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**BREAKING
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CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS:

**Youth leader seminar „Rušiti zid(in|ov)e/Breaking walls“
of the Youth of European Nationalities (JEV)
in Livka/Lockenhaus, Austria
26.9.-2.10.2016**

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The Youth of European Nationalities (YEN) is looking for participants for the Youth leader seminar „Breaking walls“. The event will take place in Livka/Lockenhaus, Austria and is hosted by Hrvatski akademski klub (Burgenland Croats) and Klub slovenskih študentk in študentov na Dunaju (Carinthian Slovenes).

If you are interested to participate, please fill in the application form and send it to your organisation so that they can register you. **Deadline for the application is the 1st of September 2016.**

About the event:

We are very glad to invite you to this year's Youth leader seminar which will take place in Livka/Lockenhaus in Burgenland.

The village Livka/Lockenhaus, located in central Burgenland/Gradišće, nearby the Hungarian border, is the ideal place to discover and experience the culture of the Burgenland-Croats as well as to challenge prejudices.

The motto of our Youth leader seminar is Rušiti zid(in|ov)e / Breaking walls. By choosing this motto we want to encourage people to break intercultural walls as well as to point out problems of minority members, like exclusion or discrimination.

During our seminar you can present your minority but also inform yourself about different minorities. You will also have the possibility to get to know our minority languages during our Croatian and Slovene course.

We will offer following workshops:

1. *Nanotourism*
2. *Layout/ Design*
3. *Identity foundation*
4. *On the trails of minority languages*

1. *Nanotourism*

Nanotourism is a new term which should depict the opposite pole to „classic“ tourism. Nanotourism should enable to receive a deeper and multiside point of view on a region by providing more opportunities to participate and also by revealing local special features and characteristics.

Minorities (unfortunately) mostly live in remote regions. But due to their special traditions as well as cultural and language diversity, these regions are very interesting and special.

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In order to detect these specialities in the region around Livka/Lockenhaus, the participants of this workshop will visit domestic people and analyse the local conditions with the help of participatory action research. Thereby our participants will develop new open nanotouristic models but also get to know the multilingual Burgenland/Gradišće.

The motto of this workshop is „Act globally, operate locally“. All the compiled results will be documented and published so that these models can be edited and used further. Thereby the other minorities should of course also get the possibility to adapt these models and results appropriate to their home regions and then also implement them.

2. Layout/Design

During this workshop we want to help other minorities to learn important soft-skills for their daily routines.

In today's society, social media is one of the most important tools of public relations, which must not be neglected. Therefore members of youth organisations should at least know the basics about layout and design.

An expert will show the participants how to use programs like InDesign or Photoshop and how to create and edit a film. This workshop should also help to strengthen the social competences of participants which is the base of professional PR. For this workshop it is obligatory to bring your own laptop.

3. Identity formation

This workshop offers a broader perspective on national and ethnic minorities. Since there was a large Roma population in Burgenland/Gradišće before the Second world war and the minority has been recognised as an autochthonous minority in 1993, we want to make a connection between the local history and the memorial politics throughout Europe as well as to investigate its influence on today's minorities.

Therefore domestic but also international guests and people from different occupational groups will be invited to tell their personal histories and experiences.

This workshop will help our participants to understand their cultural identities and their ethnic minority.

4. On the trails of minority languages

Languages, especially minority languages, are a very important and present topic for the participants of the seminar, since they grew up multilingually. Therefore it is very interesting to speak about the value of languages as well as language policy and to discuss questions like: *Why for example some languages seem to be more prestigious?* or *What is language racism/ language discrimination and how can we deal with it?*

At last the participants will also create a language tree for minority languages in Europe, which will be designed by the layout/design workshop and then used during future events.

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Further activities

- **#DiversityConnects:** At the Youth leader seminar we want to include the YEN campaign in the workshops and also do various public actions. #DiversityConnects aims to unite diverse minority voices to fight against stereotypes, prejudice and all kind of discrimination towards ethnic and national minorities. The campaign gives the majority a clear understanding of our cultures and the advantages of autochthonous minorities for the society.
- **Exchange Market:** Please bring info material about your minority organisation and promotion material, as this is the main goal of the exchange market. Please also bring specialities from your region/minority.
- **Excursions:** We also plan to spend one day in Vienna. There we want to visit the HAK & KSSŠD as well as the Austrian parliament where we want to lead a discussion with the minority speakers of different political parties. Additionally, we will also spend one afternoon at a vineyard and afterwards enjoy the evening with concerts.

