

Call for applications: **Become an Understanding Europe Peer Educator**

Are you experienced in providing education for young people and looking for ways to share your knowledge and experience with others? Do you want to learn and discuss what diversity-oriented and inclusive *democratic citizenship education* should look like? And would you like to do this within a transnational team of young and engaged educators, committed to a democratic, diverse, and open-minded Europe?

Then apply & take part
in our European
Summer School 2021!

Europe faces many challenges – think of growing inequalities, a political shift to the right, a climate- and environmental crisis, shrinking civic spaces and the spread of disinformation. Many young people, especially from marginalized groups, are and will be particularly affected by these challenges. Their voices and ideas should therefore play an important role in (political) decisions on how to address these issues.

As a transnational Educational Network, Understanding Europe aims to support young people in understanding (European) political processes and finding and sharing their voice. To this end, young people active in 11 European countries conduct workshops in general- and vocational schools and create a space for pupils to discuss democratic participation, (European) politics, the role of the media, and other topics they care about.

The pedagogical work of Understanding Europe is implemented by Peer Educators. As a Peer Educator, you will be training local volunteers who want to become Trainers and thus ensure that newly committed people can become part of the project.



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Good news is: we are looking for motivated young people who would like to join our team of UE Peer Educators for the term September 2021-August 2022. All UE Peer Educators are trained during our **European Summer School**, taking place from **23-26 September 2021** in Duisburg (Germany). If you are not sure yet whether you should apply, check the following questions and see if you can relate to most of them:

- Are you between 18 and 28 years old and do you live in Europe?
- Are/were you a UE trainer or do you have other experience with (non-formal) youth- or community work, or civic education?
- Are you interested in discussing topics like how democratic processes can be experienced in the classroom and how diversity-oriented and inclusive education should look like?
- Are you motivated to deliver interactive trainings for trainers (T4Ts) in your country and/or to travel to other countries to hold T4Ts?
- Are you ready to co-develop training modules or update/create educational material?
- Do you speak, read, and understand English on a B2 level?
- Are you available for the European Summer School 2021 & a digital diversity-training in autumn?
- Can you commit to holding at least one T4T & are you interested to engage with the network throughout the year?

European Summer School 23-26 September 2021

Through interactive workshops, you will learn about methods and approaches of inclusive and diversity-oriented democratic citizenship education, get introduced to new and innovative workshops by our [Understanding Europe Fellows](#) and discuss how to deliver trainings.

You will receive an anti-racism training attend a keynote speech and discussion with Yael Ohana from [Frankly Speaking](#). She will talk about critical youth citizenship and the political dimension of European youth work. There will also be plenty of time to exchange, discuss and co-create the European Summer School together – we are looking forward to your input!

We are currently confident that the European Summer School can take place in person, following a thorough hygiene plan. But it is of course also possible to participate digitally if you prefer this. Please note that in case the Covid-19 situation worsens, we will have to move the whole programme online.

We will support you with regards to any visa applications or other travel barriers. The accommodation is largely barrier-free – if in doubt, please don't hesitate to contact us. You can find more information and an impression of the European Summer School 2020 [here](#).



All costs (travel (including possible Covid-19 tests), visa applications, food, and accommodation) for the European Summer School as well as for T4Ts, trainings or other UE events will be covered by the project.



Find more information about Understanding Europe on [our website](#) on [Instagram](#). Or contact Laura Meijer via l.meijer@schwarzkopf-stiftung.de

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How do I apply?

- **The deadline for applications is the 2nd of July 2021, 23:59 CEST.**
- **Please apply only via [this link](#).**
- **You will hear from us about your application latest by the 16th of July.**
- **We welcome applications from all young people, regardless of nationality, residence status, religion, class, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. As a positive measure against socially existing disadvantages (§5 Allgemeines Gleichbehandlungsgesetz), we particularly welcome applications from Black people, people of colour, people with experience of racism or discrimination and/or applicants with a history of flight or family migration.**

You are already an UE Peer Educator and you would like to continue? That is great – we would be very happy if you join for another year! Please register via the same application-link and follow the application for experienced Peer Educators. Please be aware that we expect you to participate at the European Summer School 2021.