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ARTivism LAB

Youth Exchange

Co-creating democratic voices through visual art, performance, and digital storytelling.

Berlin, Germany
15.6. - 22.6.2026



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What's it about?

This exchange is built on one radical idea: your creativity is a democratic act. ARTivism LAB brings together young people from across Europe to explore what it really means to be a citizen right now - not through lectures or PowerPoints, but through paint, movement, cameras, and the kind of honest conversation that only happens when you make something together.

Because here's the thing: the distance between young people and EU institutions isn't about apathy. It's about language. The language of politics rarely sounds like the language of real life. Art does. And when you turn your perspective into a mural, a performance, or a short film - suddenly, people listen.

Where and when?

15 June - 22 June 2026
Berlin, Germany

Apply until

18 May 2026

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What will the tc look like?

You have something to say. About your city, your future, your Europe - or the Europe you wish existed. The question is: does anyone actually hear you?

Through immersive, hands-on experiences - collaborative murals, performative activism, and digital storytelling - participants dig into their relationship with European democracy and ask the questions that matter: Who gets a voice? What does participation actually look like? And what would change if young people were truly at the centre of it?

No artistic experience needed. No wrong answers. Just you, your ideas, and a group of people from across Europe who showed up for the same reason you did.

Each art form opens a different door:

- Visual art gives shape to the things that are hard to put into words - your values, your frustrations, your vision;
- Performance gives you the courage to take up space, be seen, and make people feel what you feel;
- Digital storytelling puts you behind the camera - so you get to decide whose story gets told, and how.

By the end of the week, you'll have co-created a collective ARTivist portfolio - a real, shareable body of work that shows what European democracy looks like from where you actually stand. And you'll leave with more than that: a Youthpass recognising your learning, and the tools to keep making your voice heard when you get home.

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The activity is rooted in Youth Goal #1
Connecting EU with Youth

It contributes to:

- 1.** Guarantee meaningful youth involvement and dialogue in all stages of EU decision making by improving existing participatory mechanisms and creating new ones.
- 2.** Build young people's trust in the EU project by addressing the democratic deficit, lack of transparency and visibility.

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Further goals of the project

1. To create a safe, inclusive, and inspiring space where young people from diverse European backgrounds can explore the connection between artistic expression and democratic citizenship, experiencing Europe not as an abstract institution, but as a living community they belong to.

2. To introduce ARTivist methodologies – visual art, performance, and digital storytelling as accessible and powerful tools for civic self-expression, making democratic participation tangible, personal, and creative for every participant regardless of prior experience.

3. To foster intercultural dialogue and transnational solidarity by bringing young people together across borders to co-create shared artistic and civic narratives, turning the act of making something together into an experience of European citizenship itself.

4. To produce a collective ARTivist portfolio, a real, shareable body of work that makes young people's perspectives on European democracy visible, public, and impossible to ignore, amplifying youth voices beyond the exchange and into their wider communities.

5. To equip participants with transferable ARTivist tools, non-formal education methods, and a Youthpass recognition of their learning, so that the impact of the exchange travels home with them and continues to grow long after the last day.



GOALS



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We are expecting you on the 15th of June 2026 in the afternoon (between 17:00 and 19:00 o'clock).

The start of the Welcome Program will be arranged with the trainers based on arrival time of the participants, and dinner will be served between 19:00 - 20:00h.

and out

The departure is envisioned for the morning of 22nd of June 2026 after breakfast.

TIMING

Berlin, Germany
15.6. - 22.6.2026

Participants are expected to attend the full duration of the Youth Exchange

15th June- 22nd June 2026



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BERLIN

All participants will be accommodated at

JH International - Jugendherberge Berlin

Kluckstraße 3,
10785 Berlin, Germany

Tel. 030 747687910

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Web:

<https://www.jugendherberge.de/jugendherbergen/berlin-international/>



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Please note

Please note that you should bring your own towels.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served daily at the residence.

The Youth Exchange will be held at the residence and outdoor.

Good to know !

