

Call for participants:

Youth councils and other active youth from Norway, Poland, and Ukraine

The on-going war in Ukraine has changed the priorities of youth councils in Europe. While Ukrainian youth are experiencing an ongoing war firsthand, the Polish and Norwegian youth are witnessing the direct effect of the war, with young Ukrainians sitting next to them in classrooms or moving to their neighborhood.

The Norwegian, Polish, and Ukrainian youth are being brought together. The European Wergeland Centre, in partnership with the Lublin Municipality and additional support from the Ukrainian Youth Councils Association, invites youth councils and other active youth to explore what it looks like to be an active youth during wartime versus peacetime, and to address the challenges of our time and create hope for the future.

Objective of the webinars:

- *To establish new and strengthen existing social relations to other youth within and cross borders.*
- *To get an understanding of youth councils and youth's situation in other countries – both similarities and differences.*
- *To increase democratic self-efficacy in times of insecurity.*
- *To raise awareness and increase knowledge of youth participation and advocacy.*
- *To identify challenges to youth participation and explore ways to address these challenges.*
- *To reflect on the inclusiveness of the youth councils and explore strategies and tools to make them more inclusive.*

To participate, you need to be:

- Between the ages of 14 and 22
- A member of a local, regional, national youth council, **or** part of a youth club
- **Or** an active youth in school or university
- Willing to take an active part in the discussions during the webinar
- Have communication knowledge of English

We will meet in March!

The European Wergeland Centre is arranging webinars in March 2024, connecting youth councils and other youth groups from Norway, Poland, and Ukraine. Experienced facilitators will run the webinars and the discussions.

The webinars will take place from 5pm-6.30pm CET on the following dates.

March 12th: YOUTH PARTICIPATION: What does participation mean for us?

March 13th: YOUTH IN TIMES OF WAR: How did the priorities change?

March 26th: YOUR RIGHT TO ADVOCATE: What, how, and where can you advocate?

March 27th: THE TIME WE MADE AN IMPACT: Sharing success stories.

We kindly ask you to register your participation for

[Youth groups here](#)

[Individuals here](#)

About the project:

The project is part of the Youth for the City, City for Youth project, aiming to strengthen young people's resilience to handle crisis and reinforce their ability and confidence to participate in public life. The project engages young people in local-decision making and local decision-makers in young people's ideas and needs. Youth for the City, City for Youth is a project in cooperation between the European Wergeland Centre and Lublin Municipality, supported by The EEA and Norway Grants.

About the organizer:

The European Wergeland Centre (EWC) is a resource centre on education for democratic citizenship, human rights and intercultural understanding. It was established by the Council of Europe (CoE) and Norway in 2008, with a mandate to support member states implement CoE policies in practice. EWC designs and offers trainings and educational programmes to educational professionals and civil society actors all over Europe.