



Open Call for participants!

“Peer Education for Social Sustainability – Do your part!”

ESU is proud to announce a call for participants of the study session ‘Peer Education for Social Sustainability – Do your part!’. The Council of Europe kindly supports the event.

Are you passionate about **democratic citizenship** and **sustainability** and wish to learn more about this in a series of workshops and training activities? We’re looking to bring together a **diverse, intercultural group of young people** to join us to **“Peer Education for Social Sustainability – Do your part!”**, a Study Session that aims to welcome anyone and everyone who wishes to increase its knowledge on sustainability and are willing to bring it back to their organisation – high levels of expertise on the topics are NOT required, our training workshops will be conscious of the diverse abilities of our participants!

The Study Session is being organised by the European Students Union (ESU) in co-operation with the Youth Department of the Council of Europe, and is dedicated to Representatives or active students from national students unions or Representatives of youth organisations with a focus on very different topics (education, gender, migration, etc..).

When? The study session will take place between 27 September – 2 October 2021. Participants are expected to arrive on the 26th of September and depart on the 3rd of October.

Who? 20 or 30 participants from the 47 member states of the Council of Europe and parties to the European Cultural Convention (Belarus, Holy See, and Kazakhstan)

Where? The European Youth Centre Strasbourg, France. Have a look here. See below for Covid-19.

Theme? Social Sustainability, Youth participation, Youth work, Human rights, Non-formal Education

Cost? 50€ per person (covers accommodation, food, programme and travel costs)

Deadline? 30th June, 23:59h CET (Central European Time Zone)

Apply [here](#), It’s as easy as that!

Are you motivated, eager to learn and ready to travel to Strasbourg? [Apply now!](#)

What is the ‘Study Session “Peer Education for Social Sustainability – Do your part!” about?

Study sessions are international youth events lasting between 4 and 8 days, which bring together young people, members of youth organisations and experts for discussions, training activities and workshops on a specific subject.

The aim

The main aim is to equip students and students’ representatives with knowledge on sustainability to integrate into their organisations and encourage their peers to advocate for a sustainable environment and implement positive solutions in their local environment!

The specific goals of the workshops and activities are:

- To strengthen your capacities, skills and knowledge on sustainability.
- To inform you of the roles and functions of key European institutions and European-level documents related to the topic of sustainability.
- To provide you with a space to discuss your thoughts on Sustainability for the national student’s unions and representatives of youth organisations and to develop ideas on spreading awareness of this knowledge within your organisations.
- To encourage an inclusive environment between participants from various backgrounds to build bridges between youth activists around Europe.

28-30 participants will be selected based on the received application forms.

Profile of the participants:

- 18-30 years old.
- A good level of English language knowledge.
- Want to be actively involved in workshops and activities for the entire duration of the session.
- With an experience of youth/student representation and civic participation.

- Participants should be willing to share what they have learned in their member organisation or communities following the study session.
- Must be open to participating in a group of culturally and gender diverse individuals that may have various backgrounds (refugees/Roma/LGBT+/youths with disabilities).

Working language:

The application must be made in English, and it will take you less than 10 minutes!

Enrolment Fee and practical information:

The Council of Europe will reimburse all expenses (travel, food, accommodation and visa costs) at the end of the session. All persons attending the study session must complete a travel reimbursement form even when there are no travel expenses: only an enrolment fee of **€ 50 per participant** will be deducted from the total refund of travel expenses to cover the programme costs of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe.

Participants need to be present for the whole duration of the study session to be reimbursed.

The Council of Europe will reimburse visa costs.

Special needs:

Upon the request of participants, special assistance will be provided, ensuring accessibility of the study session. Please indicate any special assistance needed in your application form.

Covid-19:

Even though we are incredibly excited to welcome you all to Strasbourg for our Study Session with the support of the Council of Europe, the health and safety of all participants remain our highest priority. If the situation in Europe – and especially in the host France – continues to be worrying at best, we will have to decide to move the Study Session online. And if that's the case, we promise to do our best to recreate the event as we originally imagined it!

If the COVID situation will allow for our study session to be held live, all safety measures needed will be put into place including wearing masks, eating in designated areas, single rooms etc. We are figuring this out as the situation advances and we will communicate clearly to all selected participants the measures taken.

Deadline for applying:

Candidates should complete the online application and submit it no later than the 9th of July! You can find the application form [here](#).

If you require assistance in completing the form or need an alternative format, please feel free to send an email to maria.sierra@esu-online.org.

We are looking forward to receiving your applications! :)

Participants will be selected based upon their motivation and how well they meet the criteria of the ideal participant profile above. Successful applicants will be notified by email.