



Call for the Migrant Youth research and policy Network

Social inclusion of all young people, including those from a migrant background, is a key aim of the EU Youth Strategy (2019-2027). Youth work and non-formal learning initiatives have consistently sought to develop opportunities for young migrants and refugees in the EU to build empowered lives through processes of learning and dialogue at individual and collective levels, including the building of mutual understanding.

ECYC is announcing a **call for applications for the creation of a “Migrant Youth research and policy Network”** (abbreviated to MYN).

The MYN is an informal group of young people that will, over one-year, participate in discussions and activities related to future European integration strategies and policies that can better support the empowerment of young migrants, particularly those who live in vulnerable conditions. The MYN will also closely collaborate with the researchers of the MIMY project, a European research project (in 9 countries) that examines how young migrants, who originally are from non-EU countries and find themselves in difficult situations deal with the integration process in the EU countries where they live (mimy-project.eu).

One of the main goals of the MIMY project is to include the voices of migrant youth in creating knowledge for policymaking. The engagement and consultation with the MYN is an important step in this direction. The Network will also collaborate with a diversity of other partners who are already involved in youth and migration projects, such as universities, civil society organisations and youth work organisations, interested to ensure the meaningful involvement of young people in the future of European migration policies and programs. Importantly, the network recognises the key role that youth workers and young people with a migrant background in the implementation of the new EU youth strategy, in and beyond inclusion programs.

Throughout the one-year long program, the participants will be able to:

- share their experiences, stories and opinions on migration and integration with each other and external partners (e.g. researchers)
- attend certified non-formal education trainings and study seminars, including in relation to migration and integration
- advise and collaborate with the MIMY researchers and have meaningful role in the development of an European Project
- develop and participate in artistic expression projects
- join exchange visits and networking events
- attend visits to, and meetings with, European institutions involved in empowering young migrants in vulnerable conditions and supporting integration strategies within the EU



- take part in a project contest on the topic of youth and migration, with four youth projects getting funding and educational support
- receive diplomas certifying what you have done and showing what you have learnt.

This schedule of activities reflects our current aspirations, and will be finalised with young people, and in relation to sources of funding secured.

Profile of participants



Participation in all of these activities is not compulsory. We understand that everyone has different commitments of their own, and that participation will vary over the year, however we ask people to apply who feel they could participate in most of these activities.

The future Migration Youth Network members are young people aged 15 to 29 years, who are migrants or refugees, and youth directly working with migrants or refugees.

They will have a passion for improving the lives of young people, are motivated and have ideas about the integration processes of young migrants in vulnerable conditions, and how institutions and organisations can support them.

The working language for the MYN will be English. The candidates can apply individually or recommended by youth club, youth organisation, or other networks or civic movements.

Each organization, network or movement can recommend up to two candidates. Organizations do not necessarily have to be members of ECYC to put forward candidates.

In the case of candidates who are minors, please ensure that all appropriate measures are taken to secure necessary consent from parents/legal guardians prior to submitting the recommendation for a minor.



Application procedure and selection

To apply please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/3JuaSnrRQaWPw5LJA>

The Migration Youth Network is developed in collaboration with the H2020 MIMY project – “EMpowerment through liquid Integration of Migrant Youth in vulnerable conditions” (mimy-project.eu).

The MYN members will be selected by a panel which includes members of the steering group for youth involvement in the MIMY project, and youth policy experts from ECYC. The panel will ensure that the selected applicants represent a balanced group with regard to gender, cultural background and experience.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis throughout 2021.

Successful applicants will be informed of the results of the selection procedure via email within one month of their submission. Also, we will also publish the results on the MIMY Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MIMY>.

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