



Meta-University 2020

Online international youth event
for networking, capacity building and peer learning
among stakeholders of the youth sectors

4 -5 November 2020

Call for participants

Organised by:



Partner organisations:



Activity in the framework of the project: VC 2606
"Global Youth - Interregional Cooperation for Youth
Participation and Global Citizenship".



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The Meta-University 2020 is an online event for networking, capacity building and peer learning among youth workers and organisations active in the youth field.

Considering the current pandemic crisis, which is challenging traditional spaces for dialogue and accelerating the process of shrinking space for civil society, the Meta-University is conceived as:

- ✓ a platform to ensure interaction and mutual understanding addressing the current needs and challenges of the youth sector;
- ✓ a space to build capacities according to current needs, share knowledge and gathering insights from peers;
- ✓ an opportunity to share good practices, mainstream new projects and find new partners.

A multilevel event allowing different opportunities of participation

During the two-day programme, as participant you will have the possibility to:

- expand knowledge and build new skills by taking part in one or more of the 5 webinars promoted by partner organisations (IFM, UNDP/ONJ Tunisia; CNJC; Digital Grassroots, CNG)
- contribute to the developments of the global youth agenda by following the plenary sessions focused on current key issues of the youth sector;
- connect with peers while enjoying informal gatherings such as online coffee-breaks, dynamic group chats, musical sessions and other facilitated group interactions;
- mingle in the “virtual youth fair” to know more about the work of other organisations, to set up your own virtual stand, exchange business cards and chat in private with the promoter of each stand to build synergies.
- take the lead of the event by setting up your own session to follow-up ideas and proposals, go more in-depth on a conversation started in previous sessions, to address a relevant issue that was not covered by the event etc...

The different levels of engagement and the variety of partners involved (grassroots initiatives, institutional organisations, national bodies and international networks) covering different geographical scopes are the added value of this event.

4th Nov		5th Nov		6th Nov	
9.00 - 10.30 UNDP Tunisia & ONJ <i>SDGs camps sensemaking workshop</i>		9.00 - 10.30 UNDP Tunisia & ONJ <i>SDGs camps sensemaking workshop</i>	10.00 - 11.15 CNJC <i>#Unfollow gender violence in the Mediterranean</i>	Peer-to-peer space Sessions promoted and led by participants to follow-up the event's insights and proposals	
10.30 - 11.30 Connection café <i>An interactive plastic-free coffee-break</i>		11.30 - 12.30 Connection café <i>An interactive plastic-free coffee-break</i>			
11.30 - 12.30 The youth sector, the Covid-19 pandemic and the shrinking of civil space		12.30 - 13.30 Africa-Europe youth cooperation: A multilevel coordination for a sustainable governance.			
14.00 - 16.00 IFM-SEI <i>COVID-19 and Violent Extremism</i>	14.00 - 15.30 CNG <i>Mediterranean resilient cities: youth-friendly approach</i>	14.00 - 16.00 IFM-SEI <i>COVID-19 and Violent Extremism</i>	14.00 - 15.30 CNG <i>Mediterranean resilient cities: youth-friendly approach</i>		
16.00 - 18.00 Digital youth work: exploring possibilities, pursuing engagement, ensuring quality		16.00 - 18.00 Digital Grassroots <i>Resetting Digital Rights Amidst the Covid-19 Fallout</i>			
18.00 - 19.00 Virtual Youth fair Expo area to share best practices, projects and opportunities <i>(open until the end of the event)</i>		18.00 - 19.00 Music and youth workers: heal the world by connecting young people across regions <i>A musical session by Ubanda</i>			
Webinars by partner' organisations - limited number of participants		Plenary sessions - open to everyone			Participants-led spaces - open to everyone

THE TIMETABLE FOLLOWS THE LISBON TIME

1. Webinars promoted by partners

[Catalan Nacional Youth Council \(CNJC\)](#)

[#Unfollow gender violence in the Mediterranean](#)

Gender violence and forms of violence enabled by online tools in the Mediterranean region.

