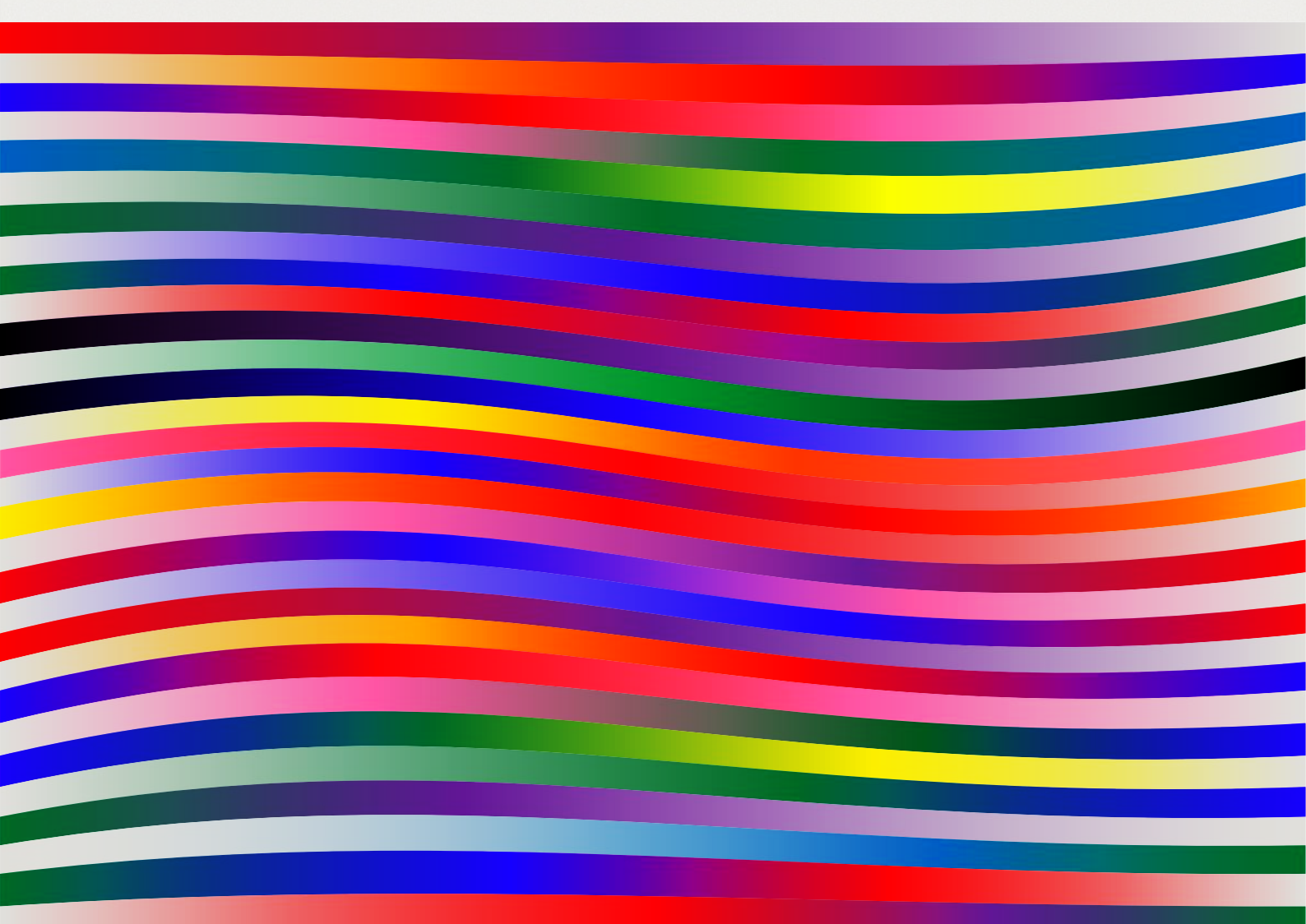


# Youth Work Strengthening Minority Youth Rights

**Long-term training course**

*in Bakuriani, Georgia and Brussels, Belgium*

**7-13 November 2022**



Information Package



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## **Background**

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Youth work is recognised as an empowering practice which gives agency to young people, eases access to resources and supports them into achieving milestones to better their lives. Therefore, youth work has a clear connection to human rights: supporting young people to exercise their Civic and Political and Social and Economic rights. However, in some parts of the youth work community of practice there's a tendency to neutralise this connection in contemporary youth work narratives and practices (Ohana, 2020). This has been accelerated by the shrinking of civil spaces for organisations engaged in the youth sector (Deželan et al., 2020). This tendency significantly affects youth people from minority groups and identities in a negative way. In many instances young people from minorities face considerable barriers in accessing youth work services, especially those which are tailored to their specific needs and situations.

## **Goal Setting**

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The aim of this project is to revitalise youth work's task to address minority youth rights by fostering the human-rights-based approach through capacity building of youth workers and youth work organisation.

The objectives of this project are to:

- Train practitioner youth workers, especially those who are in a proximity to minority young people, in specific tools for minority youth empowerment and advocacy;
- Equip youth workers with tools for the redressing and monitoring of human rights of minority youth;
