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YOUTH ASSEMBLY 2012

“Youth and democracy: the young generation sacrificed?”

STRASBOURG

5-7 October 2012

PRELIMINARY DRAFT PROGRAMME

Venues¹:

Council of Europe
Palais de l'Europe
(Hemicycle)
Avenue de l'Europe
F - 67000 Strasbourg

European Youth Centre in Strasbourg (CEJ)
of the Council of Europe
30, rue Pierre de Coubertin
F -67000 Strasbourg

Palais des Congrès
Place de Bordeaux
F – 67000 Strasbourg

¹ See the maps and useful links in the Practical Information

Thursday, 4 October

Arrival of participants (European Youth Centre in Strasbourg or Hotel le Forum in Schiltigheim ²)

16:00 Registration of participants (staying in the EYC in Strasbourg)

19:00 *Dinner at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg*

20:30 *Free time or informal activities*

Friday, 5 October

07:30-08:30 *Breakfast (according to the place of your accommodation)*

09:00 *Departure of the two buses from the Hotel le Forum to EYC*

European Youth Centre

09:00 Registration of participants staying in the EYC in Strasbourg - continued

09:30 Registration of 80 other participants (staying in the Hotel le Forum)
(Coffee served during registration)

10:00 Introduction to the activities of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and to the programme, aims and objectives of the Youth Assembly 2012 (for all participants)

10:30 Brainstorming groups on common challenges of young people in relation to democracy

**12:00 1 minute presentations from the brainstorming groups
Information about the afternoon programme**

12:30 *Lunch*

13:45 Departure from the EYC to the Palais de l'Europe (20 minutes walk) and registration at the entrance (security search and distribution of access badges)

Hemicycle of the Parliamentary Assembly (Palais de l'Europe)

14:30 Official Opening of the Youth Assembly with the participation of parliamentarians

- Address by **Jean-Claude Mignon**, President of the Parliamentary Assembly
- Address by **Maria Paschou**, Chairperson of the Advisory Council on Youth
- Address by **Thorbjørn Jagland**, Secretary General of the Council of Europe (*to be confirmed*)
- Short videos on democracy by participants
- Keynote speech by **Emmanuel Jal**, Artist and Peace Activist: *Young people's contribution to democracy (to be confirmed)*
- Open debate

18:00 End of the plenary session and photo of the group (*hall in front of the Hemicycle*)

² See the list of participants

European Youth Centre

- 19:00 *Dinner (for all participants)*
- 20:30 World Café: How do young people practice democracy?**
- 22:30 *Departure of the two buses from the EYC to the Hotel le Forum*

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| Saturday, 6 October |
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- 07:30-08:30 *Breakfast (according to the place of your accommodation)*
- 09:00 *Departure of the two buses from the Hotel le Forum to the EYC*

European Youth Centre

- 09:30 Introduction to the day and videos on democracy**
- 09:45 Introduction to thematic working groups
Start of working groups**
- 11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:30 Working groups continued**
- 13:00 *Lunch*
- 14:30 Working groups continued**
- 16:00 *Coffee break*
- 16:30 Working groups continued**
- 18:00 *Short plenary meeting for all participants*
- 19:00 *Dinner*
- 20:30 Artistic workshops (Democracy through music, painting, theatre etc...) in cooperation with local youth associations**
- 22:30 *Departure of one of the buses to the Hotel le Forum*
- 23:00 *Departure of the second bus to the Hotel le Forum*

Sunday, 7 October

07:30-08:30 *Breakfast (according to the place of your accommodation)*

09:00 *Departure of the two buses from the Hotel le Forum to the EYC*

European Youth Centre

09:30 Introduction to the day and democracy movies

09:45 Panel discussions on good practice regarding youth projects and initiatives on democracy (2 parallel panels)

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:30 Working groups continued and conclusions

13:00 *Lunch*

14:30 Presentation of working groups recommendations

15:30 Closing

16:00 *Departure from the EYC to the Palais des Congrès (15 minutes walk)*

Palais des Congrès (Strasbourg)

16:30 ***Strasbourg, a city of Democracy?***
Meeting with representatives of the City, the youth council and youth NGOs
Participation at the Civil Society Debate and/or Democracy Fair (optional for the participants of the Youth Assembly)

European Youth Centre

19:00 *Dinner and celebration (for all participants)*

00:00 *Departure of one of the buses for the Hotel le Forum*

00:30 *Departure of the second bus for the Hotel le Forum*

Monday, 8 October

07:30-09:00 *Breakfast and departure of participants (from their place of accommodation)*

European Youth Centre

10:00 Preparatory meeting for 40 participants staying for the World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 8-11 October 2012)