(Open to 20 participants selected directly by CNJC)

[DIGITAL GRASSROOTS](#)

[Resetting Digital Rights Amidst the Covid-19 Fallout](#)

Young people's rights, governments' responsibilities and restrictive measures infringing rights and freedoms in this time of crisis.

(Open to 20 participants selected directly by DG but welcoming also interested participants already enrolled in other webinars)

[Italian National Youth Council \(CNG\)](#)

[Mediterranean resilient cities: youth-friendly approach](#)

The role of youth in addressing pressing urban issues: youth action and youth culture for sustainable urbanization in the Mediterranean region.

(Open to 20 participants selected directly by CNG but welcoming also interested participants already enrolled in other webinars)

[United Nations Development Programme Tunisia \(UNDP\) and Observatoire National de la Jeunesse \(ONJ\)](#)

[Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\) camps sensemaking workshop](#)

The impact of the pandemic on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the eyes of young Tunisians.

(Open to 20 participants selected directly by UNDP/ONJ Tunisia)

[International Falcon Movement – Socialist Education International \(IFM-SEI\)](#)

[COVID-19 and Violent Extremism – Youth as stakeholders for conflict transformation and shaping peaceful societies](#)

A trans-Atlantic perspective about youth counteracting violent extremism and the harmful escalation caused by the COVID-19 virus.

(Open to 30 participants selected directly by IFM-SEI)

2. Plenary sessions

[Connection café](#)

Informal gatherings led by facilitators to connect and cooperate with like-minded people.

[The youth sector, the Covid-19 pandemic and the shrinking of civil space](#)

An interregional perspective on the current challenges faced by young people and civil society organisations from the member organisations of the "[Network on Youth and Global Citizenship](#)" and the [Conference of INGOs](#).

Moderator panel discussion + Q&A from the audience

[Digital youth work: exploring possibilities, pursuing engagement, ensuring quality](#)

A workshop in three modules to better face the digital shift of the youth initiatives

1) Quality standards for online education and training (CoE-Youth department, tbc)

2) From participation to involvement: "the Art of Hosting" ([NIYOA](#) - Network of International Youth Organisations in Africa)

3) Tools, methods and tips for effective online youth events ([Dypall](#))

[Africa-Europe youth cooperation: a multilevel coordination for a sustainable governance](#)

The postponement of the Africa-Europe youth summit to 2021 (as a side event of the Africa-Europe Heads of State and Government Summit) highlighted even more the need to have stable and frequent channels of cooperation across regions involving intergovernmental institutions, international youth-led umbrella and grassroots initiatives on a long-term process.

Moderator panel discussion (+ Q&A from the audience) with representatives from the [European Youth Forum](#), Office of the [Africa Union Youth Envoy](#) and [ADYFE](#)

Music and youth workers: heal the world by connecting young people across regions

A musical session by “Ubanda” a team of musicians which connects the pedagogical, social and artistic dimensions to youth work.

3. Participant-led spaces

Virtual Youth Fair An Expo area, where everyone can open a virtual stand (uploading videos and documents etc..) to share ideas, projects and opportunities and ask questions through a private chat.

Peer-to-peer space For an entire day, participants can take the lead of the event and open new sessions to follow-up insights and proposals gathered during the event or to deepen the conversations on issues they feel relevant to cover

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS FOR WEBINARS PROMOTED BY PARTNERS

International Falcon Movement-Socialist Educational International (IFM_SEI)

“COVID-19 and Violent Extremism – Youth as stakeholders for conflict transformation and shaping peaceful societies”

4-5 November 2020, 14:00-16:00, (Lisbon time)

Already existing stressors such as climate change, changing population dynamics, and changes in social structures and roles have been exasperated through the current COVID-10 crisis. Before it, they already contributed to increasing violent extremism across the ideological spectrum. According to the UN, the additional threats to safety and health and wellbeing of societies and communities due to the global pandemic are viewed as opportunities for expansion among group prone to violent extremist acts. Even driven out of public spaces by governmental measures and restrictions, especially to the freedom of movement, these organisations are successful when feeding of the increased isolation and insecurities partially caused by the same steps.

