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Open Call for Youth Advocacy Team Members

Project: Citizen Z - Enhancing Civic Engagement and Democratic Participation

Application Deadline: 4 September 2023

Are you a young person aged 18-25 who wants to make a difference in society? Do you want to be part of shaping the future of democracy, education, climate action, employment, and other important issues in Europe? If so, we invite you to join the **Youth Advocacy Team** of the Citizen Z project.

Contemporary political attitudes often show disengagement and indifference, particularly among young people. The Citizen Z project aims to address this issue by empowering EU citizens, especially the youth, to actively participate in democratic processes and fostering inclusion within the European Union. By joining the **Youth Advocacy Team**, you will have the opportunity to contribute to strengthening democratic participation, creating informed choices among citizens and address recommendations to the European Parliament.

Objectives of the Citizen Z Project:

- Strengthen democratic participation among youth
- Give young citizens the means to take initiatives and play an active part in civic and democratic life (e.g. Citizens' Assemblies)
- Bring young citizens closer to the EU
- Counter misinformation and contribute to informed choices and decisions among citizens

Opportunities:

As a **Youth Advocacy Team** member, your role will be to consult, advocate, and promote the youth vision within the Citizen Z project and beyond. We want to know your point of view and we believe that young people should be empowered to take ownership of the initiative and be their own spokespeople. By joining the **Youth Advocacy Team** you will be offered the opportunity to participate in youth exchanges (local or/and abroad), summer school programs and certified training. You will have the opportunity to attend external events at the EU institutions using our network, to participate in panels with policy-makers and other stakeholders and to meet the experts of your priority topics. You will also have the chance to participate in cultural and team building activities, to publish on the subject of your interest and to shape and organize events on the topics of your interest. **Don't let others speak on your behalf—take action and advocate for young people. Make your voice heard!**

Responsibilities:

- Participate in bi-monthly meetings
- Contribute to the activities of the Citizen Z project
- Engage in deliberations on various topics of public interest
- Promote the interests, vision, and priorities of young people
- Advocate for specific issues and raise awareness
- Collaborate with a diverse team of engaged young individuals
- Collaborate with external organizations and attend events at places such as the European Parliament, European Committee of the Regions, Emergency Response Coordination Centre, etc.
- Network with other young advocates and decision-makers

Requirements:

- Aged between 18-25 years
- Fluent in English (French or Dutch is a plus)
- Strong interest in democratic participation, political processes, and societal issues
- Ability to work effectively in a team and contribute to constructive discussions
- Willingness to engage in regular meetings and project-related activities

How to apply?

To apply for the Youth Advocacy Team, we invite you to send us:

- Your Curriculum Vitae (CV): Provide a detailed summary of your background, education, work experience, and any relevant achievements.
- Motivation: Share your motivation for joining the Youth Advocacy Team. You can choose to express it in the form of a letter or a video, showcasing your enthusiasm and explaining how you would like to contribute to the Citizen Z project.

or

Tell us what are your areas of Interest.

or

Answer this question: What are the most important issues to be addressed in nowadays society? How does it relate to you? (max ½ page).

Please send the following to info@fedactio.be and info@dialogueplatform.eu **by 4 September 2023 at the latest**. If you have any further questions, feel free to reach out to us at the provided email addresses. Good luck with your application!



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