- Increase the inner readiness of youth workers to outreach to minority youth and offer them tailor-made opportunities;
- Build the capacity of organisations with youth work services in order to increase their coverage with minority youth by integrating specific standard operating procedures and building up connections with other actors of civil society and state institutions advocating for minority rights.

Thematically, this project will explore the intersections between youth work and human rights, in the following specific directions:

1. Social-economic empowerment;
2. Widening the youth civil space;
3. Human rights education and awareness-raising;
4. Redress, monitoring and advocacy.

## **Participant profile**

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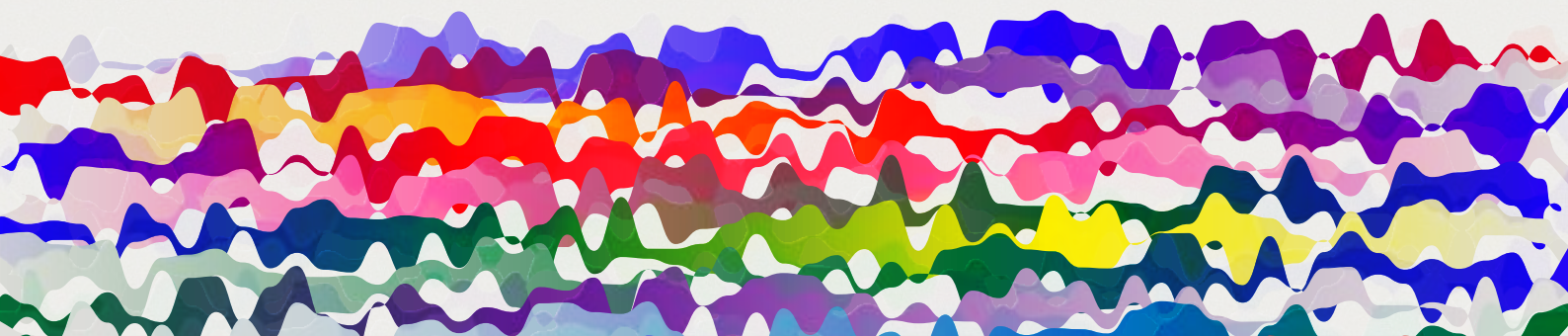
The training is built on the needs and requirements of youth workers and youth organisations, therefore, it will gather practitioner youth workers and youth educators - who also have an influential role in their organisation. Participants should be based in the outreaching access area of minority youth, therefore priority will be given to youth workers who work with minority youth, or work in proximity to minority populations.

The training course will be conducted in English language, the partners may choose to have a language interpretation for their country groups, upon communicating with the project coordinators beforehand.

The LLTC will take aboard 23 participants, candidates should apply to the following form:

<https://bit.ly/YWSMYRapplication>

**Deadline September 20, 2022.**





## **Timeline**

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This project is a long-term educational venture, therefore, it requires a long-term commitment from the partners and participants.

