

Call for Participants in
the International Youth Exchange

"Towards Diversity"

We invite **young people**
(aged 17-24 with possible exceptions)
from Georgia, Germany and Spain to the
international youth meeting
in the region of **Barcelona, Catalonia,**
on 8-16 of April 2022.



What it is about

With the "Towards Diversity" project, we will explore the topic of diversity by learning from the past, reflecting on the present and designing the future.
Together with 36 participants from four different countries, we will go through the following issues in connection with the concept of diversity:

Past	Present	Future
history influenced our lives, our country, and families? How was the situation with diversity in the past in our countries and in Europe in general? How collective and family memory influences our identity?	Why are societies afraid of diversity? Why is it difficult for me to be more open to diversity? Discrimination and hate speech against diversity of identities. What are the ways to express our ideas?	Why is diversity such a challenging issue for many people and societies? How do I deal with diversity and what I would like to change in it? Who is responsible for the situation with diversity? What can I do about that?

The project consists of three youth exchanges:

8-16.04.2022 – Barcelona, Spain

22-30.07.2022 – Berlin, Germany

24.08-1.09.2022 – Tbilisi, Georgia

*The dates include arrival and departure days.

Participation in all the 3 exchanges is preferable.



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Participants in the meeting in Barcelona will get the opportunities to:

- find new friends from different corners of Europe;
- get new perspectives on a such complex issue as diversity;
 - learn how history and memory define today's society in Catalonia;
 - understand differences between the past, history and memory;
 - reflect on their own identity and attitudes towards diversity;
 - become more able to talk about social and political issues;
- get experience in new ways to express themselves and their ideas;
- experience new ways of learning;
- see Catalonia and Barcelona not from a tourist perspective.

How will we work?

Get involved! The program will be implemented using methods of **non-formal education** that promote diverse activities with **interaction and reflection**. We will invite you to take part in **discussions, simulation games, meetings and visits, opinion sharing**, and other interactive methods. Individual work, work in small groups, and all together will be alternated.

We also included different **art practices** in the programme. You will explore and improve your creativity and to try new ways to express yourself.

We will explore the topic on a social and on a personal level. It's important that you are ready to **reflect on your experience, think critically, and share your thoughts and feelings** with the group.

The working language is English

Participants should be able to understand, share their opinion, follow, and actively take part in discussions in English.

Accommodation and meals

We will live, eat and work in a hostel. We will also have city tours in Barcelona and visits to different locations and institutions. Participants will stay in 2-3-bed dorms. The food will be basic with the possibility to meet the diversity of dietary needs (allergies, vegan, vegetarian, no pork etc.)

More practical info you can find in the [InfoPack](#).

Travel costs and fees

The project is supported by the "Erasmus +" Programme of the European Union, that means most of the costs for accommodation, meals, and program are covered by a received grant and travel costs are supported. For co-founding the project, **the participants are asked to contribute a fee**, which varies from country to country.

All participants should have travel health insurance, valid in Spain for the entire period of the meeting.



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Please, contact on financial and practical issues the organizer in your country:

Georgia Gergart: gergartinfo@gmail.com - Levan Khutsishvili

Germany Solidarus e.V.: towardsdiversity@youthproject.international
(please read the [terms of participation for participants from Germany](#) first)

Spain Association of Human Rights Educators - AHEAD (aheadeu.org), ljubov@aheadedu.org - Ljuba Lissina (the coordinator). Please, indicate the subject "Towards Diversity".

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the named above organizers from your country!

How to apply

Please fill this [Application form](#) by March 17th, 2022.
We will inform you about the results by March 19th, 2021.

COVID-19

Due to the situation with COVID-19 the local regulation will be applied to our group.

It will include:

- Wearing face masks (in public spaces, in transport, during our sessions and meetings etc.)
- Keeping distance.
- Getting tested (in case you are not vaccinated).
- Other measures.



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