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## **CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS**

# **Study Session I, Youth Advocate**

### *Project summary*

'I, Youth Advocate' is a study session for youth representatives run by MIJARC Europe in partnership with Don Bosco Youth Network and in cooperation with the Youth Department of the Council of Europe. It aims to train the members of the three working commissions of MIJARC Europe to become active in advocacy work, relevant for the network.

### *When*

07-10 October 2019 (6th Oct – arrival day, 11th October departure day)

### *Where*

European Youth Center – Budapest, Hungary

### *Objectives*

The study session aims to prepare young people from MIJARC Europe and DBYN Networks to be active advocates at European level, on diverse topics of interest for youth.

The objectives are as follows:

1. Assist young people to reflect on their local realities and link them to the policy changes they want at European level;
2. Explore advocacy tools and policy instruments of the Council of Europe, DBYN, MIJARC Europe and other European stakeholders in order to use them in their advocacy work;
3. Develop advocacy competences such as communication with relevant stakeholders, strategic planning and other skills to implement successful advocacy plans;
4. Empower young people to design concrete actions plans on advocacy to be implemented within the two organizations.

### *Profile participants*

The call is mainly addressed to the members of the three working commissions of MIJARC Europe, who are expected to implement the results of the study session in the work of their commission. These actions can include development of campaigns, representation assignments, support of policy development within member organisations, training local and national volunteers in advocacy and the rights-based approach.

Priority will be given to the members of the commissions but all other member of MIJARC Europe who fit within the following profile are invited to apply:

- 18 – 30 years' old
- Active in one member movement of MIJARC Europe (observer or full member)
- Interest in advocacy work
- Interest in the topic of Human Rights
- Being able to act a multiplier within the structures and work of MIJARC Europe
- Active English knowledge
- Ideally, experience in inclusion work and experience in European and/or International youth work
- A gender balanced group will be selected

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**There are 17 places for MIJARC Europe and the activity is open to all MIJARC Europe member organisations.**

### *Practicalities*

- In order to apply you are invited to fill in the registration form [here](#).
- Deadline to apply: 31 August 2019
- Selected participants will be sent further information on how to book their travel. Candidates requiring VISA need to register by 23/08/2019.
- There is a participation fee of € 50 to pay to the EYC Budapest, which covers participation, food, accommodation and insurance. Participants who cannot afford this can request support from MIJARC Europe
- Travel costs and VISA costs are reimbursed 100%.

Schedule	Sunday – 6th	Monday – 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Tuesday – 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Wednesday – 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Thursday – 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday – 11 <sup>th</sup> October	
8:00 – 9:00	Arrival of participants	Breakfast					Departure of participants
9:00 – 9:30		Good morning DAY – 1 <sup>st</sup> DAY – Niklas and he introduces the topic, rest of the days participants and the Chaplain					
<u>Session 1</u> 09:30 – 11:00		<b>Introduction to the study session</b> - what is it for - aims and objectives - presentation of Council of Europe - presentation of host organizations (MIJARC/DBYN)	<b>European level</b> - what is the local level - Who are the stakeholders to advocate to - how does decision making on policies work at European level – EU and outside EU - Advocacy and Policy instruments of DYBN and MIJARC Europe	Advocacy skills development	Designing the Action Plans – separate groups for MIJARC Europe and DYBN		
11:00 – 11:30		Coffee break					
<u>Session 2</u> 11:30 – 13:00		Getting to know each other Team building	Input from expert – concrete example Expert on Advocacy	Advocacy skills development - continued	Designing the Action Plans – separate groups for MIJARC Europe and DYBN		
13:00 – 15:00		Lunch					
<u>Session 3</u> 15:00 – 16:30		Expectations Group needs/rules/access needs Present the programme Introduction into the topic - advocacy	Policy instruments of the Council of Europe – Access to Rights	Debriefing	Common discussion – what we worked on Future ideas to work together – on what points we could work together in the future Free space		
16:30 – 17:00		Coffee break					
<u>Session 4</u> 17:00 – 18:30		Mapping local realities on youth advocacy How can we bring them from local level to European level	Best practices they identified at local level – thinking about the skills they need and want to develop What competences are needed to do advocacy – list of competences and next day they decide on what they want to develop – having workshops on those competences the next day	Personal reflection – the link to the learning objectives they set What do I need as an advocate to work successfully?	Evaluation and cleaning the room		
18:30 – 18:45		Good night moment - participants and the Chaplain					
19:00		Dinner		Dinner out	Dinner	Dinner	
20:00 – 21:30		Welcoming informal gathering (drinks and snacks)	Community groups	Dinner out	Community groups	Community groups	
After dinner		Intercultural evening	Free		Farewell party		