Timeframe	Activity
3 Sep 2022	Kick-off meeting for the partner organisations' contact points;
20 Sep 2022	Deadline of the application form;
27 Sep 2022	Selection of the participants;
10 Oct 2022	Online cocktail for participants;
30 Oct 2022	Personal research deadline for the participants, creating links with NHRIs and community organisations;
7-13 Nov 2022	Residential training course on holistic mainstreaming of minority rights in youth work practise in Tbilisi, Georgia.
Nov-Dec 2022	Intermediate phase - transferring experience to colleagues and peers locally.
14-17 Jan 2023	Residential seminar on documenting, integrating and promoting procedures to mainstream minority rights to youth work practise in organisations.

## **Stay**

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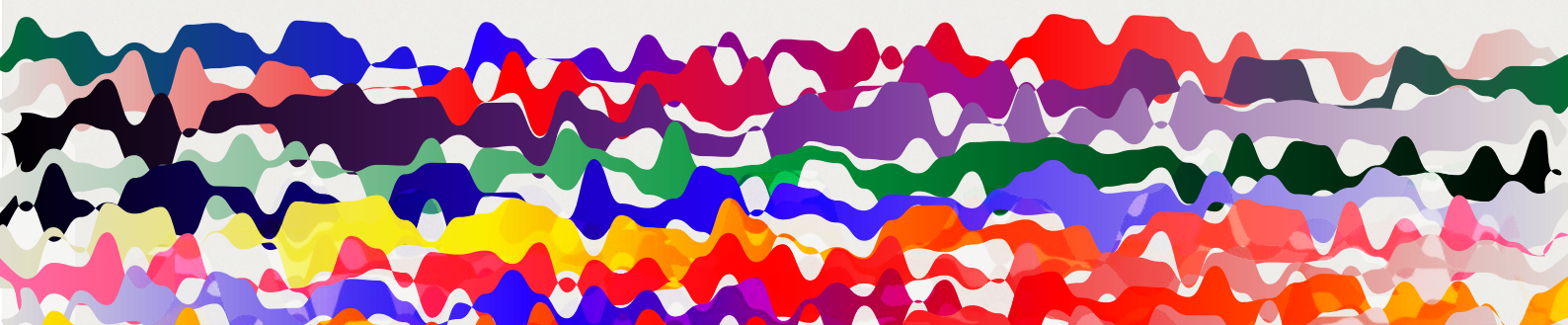
The training course will be held at Grand Noel Hotel in Bakuriani, Georgia. Participants will be sharing rooms with 2-3 other participants, linen and towels are provided by the hotel. Accommodation and meals are covered by the organisers. Please, let us know if you have allergies, idiosyncrasies or other dietary restrictions at least 2 weeks in advance. Participants are required to arrive on 6th of November before 18:00 and depart on 14th of November at 10:00. Bakuriani is a winter resort in the mountains, so it can be quite cold in November, please, check the weather forecast and pack accordingly.

## **Travel**

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Travel is also covered by the Erasmus+ programme. Please, do not forget to bring every single travel document with you! Especially the boarding passes. For more travel instructions please refer to HREYN Travel Arrangement Guide - <https://bit.ly/HREYNtravelguide>

Bakuriani is accessed from Tbilisi International Airport and Kutaisi International Airport. Two weeks prior to departure participants will be offered support to plan the local transportation in Georgia.





## ✨ Consortium

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**Human Rights Education Youth Network (HREYN)** - BELGIUM - an independent international non-profit-making human rights education organization composed by youth associations as well as trainers, activists, youth workers, youth leaders, teachers, researchers, volunteers, professionals and other people committed to promoting human rights education and the protection of human rights.

- **Praxis for Change** - GEORGIA - member of HREYN, non-governmental, non-profit organisation, which aims to promote positive development of youth and adults in Georgia to become critical democratic citizens by offering them needs-based educational opportunities.

- **Giosef Torino - Marti Gianello Guida A.P.S.** - ITALY- member of HREYN, a social promotion association, which promotes social inclusion and anti-discrimination on an intersectionality level.

