

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS SEMINAR ON GREEN & INCLUSION

Activity format: Seminar

Dates: 15-18 November 2022 (arrival on 15; departure on 18 November after 17h30)

Venue: [Landgoed ISVW](#), Dodeweg 8, 3832 RD Leusden, Amersfoort, Netherlands

Group size: 40 participants (from EU Programme Countries)

‘Green & Inclusion’ is a 3-day seminar bringing together youth work organisations and experts from the fields of inclusion and environmental sustainability active in the EU Youth Programmes Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps. In the seminar, we’ll explore the links between both topics, learn from each other and co-create the basis for more inclusion in the green transition and climate action.

THEME AND RATIONALE

Environment and climate action were added as a horizontal priority within the Erasmus+ Programme. By this, the Programme is considered a key instrument for building knowledge, skills, and attitudes on climate change and supporting sustainable development within the European Union and beyond. While this focus is crucial, it also draws attention to the challenges that young people with fewer opportunities (YPWFO) are facing. For example, young people with fewer opportunities are the first to feel the consequences of climate change, while they are often the last to be heard. Also, mainstream solutions to fight climate change are more easily available for well-off people, while young people with fewer opportunities often lack resources to use them. In the context of the Erasmus+ Programme, measures to make projects greener might raise barriers or even exclude YPWFO to participate. In short, there’s a clear need to connect the fields of green and inclusion.

If you want more information on the theme and rationale, check the extended version at the end of the document.

AIM AND OBJECTIVES

This seminar aims to explore the field of green and inclusion and develop awareness about the lived realities of YPWFO regarding green transitions and climate change. Also, it will explore how the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Programmes can make a positive change for young people with fewer opportunities, considering environment and climate action. The seminar will take an intersectional approach on climate justice and sustainability, and question the mainstream perceptions of sustainable behaviour.

General aim: to set the scene of ‘Green & Inclusion’ in order to develop a line of activities (in various forms) in the framework of the EU Youth Programmes Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps.

Objectives:

- Identify common ground and create a common understanding on 'green inclusion' by exploring the concepts inclusion & green from an intersectional perspective;
- Understand the broader themes that are connected to green & inclusion and climate justice (for example post-colonisation, poverty, gender differences, identity, disability, etcetera);
- Develop awareness in green organisations, movements and initiatives about lived experiences of young people with fewer opportunities and find ways of making a positive change together;
- Collect struggles that green organisations, movements and initiatives are facing when it comes to including young people with fewer opportunities and find ways to reach out to them and engage them through Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps;
- Explore how Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps can amplify the voice and participation of young people with fewer opportunities in the green transition and in climate action;
- Create connections and provide a space for networking and collaboration according to overlapping fields of interest.

PROFILE

We are happy to welcome youth workers, representatives of organisations or informal groups, with experience/expertise in at least one of the fields below:

- Working with young people with fewer opportunities and motivated and interested to tackle green topics;
- Active in a green movement and/or experienced in climate justice/social and environmental sustainability and interested in reaching out to young people with fewer opportunities;
- Engaged young people that are empowered and motivated to bring in the experience of young people with fewer opportunities into the seminar (e.g. peer counselors, youth representatives and youth experts).

In addition, participants must:

- Have some knowledge in implementing projects in the framework of the EU Youth Programmes Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps;
- Be able and ready to present practices during the seminar;
- Have a good level of English.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. You can apply via [this form](#). If you experience difficulties in accessing this form, we're happy to provide you with a screen reader-friendly version. Just send a mail to pieterjan@salto-youth.net.
2. We're aiming for a group that is diverse in terms of experience and expertise. The selection will be made by SALTO ID, in consultation with the organising team and national agencies involved. We will inform you by 1 October the latest whether you are selected or not.

PROGRAMME*

The programme consists of 3 working days which are divided into four themes: (1) reconnecting and networking, (2) imagining the field of green and inclusion, (3) exploring lived realities of young people with fewer opportunities and (4) making a positive change.

Time blocks	15/11	16/11	17/11	18/11
9:00 - 10:30		Welcoming and introduction	Exploring lived realities and collecting struggles	Open space
10:30 - 11:00		Break	Break	Break
11:00 - 12:30		Exploring the concepts	Flipped study visit	Networking and sharing
12:30 - 14:00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	Arrivals and connecting to Amersfoort	Exploring and connecting to broader fields	Identifying common ground	Planning ahead
15:30 - 16:00		Break	Break	Break
16:00 - 17:30		Identifying the common ground	Outreaching to and engaging young people with fewer opportunities	Evaluation and closing
17:30 - 17:35		Short break	Short break	Departures**
17:35- 18:00		Self organised reflection space	Self organised reflection space	
18:00 - 20:00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
20:00 - 22:00	Getting to know each other	Informal evening	Dinner out	

*The programme is subject to potential change.

