



**CALL FOR APPLICATION:**

**Youth4Peace**

United voices: Future choices

An international youth encounter to mark 80 years since the end of the Second World War organised by European and international youth work organisations:

ConAct, DBJR, DFJW, DGJW, DPJW, IJAB, JUGEND für Europa, RYCO, TANDEM,

## Why Youth4Peace in 2025?

8 May 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and the liberation of Germany and Europe from National Socialism. Against this backdrop and in times of new aggression and anti-democratic tendencies in Europe and the World, the question of how young people can campaign for peace and democracy is more important than it has been for a long time. The European peace project, which is based on exchange, encounters and understanding, provides the framework for bringing together young people from different countries and developing concrete strategies for action on what a democratic peace architecture should look like in the future from the perspective of young people.

As part of the commemoration, 'Youth4Peace' focuses on the future of young people in Europe and the world, in which they themselves are actors for peace and democracy.

## Let's talk about YOU & YOUTH4PEACE!

### WHO?

80 young people aged 18 to 27 from more than 20 countries!

### When?

- Main phase: 3rd – 10th May 2025, Berlin
- Online preparation phase: end of March - beginning of April, including 3 online-meetings of 1.5h (notes will be available if you cannot attend)

### Where?

- Accommodation: Centre Français, Müllerstraße 74, 13349 Berlin

### What can you expect?

- You will develop specific project ideas for peace and democracy together
  - You will work artistically on the topic of peace and the threats it faces
  - You will create and then present your common agenda for peace and democracy to high-ranking politicians in an innovative way
  - You will create an interactive performance regarding your commitment to democracy and peace and present it at a public ceremony with international political representatives
  - You will spend over a week with young people from more than 20 countries, get to know each other, discover and learn about other cultures and interesting people
  - You will exchange ideas with experts, get to know international players in democracy and peace work and visit historical sites in Berlin (e.g. the Berlin Wall)
  - You will be fully catered for and accompanied by an intercultural team.
- All costs for travel, accommodation and meals will be covered for you

## In short:

Eight intensive days with your ideas and projects, workshops and expert talks, discussions, excursions to historically and politically relevant places in Berlin and meetings/encounters with fascinating figures from the fields of politics and international democracy.

# Would you like to take part?

## Requirements for participation:

- You must be between 18 and 30 years old
- Permanently reside in one of the Western Balkans 6 Contracting Parties (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo\*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia)
- You must be able to understand and speak English at a good level, as the entire programme is in English (For example, you should feel comfortable discussing in English, following lectures and sharing your ideas in English)
- You must be able to be in Berlin from 3rd to 10th May (There is no “part-time participation”)
- You need to free up some time (about 6 hours in total) for the project preparation between the end of March and the end of April and be available for us over email
- (Even if you cannot participate in all video conferences, you should take part in brainstorming and co-creation processes on our platform - this is the only way your ideas can be integrated in the project right from the start)

## You should ...

- Be interested in democracy and peace work and perhaps have already been involved in these fields
  - Be open to and respect other cultures, opinions and life experiences
  - You should be independent, i.e. be able to plan your participation - with our support - by yourself.
- Requirements for participation:

## Sound's good? Let's go!

1. apply using the application form and send it to [application@rycowb.org](mailto:application@rycowb.org)
2. If you have been selected, you will receive a message to confirm your participation.
3. You will then receive all the important information regarding the project and booking your trip.

## Application deadline:

The earlier, the better your chances, but the deadline is: 24 January 2025

\*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.