

# Local activism for international dialogue and global impact

The Solidarity Action Day as means for youth to stand up for international solidarity

European Youth Center  
Strasbourg

5 -11 March 2023

Application deadline:  
11 December



## CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

### Get informed - Take a Stand - Act

SAME connects young people all over Europe through the Solidarity Action Day. Our social activism always goes hand in hand with intercultural exchange. Our common goal is living in a peaceful and inclusive society.

Whether you are part of a SAME member organisation or not – would your social activism benefit from new perspectives on intercultural dialogue and peacebuilding?

Then join our study session **Local activism for international dialogue and global impact**! During the five-day study session in the Council of Europe's European Youth Centre in Strasbourg, you will be one of 30 young people with different cultural backgrounds from all over Europe who will explore the potential of the Solidarity Action Day as a foundation for sustainable peace. By learning with and from each other about respect and cultural diversity, you will gain a new perspective on Europe and the impact we can have together.



SAME stands for 'Solidarity Action Day Movement in Europe'. This movement includes several European organizations that carry out an annual Solidarity Action Day. During this day, pupils get the chance to exercise a job of their choice instead of going to school. Their salaries are used to support youth-related projects in the whole world.



The Council of Europe is an international organization whose stated aim is to uphold human rights, democracy and the rule of law in Europe. Founded in 1949, it has 47 member states, with a population of approximately 820 million. It advocates freedom of expression and of the media, freedom of assembly and equality.

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## ABOUT THE STUDY SESSION



The study session will be implemented together by SAME and the Council of Europe. SAME has the vision that “young people act in solidarity with their peers and stand up for democracy, equity, human rights and intercultural understanding”. Further, the organisational team wants to highlight the accessibility of this Study Session for everyone, the intended inclusive character of the event and the barrier-free location.

Promoting human rights is an inherent part not only of the concept of the Solidarity Action Day (SAD), but also of the Council of Europe, Europe’s leading human rights organisation.



Our major aim of this study session is to promote the dialogue between young people across the whole European continent, strengthen their understanding of solidarity and raise their awareness for cultural sensitivity by working on the concept of the Solidarity Action Day. We seek to provide an in depth understanding of the potential impact of the SAD on peacebuilding and conflict transformation through intercultural dialogue and international networking, grounding on the basis of youth education and involvement.

From SAME's perspective, the study session contributes to our goal of further spreading the concept of the SAD to young people from all over Europe. For our member organisations, it will strengthen the aspect of intercultural dialogue within their Solidarity Action Day.



For you, the event offers a unique opportunity to learn about the concept of intercultural dialogue, cultural diversity and peacebuilding initiatives in combination with the framework of the SAD. With this in mind, you will get all the tools for organising or strengthening the Solidarity Action Day in your local community. At the same time, you will get an insight into the work of the Council of Europe.

### Programme overview

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| 05/03 | Arrival day   |
| 06/03 | Introduction and Teambuilding; SAME, Council of Europe        |
| 07/03 | Change of perspective: Theatre workshop on cultural diversity |
| 08/03 | Skill training workshops                                      |
| 09/03 | Peacebuilding through the Solidarity Action Day               |
| 10/03 | Planning/improving your (first) Solidarity Action Day         |
| 11/03 | Departure day   |

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| Date            | March 05-11 2023  |
| Place           | European Youth Center Strasbourg, France                          |
| Costs           | Travel costs, accommodation, visa and catering covered by the CoE |
| Participant fee | 50EUR   |
| Language        | English   |
| Participants    | 30  |
| Age             | 16-25 (exceptions possible)                                       |

### Concerning COVID-19

The study session is prepared with the assumption that sanitary conditions will allow for a residential event at the European Youth Centre. All applicants will be kept informed if changes occur, and the organizers will adapt the study session methodology and scope where appropriate and as a result of potential restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.