

08<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> November 2020

European Youth Centre Budapest, Hungary

# You(th) empowered

the Solidarity Action Day as means for youth participation



## CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Get informed - take a stand - act

Are you organizing or implementing the Solidarity Action Day in your community, country or on the European level? Or are you simply interested in the concept of the Solidarity Action Day?

Then join our study session **You(th) empowered - the Solidarity Action Day as means for youth participation!** During the five-day seminar in the Council of Europe's European Youth Centre in Budapest, we will explore different dimensions of youth participation, especially in the context of the Solidarity Action Day.

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FOR FURTHER  
INFORMATION

[www.same-network.org/  
study-session](http://www.same-network.org/study-session)

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DEADLINE

September 14<sup>th</sup>

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APPLY ONLINE

[https://forms.gle/  
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Who is organizing the  
event?



SAME stands for 'Solidarity Action Day Movement in Europe'. This movement includes several European organizations that carry out an annual Solidarity Action Day. During this day, pupils get the chance to exercise a job of their choice instead of going to school. Their salaries are used to support youth-related projects in the whole world.



The Council of Europe is an international organization whose stated aim is to uphold human rights, democracy and the rule of law in Europe. Founded in 1949, it has 47 member states, with a population of approximately 820 million, and operates with an annual budget of approximately 500 million euros. It advocates freedom of expression and of the media, freedom of assembly and equality.

## About the session:

The study session will be implemented together by SAME and the Council of Europe. SAME has the vision that young people act in solidarity with their peers and stand up for democracy, equity, human rights and intercultural understanding. Promoting human rights is an inherent part not only of the concept of the Solidarity Action Day, but also of the Council of Europe, Europe's leading human rights organization.

The study session itself seeks to provide an in depth understanding of youth participation building on expert knowledge, principles and policies of the Council of Europe, one of the major political institutions framing youth policies in Europe.

From an organizational perspective, the study session contributes to keep and improve the quality of the Solidarity Action Day as a means for youth participation in a phase, in which SAME is undertaking a major effort to spread the concept all over Europe. That is why apart from representatives of SAME and its member organizations, candidates of other youth organizations/initiatives with a general interest in the concept of the Solidarity Action Day are encouraged to apply for this study session.

For you, the event offers a unique opportunity to take a step back and to reflect on the meaning of youth participation in your own volunteering context. You will be empowered to enhance the democratic and participatory elements of the Solidarity Action Day in your local community, your national Solidarity Action Day organization/initiative or within SAME. Furthermore, you will get an insight into the work of the Council of Europe.

The Council of Europe and SAME welcome applications from all candidates who fulfill the specific profile of the activities, irrespective of gender, disability, marital or parental status, racial, ethnic or social origin, color, religion, belief or sexual orientation.

PROGRAMME DRAFT	
08/11	Arrival day
09/11	Youth participation and the Council of Europe
10/11	Practical tools for youth participation
11/11	The Solidarity Action Day as means for youth participation I
12/11	The Solidarity Action Day as means for youth participation II
13/11	Going beyond: action plans and next steps
14/11	Departure day

Date	08 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
Place	Budapest, Hungary
Costs	Travel costs, accommodation, visa and catering will be covered by the Council of Europe
Participant fee	50 euro
Language	English
Participant number	25
Age	18 - 30 (exceptions possible)

### Concerning COVID-19

NB: The training course is prepared on the assumption that sanitary conditions will allow for a residential training course at the European Youth Centre. All applicants will be kept informed if changes occur, and the organizers will adapt the course methodology and scope where appropriate and as a result of restrictions resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic if needed.