**OPEN CALL FOR YOUTH LEADERS IN KOSOVO*[[1]](#footnote-1)***

Capacity Building Training for Youth Leaders in the fields of Intercultural Dialogue, Media Literacy and Advocacy

***The Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO), Local Branch Office in Kosovo in partnership with the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, hereby invites young men and women leaders in Kosovo to participate in a training program on "Intercultural Dialogue, Media Literacy, and Advocacy" with a view of strengthening and improving skills and knowledge of youth leaders in continuing to contribute to a positive change in their communities.***

***The training aims to enrich and extend the knowledge and understanding of youth leaders on the topic of Intercultural Dialogue, Media Literacy and Advocacy as well as provide the opportunity to brainstorm and design project ideas related to the abovementioned topics, which will further on be developed and implemented by the organizers.***

**PURPOSE OF THE TRAINING:**

Strengthening the capacities of promising youth leaders in the fields if Intercultural Learning, Media Literacy and Advocacy, involving them in the design process of local activities and giving them the ownership, as well as providing more opportunities and space for inter-cultural dialogue between communities is one of the main priorities of the RYCO Local Branch Office in Kosovo (LBO KS), given their crucial role in building and promoting sustainable and inclusive peace.

Having this in mind, the overall purpose of the training is to further develop the competencies of the already established and promising youth leaders in Kosovo and equip them with the tools needed to engage, understand and address the issues that affect personal and community peace, safety and security among young people and beyond. Through this training, a network of active leaders will be created with the aim to transfer further the acquired knowledge to youth of their local communities, ensuring that more young people are involved in taking an active role in peace building.

Upon completion of a 3 day training, participants will:

* get acquainted with the concepts of Intercultural Dialogue, Media Literacy and Advocacy;
* acquire a theoretical basis for the preparation of a project idea that contributes to a positive change (including understanding how to prepare a project that is gender and diversity inclusive);
* have an opportunity to work practically in small groups under the supervision of an expert in brainstorming and designing actionable practices;
* have an opportunity to expand the network and engage in inter-cultural dialogue;
* have an opportunity to participate in the competition for the best actionable and youth-friendly practices produced during the workshop;
* have a possibility to be further engage in the development and implementation of the winning ideas in the upcoming months.

The 3 day training will take place in person in compliance with all COVID-19 measures, and will be conducted in Albanian/Serbian/English languages. The target group of young trainees will ensure gender parity and adequate diversity.

Training attendees shall be awarded a Certificate of Active Participation in the training, should they attend the training and participate in the Program fully.

**TRAINING DATES:**
Module One: Intercultural Dialogue, 11-12 December 2021
Module Two: Media Literacy, 12-13 December 2021
Module Three: Advocacy, 13 December 2021

**TRAINING DURATION:**  3 days

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

The training program is intended exclusively for young men and women leaders aged 18-30 years old from different ethnic background: Albanians, Serbs, Bosniaks, Egyptians, Roma, Ashkali, Turkish, etc. who demonstrate to having taken an active role in their communities in peace building processes and would like to enhance their skills and knowledge further.

**Youth leaders that are eligible to apply include:**

* Candidates demonstrating leadership skills and having taken an active role in their community;
* Candidates showing interest to take active part in their community;
* Candidates showing motivation and interest on the topics of Intercultural Dialogue, Media Literacy and Advocacy;
* Candidates able to engage in inter-cultural dialogue;
* Candidates showing highest respect to the human rights, gender equality and diversity principles;
* Candidates showing interest in regional co-operation, RYCO and OSCE’s work.

 **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

This call shall remain open until **06 December 2021, 23:59 hrs.**

**SUBMISSIONS**

If this opportunity interests you, and you meet the above requirements, **please fill in the Google Form answering the questions on what makes you a good leader and a good fit for this training.**

If you are notified as being one of the finalists, we might ask you to provide us with additional documents.

**NOTE:**

Participants shall be selected based on the criteria set out in the Call for Applications on the basis of the quality of their submitted application, with consideration given to gender equality, diversity, and geographical balance.

**When applying, please note that all participants selected to attend shall be notified by email latest by 08 December 2021.**

Any eventual queries can be directed to the local RYCO office in Kosovo via email address besarta.halimi@rycowb.org

**ABOUT ORGANIZERS**

**The Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO)** is an independently functioning institutional mechanism, founded by the Western Balkans 6 participants (WB 6): Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia, aiming to promote the spirit of reconciliation and cooperation between the youth in the region through youth exchange programs. For more information about RYCO, please visit [www.rycowb.org](http://www.rycowb.org)

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1. This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with Security Council Resolution 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)