

Open Call for Future Y-PEER Educators

Learn. Connect. Make a Change.

The **United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)** and the **Regional Youth Cooperation Office, Local Branch Office in Serbia (RYCO)** invite young people and everyone interested in working with youth to apply for a **Y-PEER Educators Training**, focused on peer education, peacebuilding, and the promotion of dialogue, tolerance, and mutual understanding.

Y-PEER is a methodology based on principal that young people can be important agents of change and that knowledge, experiences, and positive values can be effectively shared among peers. Through interactive methods, practical exercises, role-playing, and the exchange of experiences, participants will develop skills to design and facilitate workshops that encourage active participation, critical thinking, and constructive engagement in their communities.

The aim of the training is to empower a new group of Y-PEER educators who will apply the knowledge and skills gained in their local communities and contribute to fostering a culture of peace, dialogue, and cooperation.

About the Training

The training will take place **from 12 to 15 November 2026. in Vrnjačka Banja** and will last four days. The working language of the training will be **Serbian**, and the program will be facilitated by **Demir Mekić**, a trainer with extensive experience in youth work and knowledge of the Y-PEER methodology.

During the training, participants will have the opportunity to:

- learn about the principles of peer education and the Y-PEER methodology;
- explore approaches to peacebuilding and conflict transformation;
- analyse conflicts and challenges in their local contexts;
- deepen their understanding of gender equality, human rights, and intercultural dialogue;
- strengthen their facilitation, communication, and interactive workshop delivery skills;
- develop ways to encourage active youth participation and positive change in their communities.

The organisers will cover **travel, accommodation, and meal costs** during the training.

Who Can Apply?

Serbian citizens who want to contribute to their communities through peer education. We are looking for motivated individuals who:

- are interested in working with young people and promoting dialogue, cooperation, and mutual understanding;
- have experience or an interest in youth work, volunteering, education, activism, peacebuilding or related fields;
- are ready to actively participate throughout the entire training and apply the knowledge gained after completing the program.

Previous experience in peer education will be considered an advantage in the selection process, but motivation, openness to learning, and willingness to share the knowledge gained with others are equally important.

What Can You Expect?

By participating in the program, you will have the opportunity to:

- gain practical knowledge and skills for applying the Y-PEER methodology;
- learn with the support of an experienced trainer;
- further develop your ideas for community-based activities with opportunities for professional guidance and exchange of experiences;
- become part of the Y-PEER network and connect with peers who share similar values;
- receive a UNFPA and RYCO certificate upon successful completion of the training, in accordance with the program requirements.

What Is Expected from Future Y-PEER Educators?

Completing the training is only the beginning of your further engagement. Selected participants will be expected to:

- be open for participation in workshops and other activities when opportunities arise;
- stay connected with the Y-PEER network and, where possible, take part in its activities;
- share their experiences in applying the methodology and contribute to the evaluation of the program.

How to Apply?

If you want to strengthen your skills, meet other young people, and contribute to building **more open, inclusive, and connected communities**, we invite you to apply!

Application: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/nt9Zrjk0RG>

Application deadline: 30 October, 17:00

Join us and become part of a network of young people who turn knowledge into action and dialogue into change.