

## ACTIVISM BY AND FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Online workshops for young activists in Central and Southeastern Europe to inspire, inform and meet one another

Young people organise themselves, participate and become involved in issues that matter to them in many countries. Most of the issues are not unique to one country or another, but concern us all in Central Europe.

*Therefore we believe it is worth learning about the strategies, actions and successes from one another.*

For the past 3 years, we have assisted these groups, and we want to offer you the chance to participate in our series of crossborder workshops! The workshops will combine **short presentations, interactive discussions and small group exercises**. You are free to join any or all of them – details of registration below!

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

- 🚩 All events are free and open to young people from countries of Central and Southeastern Europe!

**Registration form** Deadline: **22 May 2023**

- 🚩 You will get the link to join online via email ahead of the event date.
- 🚩 All workshops will be held in English, without interpretation. You must be able to understand and speak English on a conversational level. *Don't worry if you are not fluent, we will help each other and listen to everyone!*
- 🚩 If you are a minor, we need your parents' agreement for participation (please check the form and conditions to participate).
- 🚩 With questions contact **Bálint Farkas** at [reclaimourcivilspace@gmail.com](mailto:reclaimourcivilspace@gmail.com)

## OUR WORKSHOPS

### Starter Pack - First vote



May 25. Thursday - 6 p.m. CET / 7 p.m. EET

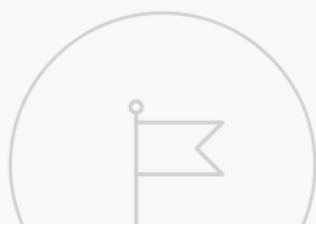
Are you ready to vote for the first time? Let's prepare ourselves for it! This session will be a conversation about what you'd expect from your ideal leader and how to prepare yourself before going to vote at an election.

We invite young people reaching voting age to come and share their thoughts on the expected profile of candidates in their communities, motivation to go to vote and managing the anticipation about election results.

*Pretty serious stuff but we promise to approach them in a funny and relaxed way!*

The workshop will be facilitated by **Antonia Pup** – she is currently the advocacy coordinator at Romanian Academic Society and a **history student**, former President of the Students' National Council in Romania. In this capacity, she was involved in several campaigns in a leading role aimed at improving the access of students to education (free travel on national public transport for all students or equal access to online education guaranteed during the Covid 19 pandemic).

Participation is open for young people reaching voting age (16+)



## Volunteering and sustainable travel around the world with traveller Slávek Král



May 30. Tuesday - 6 p.m. CET / 7 p.m. EET

Slávek Král has been traveling for 9 years: he hitchhiked around the world twice and spent at least half a year on every inhabited continent. He covered over 300,000 km in more than 86 countries and 21 states in the USA, lectures at the biggest festivals, exhibits his photos and wrote a book: Hitchhiker's Guide to the Globe.

With his experience Slávek will give you tips on how you can travel low-cost and contribute to nature conservation at the same time. He will show you how people live in eco-villages, communities or self-sufficiently in the middle of the jungle and how individuals can also change the world around them.

Slávek will also tell you how he worked as a volunteer in different parts of the world and what unforgettable experiences he had while breeding horses in Malawi, in the rice fields of Japan, cutting trails with a machete in Brazil, on a farm in Canada, Iceland, New Zealand or Hawaii, as an English teacher in Kenya, or as a beekeeper in Australia.

*Come and be inspired by his incredible stories and learn about the path to sustainable living on this planet!*

Participation is open for all interested young people



## Another school is possible!



June 22. Thursday - 3:30 p.m. CET / 4.30 p.m. EET

Have you ever wanted to make a difference in your school's life or the way things happen in your community? Do you believe in or feel like speaking out?

In making your voice and ideas not only heard, but also considered and integrated in the next changes your school management undertakes or in the actions your community initiates to make change in your town/village, so that life is more interesting and provides activities, places, events that are needed by the young people locally?

If you believe that your ideas are good for you and your peers and that adults and authorities (at school or community level) need to hear them and make them count, you are invited to join our online workshop.

*We intend to bring together the voices of young people to discuss and share ideas and propositions for change!*

Participation is open for high school students (16-19)



## Invitation to the event planning team for the workshop "Another school is possible!"

The workshop is planned to be co-designed with you in order to make it more dynamic, fun and useful!

### What to do if interested in the preparation?

- Send a brief motivation letter outlining shortly any experience or ideas you have to make a change among your peers, school, club of interest or community.
- Send it by 18 May to [office@bepf-bg.org](mailto:office@bepf-bg.org)

Your application will be reviewed and you will be notified if selected to be part of the international youth team (3 to 5 ppl.).

### Your participation requires:

- a commitment to join 2 Zoom-meetings (1-1,5 hours)
- to work together with the event planning team
- and to contribute to the format of the workshop
- between 23 May-10 June 2023

Dates of the meetings to be consulted in advance and comply with the availability of the Youth Event Co-design Team.

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