with you by a travel agency commissioned by the FGYO.
- During the youth meeting in Berlin, you will be accompanied by a team of experienced youth leaders.

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\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.



**Have we sparked your interest? Then send us your application via the [online form](#)**

**Applications will be accepted until 17 June 2018.**

**Confirmation of participation will be sent by the end of July 2018.**

More information is available on the Franco German Youth Office [website](#).

The international youth meeting "Youth for Peace - 100 Years after World War I, 100 Ideas for Peace" stands under the patronage of the German Federal Foreign Office and the Mission du Centenaire de la Première Guerre mondiale (MdC). The event is realized by the Franco-German Youth Office (FGYO) in close cooperation with the Institut français d'Allemagne / French Embassy in Berlin, the Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgräberfürsorge e.V. (VDK) and the Office National des Anciens Combattants et Victimes de Guerre (ONACVG).

Additional partners of the event are: Deutsch-Polnisches Jugendwerk (DPJW-PNWM), Koordinierungszentrum Deutsch-Tschechischer Jugendaustausch (Tandem), Fachstelle für internationale Jugendarbeit der Bundesrepublik Deutschland (IJAB), Jugend für Europa, Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO), Stiftung Deutsch-Russischer Jugendaustausch (DRJA), Koordinierungszentrum Deutsch-Israelischer Jugendaustausch (ConAct), UK German Connection, Deutsch-Türkische Jugendbrücke, Deutsch-Baltisches Jugendwerk (DBJW), Körber-Stiftung et al.