



# CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

## Study Session

« Soci@lise: Social Rights in Digital Era »

12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - Strasbourg, France

**DEADLINE - 19<sup>th</sup> of MAY 2021**



The **study session “Soci@lise”** is an educational activity organised by Youth Express Network (Y-E-N) and Connect International (C.I.) in cooperation with the Youth Department of the Council of Europe.

With this study session, we want to bring 2 worlds, 2 networks and 2 approaches together and find a common ground for policy recommendations in regards to **youth rights, digital rights, social rights in the digital era.**

Now that formal education and even non-formal education (youth work) have been remote online; there is an even more **crucial need to inform young people about their digital rights**, as well as to proceed in a careful and organised effort to **safeguard their rights under their new digital onset.**

Human Rights, Social Rights and Digital Rights are interconnected. In the same way, with this study session, we want to show that youth work and youth organisations are useful to ensure that young people from disadvantaged neighborhoods, in vulnerable situations access and remain involved in services, that barriers or gaps in service provision are addressed to local and national authorities. As local and European networks of youth workers, we want to activate local and national authorities to provide resources and services that effectively respond to the needs of young people. At the same time we address the need to promote digital rights as an important aspect of youth rights and social rights of young people that should be safeguarded and equally protected.

DESCRIPTION



The aim of this study session is to **explore and discuss how Youth Rights, Human Rights and Social Rights** in general have been affected/transformed **in the digital world during the pandemic.**

The objectives of this study session are:

- To explore whether Youth Rights, Human Rights and Social Rights are being **infringed or enhanced in the digital era during the pandemic;**
- To discuss the **risks and weaknesses of digitalisation** in terms of equality, access and inclusion (in the perspective of disadvantaged groups);
- To **create policy recommendations introducing digital rights of young people** as important aspect of the Youth Rights guarantee;
- To **advocate for the introduction of digital component in recommendations** related to social rights of young people.

AIM AND OBJECTIVES

## YOUTH EXPRESS NETWORK

Youth Express Network (Y-E-N) is a European network of grass-root youth organisations and social initiatives. Our vision is to reach an inclusive society for young people. Y-E-N considers an inclusive society is a society where young people, their needs and participation are recognised, valued and appreciated. Our 34 member organisations in 23 different countries all work at local, regional or European level on reaching social inclusion of young people.



## CONNECT INTERNATIONAL



Connect International is a European network based in Brussels and gathering organisations from 20 European countries. Our mission is to design innovative European projects ensuring mainstreaming of digital rights and digital agenda with young people and other active citizens. Our vision is to bring humanity to the digital life of young people and this is also a reason to join forces with Y-E-N on this path.

We will facilitate the study session with a variety of **non-formal education methods** to meet participants' different ways of learning and adapt the program to participants needs and level of expertise.

Some methods:

- individual work
- small group discussions
- plenary work
- group dynamics
- theoretical inputs about youth work
- social inclusion and digital rights
- field visits
- gamification
- case studies
- self-reflection,
- practical workshops
- experiential learning
- digital tools

## PROFILE OF THE PARTICIPANTS

This study session is designed for 20 participants experienced or acquainted with at least one of the following areas:

- Digital education / digitalisation
- Youth / social work (on-the-ground experience)
- Rights-based work (Youth Rights / Social Rights / Human Rights)
- Policy-making / Policy-practicing / Policy-reflecting

Participants can be **18-30 years old** (we can accept 25% over 30 years old if justified). We aim to have gender and geographical balance.

Applicants from Y-E-N and C.I. member organisations will be prioritised as we consider participation in this study session to be a way to invest in the capacity building of our member organisations.

## DATES & VENUE

The study session “Soci@lise: Social Rights in digital era” will take place at the European Youth Center **Strasbourg**, France, from **12th - 18th July 2021** (7 working days). In light of the evolving pandemic situation and the prevailing sanitary conditions in France, this study session may be transformed into online format.

## TRAVEL

Travel costs **will be fully reimbursed**. You will be asked to present the tickets and other supporting documents (original invoices, original receipts, in the case of e-tickets documentary evidence of the sum actually paid e.g. copy of credit card slip, copies of visas, boarding pass (both ways) according to the rules of the Council of Europe. **Only participants who attend the entire study session** can be reimbursed. The payment will be made either by bank transfer after the course, or at the end of the course in cash (in Euros). Participants are asked to use the cheapest transportation possible. More information about the travel conditions will be sent with the letter of acceptance to participants.

## PARTICIPATION FEE

All participants are required to pay a **participation fee of 50 euros**. The fee is deducted from the refund of travel expenses.

## BOARD AND LODGING

Board and lodging will be provided and covered by the Youth Department of the Council of Europe at the European Youth Center Strasbourg with respect to dietary and other special needs of participants.

## VISA

Participants who require a visa to travel to France will be supported by the invitation letter. Visa costs will be reimbursed.

## INSURANCE

Specific travel-related risks are covered by a CHARTIS insurance policy provided by the Council of Europe. It is not necessary to take out a supplementary insurance policy and such a policy will not be reimbursed by the Council of Europe.

Please note that this insurance does not replace the basic medical and social insurance scheme to which you belong in your country of origin.

## LANGUAGE

The working language of the study session will be **English**.

## HOW TO APPLY?



### INTERESTED?

Should you wish to take part in this event, you are required to be available for the **whole duration** of the event.



Once you fill these requirements, please **complete** as fully as possible **the application form here**.

>> **APPLICATION FORM** <<

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