

## ***CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: PEER-EDUCATORS FOR THE PROJECT UNDERSTANDING EUROPE***

The project *Understanding Europe* brings peer-to-peer-education to the classroom. It aims to empower young people from all backgrounds to become active European citizens contributing to a pluralistic, democratic society and mutual understanding. In 12 different European countries, peer trainers provide young people with an opportunity to discuss European topics, learn to understand diverse perspectives on European challenges, reflect upon their own role in political processes, and to form an opinion on their own.

Our *Understanding Europe* (UE) trainers are trained by our **UE peer-educators** (previously called Head Trainers), who are qualified in delivering train-the-trainer events across Europe. Currently, we are looking for motivated individuals who would like to **join our team of UE peer-educators** for the **term September 2020-August 2021**. All UE peer-educators are trained in diversity-sensitive civic educational formats during our **European Summer School**, taking place online from **17-20 September 2020**. The programme of the European Summer School will start each day at 9:30 and end at 17:30 CEST, with longer breaks in between. On Sunday the 20th of September, the programme will end at 15:45.

### ***ABOUT THE EUROPEAN SUMMER SCHOOL***

The peer education approach is crucial to our qualification strategy. Young peer-educators conduct trainings for the UE trainers and other multipliers. During our European Summer School, all future UE peer-educators will come together and build capacities to:

- competently and confidently plan, run and evaluate a train-the-trainer event within the project *Understanding Europe* together with the respective coordinators;
- purposefully build train-the-trainer plans according to Democratic Citizenship Education;
- plan training modules in a participatory, process and subject-oriented manner;
- adapt or develop new educational formats and material;
- give online training modules and courses.

Due to the corona pandemic, we unfortunately had to move the European Summer School to the digital realm. This means that the modules are being held online, mostly via Zoom.

### ***WHAT DO YOU GET FROM BEING AN UNDERSTANDING EUROPE PEER-EDUCATOR?***

- You receive extensive training in inclusive & diversity-oriented peer-to-peer education;
- You receive training in new peer-to-peer workshops on media literacy;
- You receive inspiring input from experts on social inequalities in Europe, racism-critical education, and online training formats;
- You learn about techniques, tools and skills for online moderation, group facilitation, and interactive methods;
- You learn how to develop and adapt new training- and educational material;
- You get the opportunity to put your expertise and skills into practice during the T4Ts, online or, if

possible, in different countries and contexts;

- You become part of the diverse, Europe-wide network of *Understanding Europe* and get to know other young, motivated trainers and educators from all over Europe;
- You get a peer-educator certificate provided by the Schwarzkopf Foundation.

## **WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?**

- You have experience as a seminar trainer within the project *Understanding Europe* (ideally at least 5 four-hour EU Crash Courses) or other relevant experience in non-formal youth work and / or citizenship education;
- You are interested and motivated in delivering interactive peer-to-peer trainings;
- You have experience in designing training modules and/or a strong motivation to learn so;
- You have a reliable and cooperative work ethic;
- You take a reflective approach to diversity and diversity experiences;
- You are between 18 and 28 years old.

## **What do we expect?**

- You attend the full European Summer School in September;
- You conduct at least one analogue/digital train-the-trainer event during your term;
- You conduct at least one online EU Crash Course during your term.

## **APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS**

We are looking forward to receiving your application at:

<https://polls.schwarzkopf-stiftung.de/index.php/268878?lang=en>

**The deadline for applications is the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2020, 23:59 CEST.**

We welcome all applicants, regardless of their origin, religion, class, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. We especially encourage people from marginalized groups to apply. The selection panel will consider candidates' motivation and willingness to carry out training events in *Understanding Europe*, as well as previous experience, regional balance, and the diversity of the team.

You are already a UE peer educator and you would like to continue? That is great – we would be very happy to have you for another year! Please register via the same application-link, but you do not have to go the formal application procedure. Please be aware that we do expect you to participate at the European Summer School.

You can find more information about the project at: <https://schwarzkopf-stiftung.de/en/seminars/>

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Meijer, Project Manager at the Schwarzkopf Foundation, via <https://schwarzkopf-stiftung.de/en/seminars/>

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