Amplify is a two-year project co-funded by the European Union which seeks to amplify and connect youth voices for local and global solutions to climate change, gender inequality and violent extremism. The session will focus on how youth in the project developed research, created policy proposals, and organized collective actions to combat violent extremism."

The activity ‘COVID-19 and Violent Extremism – Youth as stakeholders for conflict transformation and shaping peaceful societies’ aims to bring together the findings and learning of the youth when counteracting violent extremism and the harmful escalation caused by the COVID-19 virus. Specifically inspired by the youth findings and learning in the Amplify project. Further, we want to find answers and recommendations for shaping the new normal as a new peaceful normal using advocacy and youth work in a disconnected global community.

IFM-SEI and Oxfam Italia will be facilitating a session at the Meta University 2020, where we will be bringing together young people from across the world regions to discuss violent extremism during COVID-19, and share ideas on how young people can counteract it! If you're aged 18-30 and interested in peace education, you should definitely sign up to take part...

The activity aims to :

Familiarise with the causes for and situation of Violent Extremism in times of COVID-19 as well as demands of young people in counteracting it and what role they and youth organisations can play here.

Objectives:

- To understand the root causes behind violent extremism and how the COVID-19 pandemic enhances them
- To explore the Amplify Violent Extremism Action Plan
- To develop demands on how to shape a new peaceful normal
- To explore how youth and youth organisations can engage in this process under the changes COVID-19 as brought to their activities

During the two sessions , we want to explore the following key topics:

- What is Violent Extremism and how societal precarity shapes it?
- What is the impact of COVID-19 on the violent extremist groups and what are key factors?
- What are ways conflicts can be transformed to decrease violent extremism and shape peaceful societies?
- What are the demands of youth for counteracting violent extremism on policy and societal level?
- What role can young people and youth organisations play in advancing peaceful societies, especially in these unpredicted times?



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**APATHY
IS BORING**
Connect, Educate
and Activate.

When? 4-5 November 2020, 14:00- 16:00 ,(Lisbon Time - GMT)

What? You will work alongside over 130 young people from across the world!

When is the registration deadline? 1st November 2020, It is vital to register for our activity to receive an e-ticket, which will allow you to participate in the activity, as well as to register to the entire Meta-University two days online event. – check both links below.

Criteria for the participants:

- 18-30
- Youth worker
- Gender balance
- Geographical balance
- Expertise on peace education, combatting violent extremism

- We will give preference to those participants who intend on contributing to the plenary and other sessions during the Meta-University 2020

Participants will be informed about the outcome of their application by 2nd November 2020.

The registration link is to “COVID-19 and Violent Extremism – Youth as stakeholders for conflict transformation and shaping peaceful societies” : <https://forms.gle/t7GHYq5TvukWbta7A>

If you have any questions or need further information please do not hesitate to contact our secretariat at contact@ifm-sei.com

Selected participants are also entitled to take part in other Meta-University’s activities: Plenary sessions, Participant-led spaces and to some of the other webinars promoted by partner organisations (see section 1. of this document to verify which webinars welcome participants from other Partner’s activities).

REGISTRATION FOR PLENARY SESSIONS ONLY

If you are interested in taking part only in the plenary sessions and in the participant-led spaces, please fill in this form: <https://forms.gle/PT3f6f2NLY1H9iXZA>

Although it is not compulsory to attend all sessions, please note that it is recommended that you take part in all plenary moments, **starting from the first “Connection café” on the 4 November at 10:30 a.m. (Lisbon time), when all the instructions will be given and all participants presented.**

After the submission of the form you will receive all the details to access the event.

Enquires and further information:

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