

Call for participants for the Summer School

Let's open the doors to Inclusion

Slovakia, from the 30th of July to the 5th of August 2018

Deadline for applications: 21st of May 2018 23:59

Link to the online application form: <https://goo.gl/forms/NMTnuJuZ1pnWksMV2>

What is the Summer School: "Let's open the doors to Inclusion" about?

The Summer School is included in the internal OBESSU Work Plan 2018-2020. One of the main topics that OBESSU will work on in 2018 is "Inclusive organisations" - how to make school student organisations more inclusive. The topic of the Summer School comes from previous reflections that took place during past OBESSU activities, such as the Summer School: "Learning for Life", which took place in July 2017 in Slovenia and the Study Session "Welcome to Education - All Included!", which took place in March 2017 in Budapest.

"Social inclusion in education has been a central topic for OBESSU in the past years - whether it's for migrants and refugees, for LGBTQI+ people or disabled people. Now it is time to look at how we make our own organisations inclusive. We see that within our own organisation most activists tend to be from very privileged backgrounds, both financially and socially. Obviously this is not the case everywhere, and some organisations are doing a great job being inclusive. But if we are to advocate for an inclusive society, we need to empower the voices of those who are excluded to truly make their voices heard. It is therefore necessary to facilitate a discussion and exchange practices and ideas on how to make our own organisations - both OBESSU and member organisations - more inclusive and representative of all school students." (OBESSU Work Plan 2018-2020)

Besides being a part of the OBESSU Work Plan 2018 supported by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe, the Summer School will also build synergies with other international activities of OBESSU in 2018, aimed at preventing online violent extremism, promoting social inclusion of young refugees and migrants, strengthening the impact of the Summer School itself, its expected results and its contribution to the youth policy work of the Council of Europe.

Aim and Objectives:

The main aim of the Summer School is to support more inclusive school student organisations, by providing school students with competences aimed at fighting discrimination and exclusion, and by exchanging experiences and best practices among organisations.

The objectives of the Summer School are:

- To analyse causes and consequences of exclusive school student organisations, and to propose possible solutions;

- To empower school student representatives and activists, providing them new skills and competences for promoting active participation of all school students, regardless their social, cultural or economical background;
- To support the capacity-building process of school student organisations and unions, through the exchange of experiences and best practices, in being more inclusive.

Expected output:

The main outputs of the Summer School will be a set of activities to run with school students, and a set of best practice examples, both focused on how to promote inclusion in school student organisations and unions.

These outputs will contribute to the final output of the Work Plan, an interactive tool for school student organisations for self-assessment, available online for free embedded in the OBESSU webpage.

During the follow-up phase of the activity, participants will put in practice the new competences acquired during the Summer School running local/national initiatives with their peers, aimed at promoting social inclusion in their organisations.

The call:

OBESSU is looking for 1 or 2 participants from each Member, Candidate and Affiliate Organisation. OBESSU will ensure a spot for one participant per organisation - the rest of the spots will be filled according to interest and the selection will be done based on the profile of participants, gender and geographical balance. If the organisation has a second person interested, they are welcome to nominate them for these spots but in this case, please pay attention to gender diversity.

OBESSU would love the group to represent all school students, with mixed identities, abilities and backgrounds and we are committed to facilitate the participation in terms of logistics, if need be.

The selected participants will be expected to:

- Be young people actively involved in their sending organisation;
- Be interested in the main topic of the Summer School and have some experience in the education field;
- Be able to follow-up the Summer School with his/her organisation, school, etc.;
- Be able to fully attend the event;
- Have at least a basic level of English.

The Summer School is a great opportunity to start being involved in OBESSU international activities, so **we strongly encourage young participants with less experience to apply.**

Costs for accommodation and food during the Summer School will be fully covered by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe; travel costs are covered up to the reference prices that will be communicated after selection.

The dates:

The Summer School: "Let's open the doors to Inclusion" will take place in Slovakia from the 30th of July (arrival day) to the 5th of August (departure day).

How to apply?

In order to apply, you have to fill the online application form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/NMTnuJuZ1pnWksMV2>

You have also to send to OBESSU a [nomination letter](#) (click to download form) by your sending organisation by email to secretariat@obessu.org

If you are under 18 years old, you have to send to OBESSU the [Parental Consent](#) (click to download form), duly filled, to secretariat@obessu.org

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If you have any questions, queries or would like some more information, please contact the OBESSU Secretariat at secretariat@obessu.org

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