

NECE Conference 2018

Brave New Worlds?! The Future of Democracy and Citizenship Education

6-9 September 2018

Marseille, France

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Conference venue: Friche la Belle de Mai, Marseille, France

Call for Projects

NECE 2018 is offering an opportunity to present projects of citizenship educators and civil society initiatives at the public NECE Conference in Marseille, France.

NECE is open for citizenship educators, activists and students from Europe and North Africa as well as for the public of Marseille, French educators and civil society organisations.

More about NECE and the conference here:

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PURPOSE OF THE CALL

The **CALL** looks for projects dealing with the topics of the conference or the profession of citizenship education in general. **Projects and citizenship education initiatives from both sides of the Mediterranean are particularly welcome.**

Projects should show how citizenship education can be implemented and used in formal and nonformal environments alike (schools as well as urban spaces, artistic and cultural institutions). The conference aims to act as a transnational exchange forum for experts, academics as well as practitioners dealing with daily challenges of our profession.

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THREE KEY SUBJECTS

- **“Illiberal democracy”:** Challenges posed by the discourses and practices in a growing number of countries that are increasingly restricting and endangering the space for civil society and citizenship education. The conference will provide a platform where very different national contexts and counter-strategies may be discussed and transnational spheres of action created.
- **Digitisation:** The challenges posed by the digitisation of our everyday life, allowing large technological groups’ manipulation power to increase globally. How do side effects of “Big Tech” affect democracy and how can politics and civil society react to this?
- **Emotion and Politics:** The challenges posed by new, immersive “political” worlds that enable people to withdraw into emotional shelters and echo-chambers in order to protect themselves from complexity as well as imagined and real threats. Do we need a new emotional deal? How can we better understand the emotional mechanisms and strategies of anti-democratic agitation and how can we address these in citizenship education?

What are the relevant topics? What can be submitted? (Criteria for eligibility)

- The project proposals should be not older than 3 years.
- They should focus on sub-aspects clearly linked to one of the three key subjects of the conference (“illiberal democracy”, “digitalisation”, “emotions and politics”).
- The project ideas submitted can relate to formal and non-formal citizenship education as well as to cultural education. In terms of practice examples we are in particular looking for projects that link formal and non-formal citizenship education.
- They should either describe practical and didactical approaches in formal or non-formal citizenship education. Or present research findings or current research projects examining the question how and to what extent stereotypes are being reaffirmed or presupposed in citizenship education projects or materials (e.g. analyses of the representation of certain groups in textbooks, studies of linguistic or other imagery, studies of mental attitudes and/or presuppositions of teachers).

Please note:

- **Travel costs:** The organisers will assume the travel and accommodation costs for the invited experts (max. 2 persons) only if your project was selected for the **IDEA CAMPUS**.
- **Participation in the whole conference (6-9 September) is mandatory** for presenting your project or idea in the idea campus.
- **Applications from Marseille and the region are most welcome!**

Modes of presentation

Projects may be presented at the conference during the **IDEA CAMPUS*** in different timeslots (1-2.5 hours):

1. **Friday, 7th Sept 2018, 2-4 pm**
2. **Friday, 7th Sept 2018, 4.30-7 pm**
3. **Saturday, 8th Sept 2018, 10 am-1 pm**

***What is the IDEA CAMPUS?**

The “IDEA CAMPUS” will use the creative and interactive spaces of our FRICHE LA BELLE DE MAI (<http://www.lafriche.org/fr/>) to present projects and ideas in varying formats and methods (workshops, trainings, lectures, etc.).

Deadlines and contact

Please submit your proposal or project idea as soon as possible **by using the online-fact-sheet** (<https://lcm.lab-concepts.de/registration/nece2018-call-for-projects/en>). The **deadline for the submission** is **15 June 2018**. The selection of projects will be concluded **by 15 July 2018**.

All inquiries and further questions can be directed to:

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