

Learning Democracy at Utøya; How to promote Inclusive societies – Polish-Norwegian Youth Meetings

About the Project

POLIN Museum of History of the Polish Jews and The European Wergeland Centre (EWC) offer a **3-day workshop in Norway** for teams of students and teachers from upper secondary schools in Poland and Norway. The seminar is followed by student-led activities at school.

Young people have great potential to influence each other, and through three days of interactive sessions facilitated by a team of experienced trainers from Poland and Norway, we aim to

- increase the democratic competence of the participants; skills, knowledge, attitudes, and values, in particular when it comes to combating hate speech and discrimination
- strengthen the participants' capacity to act as role models for their peers

Most of the seminar will take place at the island Utøya, which is located about 45 min drive from Oslo. The island has a long history of gathering young, engaged people for both political discussions and social events, but was also the second target in the terrorist attack in Norway 22 July 2011.

Since 2011, the island has been rebuilt, and now holds both a memorial sight and a learning centre. By combining the recent history of Utøya with sharing of experiences and contemporary challenges in Poland and Norway, the students will strengthen their competences to combat hate speech, anti-democratic forces and extremism.

The project is funded through EEA grants.

Who is the project 3-day workshop for?

- **Students and teachers from upper secondary schools** in Poland and Norway.
- Each school can participate with **a team of 3 students and 1 teacher**.
- As the workshops will be interactive and they will be conducted in English, both students and teachers must be prepared and willing to work and talk in English
- Five teams from each country – in total 30 students and 10 teachers

Year-two students (in the school year 2017/18) will be prioritized. Each team commits to share their experiences with their peers through carrying out minimum one activity at their school.

What does it cost?

Nothing! Travel costs to Oslo/Utøya, and meals and accommodation in Norway is covered by the organizers. The only costs for the participants is pocket money (optional). Please note that we do not cover costs for substitute teachers.

When does it take place?

The workshop in Norway lasts from **19 September** (10 am) to **21 September** (5 pm). The (first) follow-up activity should take place by the end of October 2017.

How to apply?

Please apply via the [online application form](#).

Application deadline and selection

The deadline for applying is **15 May**. Shortly after, five teams from each country will be selected and notified, by 1 June the latest.

About the organizers

POLIN opened its doors to the public in April 2013. It currently functions as a cultural and educational center with a rich cultural program, including temporary exhibitions, films, debates, workshops, performances, concerts, lectures and much more. It is founded by the Association of the Jewish Historical Institute of Poland, the City of Warsaw, and the Polish Ministry of Culture and National Heritage, and is located in Warsaw, Poland. For more information, visit www.polin.pl/en

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The European Wergeland Centre (EWC) was established in 2008 to support Council of Europe member states when it comes to educating for human rights, democratic citizenship and intercultural dialogue. The Centre offers various training activities for teachers, students, school leaders, and other actors in the field of education. EWC was established by Council of Europe and Norway, and is based in Oslo, Norway. For more information, visit www.theewc.org.

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DRAFT PROGRAMME¹ 19-21 September 2017 (arrival 18th)

The programme begins in Oslo Tuesday morning at 10:00, and ends Thursday afternoon at 17:00 (arrival at Oslo central station).

Day 1 - Tuesday

10:00	Getting to know the programme and each other (EWC's premises, Oslo)
11:30	Visit to / workshop at 22 July Centre
14:00	Lunch (EWC's premises, Oslo)
15:00	Bus from Oslo Central Station to Utøya / arrival at 16:00
16:30	Tour of the island, various activities, dinner

Day 2 - Wednesday

08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 – 17:00	Parallel sessions students and teachers
18:00 –	Dinner, social activities

Day 3 - Thursday

08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 – 15:00	Various sessions/planning of activities (incl. lunch)
15:00 – 16:00	Closing/farewell
16:00 – 17:00	Bus to Oslo Central station / arrival at 17:00

¹ The content of the programme might be altered