Profile of the participants

- Young members of minorities involved in their minority youth organisation, aged 16-30.
- Able to work in English
- We can accept 2 members per full member organisation and 1 per associated member organisation of YEN. However, there will also be a waiting list and free places will be given to those who are on the list after the deadline.

Travel reimbursement

Travel expenses will be covered 70% for Eastern European participants and 50% for Western European participants. Travels by car will be reimbursed by a rate of 0,10 €/km up to a limit of 150 € per car.

Travel costs will be reimbursed only when original tickets will be presented and sent to the office and participants provide all needed justificatory documents of travel and expenses (invoices, boarding passes, train or bus tickets...) Taxi costs cannot be reimbursed! Additionally, the reimbursement form needs to be duly filled in. We'll try to reimburse the money as soon as possible.

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Participation fee

The participation fee is 80€ for Western European participants and 50 € for Eastern European participants. It covers food and accommodation for the entire seminar, as well as excursions and required materials during the event.

If you have to cancel your participation 2 weeks prior to the event and there will be no replacement, we will have to ask you for the participation fee.

Accommodation

The medieval fortress was built in 1200 and due to its impressing and historic ambience the fortress and its hotel is often being used for seminars, exhibitions and also concerts. In the middle of the nature park Geschriebenstein the fortress Lockenhaus with its large inner and outer area offers enough space for all the different activities and workshops but also for relaxing.

All participants will remember the fortress Lockenhaus since it is an unforgettable location.

<https://www.ritterburg.at/>



How to get there:

We will organise one shuttle bus (between 16.00 and 18.00) from airport Vienna/Schwechat which will take you directly to Livka/Lockenhaus (ca. 2 hours drive). Furthermore you can also fly to the airport in Bratislava. Every hour there is a bus driving from Bratislava airport to Vienna airport (https://www.viennaairport.com/jart/prj3/va/uploads/data-uploads/Passagier/Parken/VIE_Euroli nes_7010_de_en.pdf), which will cost about 5€. Depending on the flights of our participants the shuttle bus will drive at some time between 16.00 and 18.00. If you cannot make it until the shuttle bus you have to take public transports. At first take the S-Bahn to Vienna Hauptbahnhof and then change to the train to Deutschkreutz (min. 2 hours) which will cost 20 € (<https://tickets.oebb.at/de/ticket/timetable>). We can then pick you up at the train station in Deutschkreutz (ca. 30 minutes away from Livka/Lockenhaus). Please inform the orga-team beforehand if you plan to come to Deutschkreutz. Please keep in mind that after 21.00 you are not able to come to Deutschkreutz by public transport. Then you have to organise and pay an accommodation in Vienna by yourself. Therefore, we ask you not to arrive in Vienna after 18:00.

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Driving by car will be the fastest and cheapest way to travel to Livka/Lockenhaus. The address of the fortress is: Günserstraße 5, 7442 Lockenhaus, Austria

Application procedure:

Please fill in the application form (the form you got from your member organization or on <http://www.yls2016.at/en/anmeldeinformation/>) and send it to your **member organisation!** They must fill in an online application form for you.

The deadline for the online application is **1st of September 2016.**

Please note that **all applicants must be proposed by an organisation.** Applications sent by individuals **will not** be considered. After the deadline, applicants will be informed whether they are selected or placed on a waiting list.

Please make sure that you choose the **cheapest** and **eco-friendliest** way of travelling to the venue.

Please book your tickets right after you get an official confirmation from the YEN office!

Arrival: Monday, 26.09.2016

Departure: Sunday, 02.10.2016

Additional information will be sent to you after your participation is confirmed by the office. If you have any questions about the seminar, please contact us at the below mentioned email addresses.

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We are looking forward to your participation!
The HAK, KSŠŠD und YEN orga-team

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