

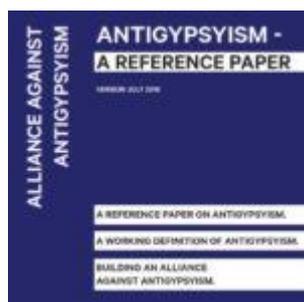
Study Session: Knowledge is Power - Strengthening the voices of young people against antigypsyism 7-13 October 2018 – Budapest, Hungary

Are you an anti-racist and human rights activist? Are you a youth worker or a youth leader combatting antigypsyism with young people? Then you should apply to take part in our study session 'Knowledge is Power: Strengthening the voices of young people against antigypsyism.

When? 7-13 October 2018 (including arrival and departure)
Where? European Youth Centre, Budapest
Who? 18-30 year olds from Council of Europe member states
Deadline **Sunday 26 August, 23:59 (CET)**

The study session is organised by Ternype International Roma Youth Network and ERGO Network in the framework of the Alliance against Antigypsyism together with the European Youth Centre Budapest of the Council of Europe.

The study session will advance a common understanding of the roots, mechanisms, manifestations and implications of antigypsyism among youth activists so that they can actively contribute to combating it.



The participants will contribute to producing a 'youth-friendly', easy-to-read version of the Reference Paper on Antigypsyism' that the [Alliance against Antigypsyism](#) has developed in 2016.

The study session will introduce participants to the concept of antigypsyism, discuss its manifestations and give the space to develop activities, case studies, counter-strategies and visuals that will foster the understanding of antigypsyism.

Objectives

- To advance a common understanding of the roots, mechanisms, manifestations and implications of antigypsyism
- To contribute to the development of a 'youth-friendly' version of the reference paper on antigypsyism for better use in youth work, human rights education and advocacy
- To share approaches of combatting antigypsyism and other forms of racism
- To experience, develop and test activities that introduce the concept of antigypsyism to empower young people to articulate and fight antigypsyism
- To further the work of the Alliance against Antigypsyism through education, advocacy, communication and networking activities

Profile of participants

We aim to invite a diverse group of Roma and non-Roma participants from a variety of organisations that are active in their respective (youth) organisations with experience and commitment to combat antigypsyism. We aim to have a wide international outreach and diversity, as well as multiple experiences of activists (grassroots, European, non-formal education, youth participation, advocacy, from general anti-racist and minority organizations). We aim to have a gender-balanced group.

Participants must:

- be able and committed to act as multipliers in youth work and activism on the theme of combating antigypsyism and other forms of racism.
- Have some experience in nonformal education and knowledge on antigypsyism or other forms of racism.
- be motivated to develop their competences in human rights education and to share their experiences with other participants.
- be motivated to contribute to developing the youth-friendly version of the Reference Paper on Antigypsyism and corresponding tools during the study session.
- Come with an open-minded and sensitive attitude towards discussing antigypsyism and share related experiences.
- be aged 18 – 30.
- be committed to attend for the full duration of the course.
- be able to work in English.
- be resident in a member state of the European Cultural Convention of the Council of Europe.

The organisers welcome applications from all candidates who fulfil the specific profile of activities, irrespective of gender, disability, marital or parental status, racial ethnic or social origin, religion belief or sexual orientation.

Costs

The following costs will be reimbursed by the Council of Europe Youth Department:

- Travel from and to your place of residence
- Accommodation and meals
- Visa costs

There is a participation fee of 50 € per person, which will be deducted from the participant's travel reimbursement.

If you are interested to participate, please apply through our [online form](#) by 26 August 2018.

Questions? Contact Christine Sudbrock from ERGO Network: c.sudbrock@ergonetwork.org or +32 2 893 10 49

ABOUT ERGO NETWORK

ERGO (European Roma Grassroots Organizations) Network wants to achieve equal opportunities for Roma in their societies and encourages them to take an active role in accomplishing respect for their rights as equal citizens. ERGO Network connects organisations that share the conviction that Roma can and should participate as active citizens in their own societies. To overcome the discrimination and stigmatization that are root obstacles to their equal participation in society, ERGO Network supports civic empowerment, mobilization of Roma at grassroots level and leadership at all levels of society. www.ergonetwork.org

ABOUT TERNYPE

ternype - International Roma Youth Network was founded in January 2010 and unites Roma youth organizations from around Europe. The mission of the network is to create space for young people to become active citizens through empowerment, mobilization, self-organization and participation. We believe in the common efforts by creating trust, and mutual respect between Roma and non-Roma youth.

[Http://www.ternype.eu](http://www.ternype.eu) www.2august.eu

ABOUT THE ALLIANCE AGAINST ANTIGYPSYISM

The 'Alliance against Antigypsyism' is a coalition of organisations that promote equality of rights for Roma and a racism-free society. The aim of the Alliance is to advance a better understanding of antigypsyism as a specific form of racism, and to strengthen the political will, institutional mechanisms and civil society in order to address, monitor, combat and sanction antigypsyism in Europe. The Alliance against Antigypsyism has published the 'Reference Paper on Antigypsyism', which proposes a working definition of the phenomenon.

www.antigypsyism.eu

ABOUT THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

The Youth Department is part of the Directorate of Democratic Participation within the Directorate General of Democracy of the Council of Europe. The Department elaborates guidelines, programmes and legal instruments for the development of coherent and effective youth policies at local, national and European levels.

It provides funding and educational support for international youth activities aiming to promote youth citizenship, youth mobility and the values of human rights, democracy and cultural pluralism. It seeks to bring together and disseminate expertise and knowledge about the life situations, aspirations and ways of expression of young Europeans.

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/youth>