

THE YOUTH BOOT CAMP FOR INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE CITIES

3 to 9 SEPTEMBER 2023, Pollica, Italy

More and more today we are witnessing a world facing growing social crises characterized by a growth of racism and discrimination. Climate crisis, wars, hunger and poverty are forcing more and more millions of people to move from their places of birth to seek dignified living conditions. People move across countries and continents creating ever-increasing flows. The final destinations of these displacements have always been cities and local communities, which today are experiencing unprecedented challenges of inclusion. Articles 13 and 14 of the universal declaration of human rights establish a right to mobility which can be supported by the ability of cities to network among them and with international institutions, exchanging good practices and creating moments of common reflection, decisions and actions.



In collaboration with partners, UNESCO's International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities - ICCAR is organizing the second edition of Youth Boot Camp for Inclusive and Sustainable Cities which aims to empower young people to become antiracism and antidiscrimination champions in their life and communities. During an intensive five-day Boot Camp, young participants (20-30 y.o.) across the globe will be exchanging with invited experts and policy makers, acting as their mentors, in an action-oriented dialogue based on concepts, history and sociocultural perspectives that will deconstruct racism and help understand discrimination in its various forms.

Inspired by UNESCO's Master Class Series against Racism and Discriminations, positively evaluating the first pilot experience of 2022, ICCAR and its member cities are committed to creating a global network of young people encouraging the participants, with the help of their mentors, to make commitments to undertake their own local initiatives to combat racism and discriminations relating it to the other initiatives already implemented by the cities and UNESCO.

ICCAR

The International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities - ICCAR, formerly the International Coalition of Cities against Racism, was launched in 2004 by UNESCO to assist local authorities in combating racism and discrimination in their capacity as policy maker and service provider in areas as diverse as education, employment, housing provision and cultural activities. It is composed of seven national and regional coalitions that gather together more than 500 member cities. For almost 16 years, policies and measures have been established by the member cities to address contemporary societal challenges. The Boot Camp will therefore serve as an additional space for the cities to share their experiences and encourage young participants to put forward new ideas for action.

The Boot Camp will revolve around six main themes

1. A historical approach on racism and discrimination
2. Socio-political dynamics on racism and discrimination
3. Intercultural dialogue for the promotion of sustainable development and fight against racism and discrimination
4. Racism and Discrimination through the lens of the climate crisis
5. Tackling different forms of racism and discrimination
6. Boosting Youth action for social inclusion at city

level

THE BOOT CAMP'S INDICATIVE PROGRAMME

1st day	2nd day	3rd day	4th day	5th day
Introduction to the Boot Camp and Presentation of the participants	Introduction of the topic of the day	Introduction of the topic of the day	Introduction of the topic of the day	Introduction of the topic of the day
A historical approach on racism and discrimination	Socio-political dynamics on racism and discrimination	Harnessing food diplomacy for the promotion of sustainable development	Tackling different forms of racism	Plan of Action: Monitoring Commitments
Q&As: a moment for dialogue and debate	Q&As: a moment for dialogue and debate	Q&As: a moment for dialogue and debate	Q&As: a moment for dialogue and debate	Q&As: a moment for dialogue and debate
Presentation of regional perspectives on racism and discrimination from ICCAR Coalitions	Workshop Developing Intercultural Competencies through Story Circles	Workshop Dialogue between Youth and City Representatives	Workshop Building a Plan of Action: Where do we go from here?	Visit Paestum
Outcomes of the day	Outcomes of the day	Outcomes of the day	Outcomes of the day	Conclusion of the Boot camp: commitments and takeaways

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Pollica, capital of the Cilento region in South Italy, is one of the seven epicenters of Mediterranean lifestyle declared by UNESCO and the crossover point of history, culture and anthropology of this ancient heritage. Pollica will become for the Boot camp the Agorà, just like in Antic Greece and Ancient Rome, the place of debate, reflection and intercultural exchange. It is in this context that the young participants will have the responsibility to take time to imagine the future of our communities.

THE BOOT CAMP PACKAGE: FIVE DAYS OF IN-DEPTH EXCHANGES

Participating cities will select two young participants, approximately from 20 to 30 years old, dynamic individuals committed to bringing about positive change in their communities, to participate in the Boot Camp. They will discuss and reflect on the challenges they face everyday, share impactful experiences and engage in an intercultural and intergenerational exchange. The cities will cover the tuition costs, accommodation, meals and insurance amounting to 600 euros per person. Travel costs are not included in this amount. The city provides for the participant's travel and accommodation expenses at the Bootcamp. At the same time, an elected administrator (or a city's focal person on social inclusion) is activated to participate in the third day of the bootcamp entirely dedicated to cities and their practices in the fight against racism and discrimination.

Each day will start with thematic lectures from invited experts and policymakers that will be followed by a series of dialogues with the young participants. Interactive discussions, workshops and practical exercises will be conducted with the objective of deepening the insights and perspectives gained from the thematic lectures. The day will end with discussions on the outcomes, including conclusions and recommendations, that will allow the participants to start developing their ideas for commitments. The participants will be guided by their mentors in formulating their own commitments and potential projects.

THE BOOT CAMP OFFERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

Change mindsets and behaviors

Commit to play a part in the battle against racism and discriminations
Stand against every form of intolerance in societies

Fight ordinary discriminations

Create an intercultural and intergenerational dialogue in cities
Build safe spaces to exchange in groups on citizenship
Raise awareness about situations and challenges that people face in societies

Use social networks to change mentalities

Raise awareness on platforms by spreading messages of inclusion and tolerance
Check every source of information before sharing on networks
Share impactful testimonies and experiences of people

Become a youth leader

Pursue the commitments taken at the end of the Boot Camp
Convert gained knowledge into a meaningful project
Gather and engage young people into creating their own actions
Use every medium to create inventive ways to spread the message

INVITATION TO PARTNERSHIPS

Cities and partners are invited to join in this meaningful and empowering experience that will inspire youh participants to become changemakers and contribute to an antiracist culture that the world currently needs. Sponsorships are welcome, from institutions and individual donors, who are willing to give their share in planting the seeds to building a future of inclusive and sustainable cities.

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