

PROMOTING YOUTH CIVIL SPACE

Educational Youth Forum

Turin, Italy

14 – 18 April 2024



PROJECT COORDINATOR

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ITALY

BACKGROUND

Amnesty International Italy is implementing a residential Exchange of Good Practices “Educational Youth Forum – Promoting Youth Civil Space”. The Forum follows the Erasmus+ project “Promoting Youth Civil Space through Youth Work and Human Rights Education” which took place in 2020-2022.

Amnesty’s work in the past years has focused on shrinking spaces especially concerning the right to protest. In a world with increasing inequality and persisting discrimination, armed conflict, authoritarianism and crises of governance, as well as mounting global threats on livelihoods and the planet, protests are widespread and on the rise. Instead of addressing pressing concerns and promoting dialogue to find solutions to injustice, abuses and discrimination, states often respond by stigmatizing and cracking down on peaceful protesters. In all regions of the world, Amnesty International has documented a wide array of undue restrictions on protest in ordinary and emergency legislation, criminalization of protesters, and the unlawful use of force to disperse protesters and to intimidate and deter others from joining these mobilizations. Yet, many advances in human rights around the world have been due to the courage of people who dared to fight for a more inclusive and equal society despite the shrinking civil space they faced. It is therefore crucial that everyone is able to protest safely and without discrimination.

The aim of the Forum is to foster non formal education with young people as a support in their activities against "shrinking space" phenomenon and to strengthen the cooperation among Amnesty sections and partner organizations to maintain and enhance their youth work and human rights education praxis in restrictive environments.

MAIN OBJECTIVES

- Improve human rights education programmes and practices on right to protest against shrinking human rights spaces in Amnesty International Sections;

- Amplify Amnesty International's work on combating shrinking human rights spaces through a meaningful exchange of non-formal education, human rights and youth work practices, especially with a focus on peaceful protest.
- Train activists from Amnesty International and other organisations on human rights education and youth work in order to accelerate positive human rights change.

Participants will be engaged in creating the following outputs:

- Tested and updated HRE material on shrinking spaces and the right to protest
- Recommendations to relevant stakeholders
- One local action in Turin, Italy

PARTICIPANTS

The Forum will host 35 participants including volunteers, educators and youth workers active in Amnesty sections as well as other relevant partners/stakeholders. Priority will be given to participants from Italy, Poland, Hungary, Moldova, Slovenia, Balkans area, and other contexts which are facing increasing obstacles in human rights activism and human rights education practices in their respective contexts.

We will gather a mixed group of activists, youth workers, educators, trainers and facilitators. Participants must have experience in non-formal education activities, have worked on local and international educational activities and programmes, especially in the context of tackling shrinking civic spaces and promoting the right to peaceful protest, and be willing to share best practices and experience with colleagues from different countries.

All participants are expected to:

- be motivated to adapt and use new educational resources and other outputs
- have access to young audiences potentially interested in promoting the right to peaceful protest
- be motivated to contribute to the implementation of recommendations to relevant stakeholders and local actions;
- be able to work autonomously in English;
- be able to participate for the entire duration of the Forum.

In the selection, geographical and gender balance will be taken into account.

Age: 18-35 years old (with possible exceptions).

TRAVEL AND STAY

Travel and stay for the Forum is covered by Amnesty International Italy.

The Forum will take place in Turin, Italy. Participants are required to arrive on the 13th of April 2024 and leave on the 18th of April. The Forum will have four working days, from the 14th of April until the 17th of April included.

Travel costs will be reimbursed up to a maximum of €250 and only upon presentation of ticket, payment receipt and boarding passes. For further information on the conditions of reimbursement, please contact g.gualandi@amnesty.it

HOW TO APPLY

The Forum welcomes applications from all candidates who fulfil the specific profile of the activities, irrespective of gender, disability, marital or parental status, racial, ethnic or social origin, colour, religion, belief or sexual orientation.

All interested candidates are required to duly complete the application form **by February the 3rd, 2024**.

Apply here: <https://forms.gle/vjD22urm7dBnzjgh9>

For any general inquiry about the Forum and the application process please contact c.gullotta@amnesty.it

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