



EUROPEAN YOUTH WEEK

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Léargas is delighted to announce European Youth Week 2019. We are inviting all young people and youth organisations involved in Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps to get involved in this year's celebration of European Youth Week. The theme this year is 'Democracy and Me'.

What is European Youth Week?

European Youth Week takes place every two years and is the pinnacle of European gatherings for young people and the youth sector in Europe. Throughout the week over 1,000 grassroots activities will take place across Europe, organised by Erasmus+ National Agencies. This year's European Youth Week takes place just before the European elections and seeks to explore the ways in which young people can influence decisions and engage meaningfully in all parts of the democratic process.

European Youth Week also brings together young people, youth workers, volunteers, youth organisations and policy-makers to a European event hosted in Brussels.

For this year's European Youth Week we'd like to offer you
a chance to receive €300 to host an event!

Who Can Take Part?

European Youth Week is open to all young people and youth organisations involved in Erasmus+ and European Solidarity projects.

Why Get Involved?

"Democracy and me" is about taking the opportunity to influence decisions that affect everyone. Voting in elections, either national or European, is the most important expression of democratic participation, but not the only one. What happens between elections is equally important for a democracy to thrive: getting involved in voluntary work, talking to policy-makers, protesting or making yourself heard in other ways (democracy by 'doing').

European Youth Week is also a chance to let young people and your community find out more about the European dimension in your youth project/organisation.

How Can You Get Involved?

There are many events or activities—big or small—that you and your youth organisation can organise. Here are some ideas to inspire you:

- Organise a mock election in your youth organisation/group
- Host a European-themed party within your organisation/group
- Create a video that celebrates your European organisation/group
- Hold an information get-together on your Erasmus+/European Solidarity Corps project for parents/community/European candidates
- Write a blog capturing the experiences of your project
- Use local media (radio or newspaper) to get the word out about your project/event

What's Next?

To make this event a success, we encourage you to get involved! Working and supporting each other during European Youth Week will help us promote the programme and share the excellent work that is going on in the youth sector all around the country.

If you'd like to get involved, please complete the application form and return it to the Youth team at youthweek@leargas.ie by **29 March 2019**.

To help you plan and deliver your event or activity, we will send you a European Youth Week Pack in early April. If you've any queries, contact us before 29 March 2019.

Where to Read More?

For updates on European Youth Week check out the following resources:

- Léargas [European Youth Week Page](#)
- Official [European Youth Week Page](#)
- On social media at [Léargas](#)
- On social media at [#DemocracyAndMe](#) and [#YouthWeek](#)