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Youth Now: Creating Environments for Understanding Short Course in cooperation with UWC

17 – 29 June 2024, Kakheti region, Georgia

Call for Participation

At the time, humanity is struggling everywhere with cooperation and peaceful coexistence. Young generations are challenged to create new environments in which diversity is a source of positive interaction and prosperity. Many young people in the South Caucasus and Moldova are rising to this challenge. The EU-funded project EU4Dialogue (Component 1) seeks to encourage dialogue and foster better understanding by organising events, trainings, and workshops at various levels and in various settings for participants from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova.

The EU4Dialogue Short Course “Youth Now: Creating Environments for Understanding” aims to support the development of skills that are applicable in strengthening societies anywhere in the world. The course will be carried out through an experiential learning approach that encourages engagement, action and reflection rather than just observation and listening. Together we will explore the space of positive human nature, and the coexistence of individuals as sharers of common humanity; experiment with how to co-create social action projects; how to create an encouraging atmosphere in a team; how to develop the skills to identifying the needs in our own neighbourhood; how to move from debate to dialogue, and moreover to a constructive consultation. We will discuss what it would mean to be a social entrepreneur, and the meaning of social impact. Furthermore, we will focus on how to communicate social action through viral video storytelling. The tools taught during the course, from active listening skills to cooperation skills in diverse work settings, will prove useful in any career.

In short, this 12-day event aims to foster exchange, joint learning, and networking among young people from the South Caucasus and Moldova. The program also offers the opportunity to gain cultural experience through excursions and meaningful interactions with the local community. All costs for participants, including travel-related costs, accommodation, meals, and excursions are fully covered by the EU-funded project. The working language is English.

This Short Course is prepared in close cooperation with the United World College Dilijan, United World College Mostar and the EU Mission in Armenia (EUMA), and the program has been prepared by the EU4Dialogue team of experts*. The cross-regional Short Course will take place from June 17th to June 29th, 2024, in the Kakheti region in Georgia.

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Age group:

18 – 21 years old at the time of the event

Selection Criteria:

- Ability to actively participate in the program in the English language
- Ability to attend all days of the program
- Proven motivation to attend the program
- Eagerness to grow through this experience

How to apply:

If you are interested in participating in the EU4Dialogue Short Course, please apply with the following documents:

- **Curriculum Vitae**
- **Motivation video** (maximum 2 minutes) in which you share your motivation and tell us about a person or a fictional character that has inspired you. *Please use .mp4 format for uploading, and make sure to keep the file size as small as possible. Therefore, either lower the resolution settings on your phone/camera beforehand or compress the video file afterwards, but before submitting.*

Submit your application using the following link no later than the **24th of March**:

<https://forms.gle/XZVS4YdtHDi1HqwB6>

Please note that only applications containing the requested CV and video recording will be considered. It is necessary to clearly name both files using your surname and name in the following way: **Surname_Name_CV and Surname_Name_Video**

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