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OPEN CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS FOR Youth Panels for Diversity (YPDs)

About this Call

Youth Diversity Panels - YDPs are part of the activities of the project entitled: 'Digital Hate Interrupter Activism to combat structural racism promoting inter-community cooperation through digital technologies' with acronym 'HUMAN' which is co-funded by the European Union in the framework of Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme.

'HUMAN' project is coordinated by [The Smile of the Child](#) from Greece in partnership with [Rinova](#) from Spain, [Folkuniversitetet](#) from Sweden, [Center for Social Innovation](#) from Cyprus, [Universidade NOVA de Lisboa](#) and [DYPALL Network](#) from Portugal, [Znanstveno-raziskovalno središče Koper](#) from Slovenia, [Mulab](#) from Italy and [European Antibullying Network](#) from Belgium.

The 24-month 'HUMAN' project aims to contribute to the elimination of hate speech against diaspora communities, the fight against discrimination and intolerance, especially on the grounds of racial or national origin, color and religion, as well as racism and xenophobia by focusing on activism actions using digital technologies.

We believe that children and young people have valuable experiences and knowledge that should be listened to and that their participation can increase the value of our work. Therefore, we would like to involve children and young people in our HUMAN project's day-to-day activities by putting together a Youth Panel for Diversity who will advise on matters, issues and decision-making across all of the partner's organization's activities.

We are looking for 4 to 10 members aged between 14 and 21 years old who are passionate about making a positive difference for children in the world tackling hate speech, racism, xenophobia and intolerance against minority groups. Children and young people who have experience of defense children's rights and are promoters of social change through activism are encouraged to apply.

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About the Youth Panels for Diversity

The Youth Panels for Diversity mandate will be 18 months and will be established in 7 countries which are Greece, Spain, Sweden, Cyprus, Portugal, Slovenia and Italy.

Aim of the Youth Panels for Diversity is:

- ✓ to ensure effective and meaningful participation of children in 'HUMAN' project's activities, considering their views and suggestions,
- ✓ to provide an opportunity of empowerment to the young members,
- ✓ to ensure that children voice will be heard and put into action and
- ✓ to make sure that all 'HUMAN' project's actions are tailored on children's needs.

Membership Expectations

Youth Panels for Diversity members are expected to:

- Participate in one introductory training at country level organized by the responsible partner organization with the aim to: familiarize with the HUMAN project (purpose, structure, activities, aims); with YPD's role; with the topics that project addresses.
- Participate in at least 6 consultation meetings in national level during 'HUMAN' project's implementation period. YPD members meet ideally every three months since the launching of project's activities or more depending on each local context needs (If you are unable to participate in a given month, you must let your organization know so that they can work with you to adjust it). Minutes, signed attendance sheets & photos will be kept per consultation meeting.
- Participate in at least 1 YPD Transnational Meeting abroad (Rome, Italy or Faro, Portugal).
- Actively check the 'HUMAN' project's activities connected to children's participation and support, in particular monitoring and evaluation of the activities.

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- Contribute for the conduction and validation of one report at country level which will present the collected lessons learnt and experiences of the Youth Panel for Diversity in your country.
- Respond to all 'HUMAN' project's event requests (texts) from the responsible partner organization.

Terms of Communication among Youth Panels for Diversity

Youth Panels for Diversity – YPDs members will communicate primarily through team group chats and e-mails. Members are added to these groups upon acceptance to the Youth Panel for Diversity in their country of residence. Quarterly updates will be delivered via e-mail and reminders with a list of upcoming activities during 'HUMAN' project's implementation period. For YPDs members under 18 years old, these will also be e-mailed to their parents/primary caregivers. YPDs members will also be contacted directly through text in order to notify them of new updates with events and initiatives.

Who can join the Youth Panels for Diversity?

'HUMAN' consortium will be inclusive of children and young people of mixed gender identity, ethnicity, background, and will aim to be accessible to all irrespective of their capabilities.

Children and young people interested in applying must:

- be between 14 and 21 years old at the time of the application;
- have a good knowledge of the English language;
- be available for travel;
- have experience of volunteering and of being promoters of social change through activism;
- be interested in participation of activities making a positive difference for children in the world tackling hate speech, racism, xenophobia and intolerance against minority groups. Children and young people who have experience of being at risk of these issues may also apply.

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How to apply?

Members of the Youth Panels for Diversity across all 'HUMAN' partner countries will be selected through an application process consisting of a short questionnaire.

Applications must be submitted online until 25th October 2024, 12.00pm.

To apply, please visit this <https://forms.gle/ETeSvM613ihqiurv7>

Questions & Contact

If you have any questions, please contact Andri Psilogeni at andri.psilogeni@csicy.com.