**We ask participants to attend the full programme. If you prefer to travel the day after, we can book and cover an extra night on 18 November and provide breakfast on 19.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PARTICIPATION

Participants are expected to be part of the full duration of the seminar. All board and lodging is foreseen from Tuesday 15 November dinner time, till after breakfast on Saturday 19 November. Departures are possible from 18 November after 17h30. If you prefer to travel on 19th November, one extra overnight at the venue can be covered for you.

TRAVELING

Travel costs are covered by your NA. We're happy to inform you about accessible train stations and train connections in the Netherlands. Also, if necessary, we can arrange and cover adapted transportation from the airport or train station to the venue. More detailed information about the travel guidelines will be provided to the selected participants closer to the event.

ACCOMMODATION

Landgoed ISVW has accessible toilets and we can arrange a room for you that is adapted for persons with reduced mobility. If you have a personal assistant, we can book and cover the costs of an extra room.

The venue offers a buffet for breakfast, lunch and dinner. By default, we order vegetarian food. The venue and places we are visiting are able to adapt the menu to other dietary needs or preferences.

LANGUAGE, COMMUNICATION AND LEARNING

The working language during the seminar will be English. We're happy to provide you with a (sign language) interpreter upon request.

The resources and documentation we're using could be made available in easy to read formats.

OTHER NEEDS

We want to ensure to host an inclusive seminar and tried to think about all needs related to traveling, accommodation, and language, communication and learning. Probably we lost quite a few out of sight, but we're happy to support you if you would have any other need. Therefore, we've included a question in the application form so you can make us aware of this. Of course, this doesn't have any influence on your application.

COVID-19

The activity is planned to be hosted residentially. In case the Covid-19 situation worsens and restrictions prevent travel, or the organisation of an activity for 40 participants, SALTO

Inclusion & Diversity reserves the right to cancel the residential activity and eventually organise an alternative version in an online format.

All participants will be accommodated in single rooms. Should there be any measures and safety guidelines issued by the Dutch government by the time of the seminar, the organiser and the venue will follow and apply them accordingly.

GENERAL CONTACT

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LITERATURE / ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

- [Inclusion A to Z](#)
- [Engage in Inclusion!](#)
- [Embracing Diversity](#)
- [ID Kitchen Podcast](#)
- [Liberating Sustainability Podcast](#)
- [Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change - IPCC Sixth Assessment report](#)
- [International Systems Change Compass. The global implications of achieving the European green deal](#)
- [Sustainability in learning mobility: an exploratory study](#)
- [Learning Mobility in Times of Climate Change](#)
- GreenComp: [The European Sustainability Competence Framework](#)

THEME AND RATIONALE (EXTENDED)

Environment and climate action were added as a horizontal priority within the Erasmus+ Programme. By this, the Programme is considered a key instrument for building knowledge, skills, and attitudes on climate change and supporting sustainable development both within the European Union and beyond. Concretely, priority will be given to projects that on the one hand aim at developing competences¹ in various green sectors. On the other hand, priority is given to enabling behavioural changes for individual preferences, cultural values, awareness, and more generally supporting active engagement for sustainable development. The Programme also supports the use of innovative practices to make learners, staff and youth workers true actors of change (for example to save resources, reduce energy use, waste and carbon footprint, opt for sustainable food and mobility choices, etc.).

¹ For example, the European Sustainability Competence Framework: https://joint-research-centre.ec.europa.eu/greencomp-european-sustainability-competence-framework_en

SALTO I&D welcomes the focus on green transition, and wants to engage itself to assure that young people with fewer opportunities (YPWFO) are included. At this moment, we notice two challenges:

1. We consider it important to make sure YPWFO have a seat at the table. Research shows that Fridays for Future school strikers were predominantly from more privileged backgrounds. Bell (2020) points to the trend that climate strike mobilisations are coherent with 'environmental classism'. In this, working-class people [as well as other marginalised groups] are alienated by traditional forms of environmentalism despite tending to carry greater environmental burdens for society. This has important implications for how climate policies are designed and implemented, calling attention to the need for measures to address inequality and ensure a just transition to a decarbonised future. As the horizontal priority deals with developing competences and enabling behavioural changes, it's necessary to make sure YPWFO have access to projects dealing with green transitions and are also involved in the process.
2. Mainstream solutions to fight climate change are often more easily available for well-off people, while YPWFO are amongst the ones who emit the least CO2 emissions. Moreover, measures to make projects greener might raise barriers or even exclude YPWFO to participate (for example for a young person living in a rural area, travelling by plane might be an affordable option, while travelling by train might be too expensive. Also people with disabilities might not be able to take the train/bus due to accessibility issues).