

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

EUROPEAN SUMMER SCHOOL

**Join our Network as a
Peer-Educator!**

European Summer School 2023

Wannsee, Berlin

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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 looks 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 2023!**



Europe faces many challenges – think of growing inequalities, the climate 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 13 European countries conduct workshops in general and vocational schools and create a space for pupils to discuss democratic participation in Europe, the role of (social) media, social justice and climate justice.



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Who can become a Peer-Educator?

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. We are currently looking for **motivated young people who would like to join our team** of UE Peer Educators for the term September 2023 to August 2024. All UE Peer Educators are trained during our European Summer School, **taking place from 24.08-27.08 in Berlin (Am Wannsee)**.

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 2023?**
- Can you commit to holding **at least one T4T** & are you interested to engage with the network throughout the year?



The European Summer School 2023

Through **interactive workshops**, you will learn about methods and approaches of inclusive and diversity-oriented democratic citizenship education, discuss how to deliver trainings and get introduced to the brand new workshops by this year's **Understanding Europe Fellows**.

Mariochukwu Washington Ihieme, a photographer and facilitator from London, will conduct a photovoice workshop with you at which you will take your own photographs. Photovoice is a participatory method that works with photography and short texts to translate experience into actionable knowledge. For the key note speech we are currently still working on a major surprise for you!

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 will support you with regards to any visa applications or other travel barriers. You can find more information and an impression of the European Summer School 2022 **here** and **here**.

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How do I apply?

- The deadline for applications is **Sunday the 21st of May, 23:59 CEST**.
- Please apply only via **this link**.
- You will hear from us about your application latest by Wednesday, the 31st of May.
- **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 2023.

Your costs of travel, food, and accommodation for the European Summer School as well as for T4Ts, trainings or other UE events will be covered by the programme. Please do not book any travels before you have received a confirmation and detailed instructions from our side!

Find more information about Understanding Europe on our [website](#) or on [Instagram](#). Or contact Marlene Gärtner or Rebekka Pfennig via m.gaertner@schwarzkopf-stiftung.de and r.pfennig@schwarzkopf-stiftung.de

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