All participants will be accommodated in **JH International**, located in the Potsdamer Platz area, with shopping areas and green spaces nearby. In addition, it is very well connected to the city center by public transport, metro, buses, and tram.

Participants will be placed in 3/4-bed rooms (bunk beds) with shared bathrooms. Bed sheets are included, you should bring your own towels. WI-FI connection in the whole building.

Check-in from 14:00 (it is possible to leave the luggage in a storage room)

ACCOMMODATION



Hostel



Rooms



Seminarroom

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TRAVEL

For all information about booking your tickets and coming to Berlin, you should be in contact with **Veronica Braccacini** - in charge of project logistics, by using the official project e-mail:

project16@yp-de.org



We are kindly asking you to choose the ecologically and economically friendly means of transport, if possible.

Sustainable means of transport (green travel) is defined as the travel that uses low emissions means of transport for the main part of the travel, such as bus, train or carpooling.



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Participants must keep all travel documents (tickets, travel agency invoices and boarding passes) as organizers are able to make any reimbursement only on the bases of presented documents!

A detailed guide to reimbursement will be provided.

Please don't buy your tickets before we approve them!

When you will plan your trip and **BEFORE** buying your tickets (especially if your planned travel itineraries are different than 15th June - 22nd June), please inform us in advance, so we can approve your tickets and travel costs.

P.S. At purchasing your travel ticket, please ask for the invoice

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Travel costs will be reimbursed only for the **cheapest way** of transport and for the return tickets. Travel expenses are covered by the organisers 100% up to the maximum of unit cost per distance calculator and means of travel, including bank transfer and other appropriate fees (for all the original tickets and ways of travel that are plane, bus, train, ferry, carpooling, NOT taxi).

For distances, less than 500 km one way (by Distance Calculator | Erasmus+), the preferable means of transport are land transportations, such as train and/or bus. If other mean of transport is selected for such travels, e.g. airplane, those will be reimbursed 60% of airfare, in accordance with the principle of environmental awareness and protection.

TRAVEL

Travel budget calculation is based on the distance between your starting point and the venue of the program:

10 -99 km	28€ / 56€	green option
100 - 499 km	211€ / 285€	green option
500 - 1999 km	309€ / 417€	green option
2000 - 2999 km	395€ / 535€	green option
3000 - 3999 km	580€ / 785€	green option
4000 - 7999 km	1.188€	
8000 - more	1.735€	

The distance must be calculated according to the official Erasmus+ distance Calculator, which you can find at the following link:

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/distance-calculator>

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REIMBURSEMENT

The travel reimbursement **will be done by bank transfers only, after you return home** and send us the ORIGINAL boarding passes and tickets (and after you submit/send us the filled in evaluation forms of the training course).



Further Rules regarding the booking of the tickets and reimbursement:

- 1.** Only the cheapest tickets will be reimbursed. We will not cover tickets with the deviation from the direct route (A - B - A), extra unnecessary stops and layovers. We don't cover seat reservation fees, leisure plus tickets, flexible tariff tickets, extra travel insurances, priority boarding fees, local bus baggage, handwritten tickets or bianco nota bills.
- 2.** Extra hand luggage can be covered if within budget (make sure you send a plan before purchasing, as some extra fees might be applied by some airlines).
- 3.** We can't cover travel agencies' fees. Travel agencies invoices for the tickets won't be accepted for reimbursement.
- 4.** We can't reimburse taxi, only public transport and carpooling will be covered. Multiple trips passes/ memberships for transportation are not eligible for reimbursement;
- 5.** You can arrive maximum 1 day before the activity or depart maximum 1 day after if you want to spend more time in Berlin on your own. In that case, travel expenses must stay within the agreed budget, while accommodation on the extra days is not covered. For green travels, participants can have up to 4 additional travel days.



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Logistic coordinator
Project E-mail

For planning your travel you are directed to contact the project team by using the mail address.

Veronica Braccacini is the person in charge of logistics of the project.

In case of any problem during your travel or if you need any further information please don't hesitate to contact us!



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