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YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STUDY SESSION

Cluj-Napoca
"European Capital of Youth 2015"
Romania
2-6 September 2015

Youth Empowerment is one of the two Regional strategic priorities decided by the European Scout Conference in Berlin in 2013. The European Youth Empowerment Strategic Priority Group, a volunteer group set-up to follow the actions related to this priority, has proposed and supported a series of actions in the past years some of them part of a European Union-backed project, entitled "Be Prepared, Get Engaged, Be Europe".

This project aims to have an impact in the most important Regional event for young people: Roverway 2016 (France, <http://roverway2016.org>), through a number of events and initiatives related to youth empowerment and European citizenship.

The 2015 edition of Agora (Jambville, France), the European event by Rovers for Rovers, was one such initiative and the Youth Empowerment Study Session (YESS) is the other one proposed in 2015.

The aim of YESS is to explore and study the concept of Youth Empowerment. The participants will explore various perspectives of empowerment ((personal/psychological, societal/community, political, etc.) and discuss how empowerment can be used and is relevant to Scouting and society in their country. At the seminar participants will network and share experiences in order to develop a greater understanding of empowerment and active citizenship.

The event is open to young people and youth workers under the age of 30 and it is the second "recruitment pool" for the European Route at Roverway*.

Our mission is to create a better world – we believe we can do that by creating better citizens.

At YESS we will be exploring these concepts!

Join us in Cluj!

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*Roverway comprises 100 "routes" (of about 50 Rovers from 4-8 countries) distributed all over France. Each route defines a 6-day project in partnership with a local NGO, before heading to Paris for 3 days of sharing and learning in the main camp (Jambville), where 5'000 Rovers from all over Europe will gather to celebrate the common values of being European.

Among these 100 routes, one of them has a special flavour, a "European" one. This route is open to former participants in the "Be Prepared, Get Engaged, Be Europe" project, so either in **Agora 2015** or **YESS**, and aims to **reunite 40 participants from 10 countries** (4 participants per country). The route will be organised in Strasbourg and our "local partner" will be the European Union.

The aim of the route is to work with the participants on issues related to European Citizenship, Youth Rights and Youth Participation so that they can act as facilitators for all the other Rovers during the main camp in Jambville, for the last 3 days of Roverway. Though essentially a training event for young people, the European route will benefit from a typical Rover programme, with lots of action and adventure, with a selection of activities proposed and facilitated by the young people themselves.

There will be a small fee to compensate for the costs related to the European route but there will be also some travel support available for young people traveling to Strasbourg.

More about this opportunity for young people to get actively involved in the delivery of Roverway will be made available through the usual Regional channels.



Objectives, Participants' Profile and Programme

Objectives

By the end of the YESS, participants will:

- Have explored the concept of Youth Empowerment
- Be able to explain and use the concept of empowerment in future work in their NSA
- Gained knowledge on what empowerment can be and why it is relevant for Scouts and youth in the 21st century
- Have explored how to take a more active part in society
- Have developed ideas on how we can empower youth to have a greater impact on the development of themselves and society - local/organisational/political
- Be inspired to work on ways and methods to empower children and youth in your NSA

Participant's profile:

- Members of NSO age 18-30
- Enthusiastic and motivated to participate in an international seminar focusing on Youth Empowerment
- Be ready to contribute with ideas to the study session on how we best can empower ourselves, our Scouts, the NSO/NSA's, and our society.
- Involved, or soon to be, at national level in NSA. Presumably involved in the development of programme for children and youth, or training and education of youth and children.
- Have experience in working with children and youth, and planning events/activities for this target group
- Participants are expected to understand and communicate well in English

Number of participants

This event is designed to accept up to 40 participants.

Provisional programme

Time	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
AM	ARRIVALS	Kick-off & Group session	Social empowerment & Group work		Political empowerment & Group Work	Wrap-Up & Evaluation
		Personal Empowerment & Group work	Workshop [A]	Workshop [B]	Workshop [A]	Workshop [B]
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Workshop [A]		Workshop [B]	Group work			
PM		Group work	Workshop [A]	Workshop [B]		
		#mystory	#mystory			
Evening	Opening & Welcome	International Evening	Treasure Hunt - Cluj		Romanian Night	



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Practical Information

Dates

2 to 6 September 2015. Participants are requested to arrive on Wednesday, 2 September, before 18:00. Departures will be on Sunday, 6 September, starting at 11:00.

Venue

Hotel Tulip Inn Sunny Hill, Cluj-Napoca, Romania (<http://hotelsunnyhill.ro/en>).

Applications

The application form <http://yess.rovernet.eu/registrations/> should be filled in and send to the organisers before the 1st of August 2015.

Participation fee

The transportation costs are covered by the participant and/or the Scout association.

The participation fee is €250. The fee covers all accommodation from Wednesday, 2 September to Sunday, 6 September and meals from breakfast on Thursday, 3 September to the breakfast on Sunday, 6 September. The fee does not cover travel costs. Bank connections and details for paying the event participation fee will be reported to all participants by the YESS acceptance letter.

The financial support received from the European Union allows the organizers to contribute to the travel expenses for the 40 participants (maximum 2 per association), maximum 50%, up to **EUR 175 / person**.

Travel arrangements

You will be asked to send us your arrival and departure details to ensure your proper welcome in Cluj-Napoca.

Insurance

We do not cover the participants during the event neither during the travel to or from the venue. Please, note that this is the exclusive responsibility of the NSA to check and be sure that the participants are covered by insurance (illness, accidents, repatriation etc...).

Cancellation

If for any reason you find that you are not able to attend the event, please notify the planning team immediately. If you cancel your participation without notice after the 10th of August 2015, we are obliged to charge you/your association for the full price of the event.

Additional information

If you need any further information please contact us at rstinghe@scout.org