- **Youth ID** - FRANCE - member of HREYN - non-profit organisation promoting self-empowerment and personal development of young people to become changemakers through solidarity missions and non-formal education.

- **Asociația ideii și proiecte pentru tineri activi** - ROMANIA- member of HREYN, promoting civic and social competence development among young people to become active citizens.

- **Foundation of Regional Initiatives** - UKRAINE - youth NGO building youth social movement through supporting youth initiatives, training and activism.

## 🌟 Team

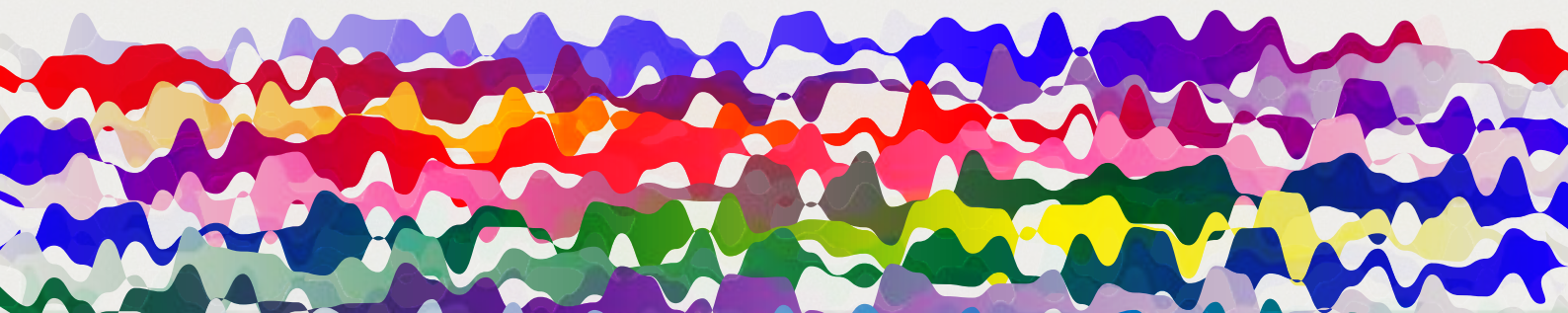
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**Tamar TSATSKRIALASHVILI** - board member of Human Rights Education Youth Network and the Environmental Sustainability Rapporteur, she has extensive experience working with youth groups on the topics of human rights education, democracy and personal development. She is a youth delegate in the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and she has supported local municipalities of Georgia in writing and adopting youth policy strategy and action plans.

**Nik PADDISON** - has a background as a youth worker from the UK where he worked largely with minority groups. He is a trainer of trainers, youth workers, leaders, volunteers and activists in the European youth field. He is a full time freelance trainer, writer and editor, develops educational games, activities, theories and approaches in the context of non-formal learning. He has worked with the Council of Europe and numerous youth NGOs running human rights training courses especially in the context of combating hate speech.

**Pia ŠLOGAR** - a minority rights activist and a non-formal educational trainer and facilitator. In her work as a trainer, she has been facilitating educational processes for various learning groups, inter alia, practitioners and other key stakeholders. In the youth field, she has been mainly working with young people from marginalised communities, specifically with young people from national, ethnic and linguistic minorities, and young refugees and asylum seekers.

**Nika BAKHSOLIANI** - a human rights educator and trainer, in the directions of combating hate speech, citizen participation and engagement. As a state-reform direction manager, he has developed capacity building tools on youth policy for the local and regional authorities, including a massive open online course on youth policy. As a trainer he has worked with stakeholders from national, regional and local levels, teachers, trainers, youth workers, peer and youth educators.





Please, read the information that we have provided here, ask the sending organisation or directly the coordinator if you have any questions.

Miscommunication may result in various unpleasant situations, like risking the reimbursement, or false expectations, or coming underdressed to a themed party.

Be ready to become an activist.

Thanks for being a factor of change in Europe!

## **Contact information**

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