



Call for Participants

DEMOCRACY AND GAMES

Blended Mobility Event for Young People

28th November - 4th December

*Arrival 28th November | Departure 4th December |
29th November to 3rd December Training*

Almuñecar, Spain

Demokrative is happy to invite 4-6 young people (between the ages of 18 and 30) from Switzerland to take part in a Youth Exchange activity on learning about, for, and through democracy with tabletop games. The activity is funded by the Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership Youth in Action program, and will take place from November 28th to December 4th, 2021, in Almuñecar, Spain.



The Project DEMOGAMES

Democracy places high demands on citizens. Political decisions have an impact on many different areas of life, they often affect future generations or neighboring countries and they are influenced by international and global developments. The importance of youth participation for the future of economic, societal and political development is widely acknowledged. Education on democracy enables young people to recognize and represent their interests, to participate in political processes and, in doing so, to meet their fellow human beings and their concerns with respect.

The project “Democracy and Games: Analog and Digital Game-Based-Learning Tools for Youth Work” (DEMOGAMES) will generate educational tools, methods and materials for democracy education in non-formal youth work. It aims to make a substantive contribution to several of the areas of action of the renewed EU Youth Strategy proposed by the European Commission for 2019-2027. The project is based on the didactic approach of game-based learning and applies it to teaching young citizens on democracy. *Demokrative - Initiative für politische Bildung* is one of the six partner organizations of the DEMOGAMES consortium.

The Youth Exchange

Participants approach the topic of democracy in a participative and engaging manner through game-based learning techniques. Participants will play-test custom-built game prototypes on different topics of democracy and contribute to the further development of several democratically-themed board game prototypes themselves. These activities will be accompanied by engaging and practical inputs and workshops about learning and teaching democracy.

Objectives of the Activity

- To increase the factual knowledge as well as the comprehension and critical understanding of democratic norms, values and institutions
- To train young people's skills within democratic processes (e.g., analytical thinking, co-operation and communication skills)
- To discuss the importance of core democratic values of freedom, fairness, equality, and justice
- To enable young people to reflect on their attitude towards democracy and the importance of tolerance, responsibility and respect for social inclusion and solidarity among different cultures
- To develop a working understanding of game mechanics of boardgames and their ability to connect social/societal topics with leisure activities

Participants Profile

The activity will involve participants from different countries. *Demokrative* is recruiting 4-6 participants currently living in Switzerland.

To apply to participate in this activity, you should have the following profile:

- Aged between 18 and 30
- Residing in Switzerland
- Be interested in youth initiatives
- Be interested in non-formal learning about, for, and through democracy in an intercultural setting
- Basic knowledge of English (at least level B1)



Please note our Covid-19 Disclaimer and do not arrange any travelling without consulting *Demokrative*.

Travel and Accommodation

As the project is partially financed by the Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership Youth in Action program, subsistence and accommodation will be fully covered by the organizers. Traveling expenses will be reimbursed by the organizers – up to a maximum amount of 275 Euros – upon presentation of the travel documents and boarding pass.



Application Procedure

Please send a short CV in English and a motivation letter (max. 1 page) to office@demokrative.ch with the subject "DEMOGAMES C2 Participant Application".

The application deadline is **October 22th, 2021**. Participants will be informed about the selection by **November 1st, 2021**.

COVID 19 Disclaimer

The training will take place in line with updated health and safety regulations. The organizers are aware of and monitoring the developments around the COVID 19 pandemic closely. Selected participants will get advice on how to arrange their travel, will be informed about recent developments, and receive detailed instructions on potential safety measures. The local organizers are also taking social distancing measures into account.

More information

For more information on the inviting organization and the project, please consult www.demokrative.ch

In case of questions, please contact *Demokrative – Initiative für politische Bildung* at office@demokrative.ch