



Meta-University 2020

Online international youth event
for networking, capacity building and peer learning
among stakeholders of the youth sectors

4 -5 November 2020

Call for participants

Organised by:



Partner organisations:



Activity in the framework of the project: VC 2606
"Global Youth - Interregional Cooperation for Youth
Participation and Global Citizenship".



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The Meta-University 2020 is an online event for networking, capacity building and peer learning among youth workers and organisations active in the youth field.

Considering the current pandemic crisis, which is challenging traditional spaces for dialogue and accelerating the process of shrinking space for civil society, the Meta-University is conceived as:

- ✓ a platform to ensure interaction and mutual understanding addressing the current needs and challenges of the youth sector;
- ✓ a space to build capacities according to current needs, share knowledge and gathering insights from peers;
- ✓ an opportunity to share good practices, mainstream new projects and find new partners.

A multilevel event allowing different opportunities of participation

During the two-day programme, as participant you will have the possibility to:

- expand knowledge and build new skills by taking part in one or more of the 5 webinars promoted by partner organisations (IFM, UNDP/ONJ Tunisia; CNJC; Digital Grassroots, CNG)
- contribute to the developments of the global youth agenda by following the plenary sessions focused on current key issues of the youth sector;
- connect with peers while enjoying informal gatherings such as online coffee-breaks, dynamic group chats, musical sessions and other facilitated group interactions;
- mingle in the “virtual youth fair” to know more about the work of other organisations, to set up your own virtual stand, exchange business cards and chat in private with the promoter of each stand to build synergies.
- take the lead of the event by setting up your own session to follow-up ideas and proposals, go more in-depth on a conversation started in previous sessions, to address a relevant issue that was not covered by the event etc...

The different levels of engagement and the variety of partners involved (grassroots initiatives, institutional organisations, national bodies and international networks) covering different geographical scopes are the added value of this event.

4th Nov		5th Nov		6th Nov
9.00 - 10.30 UNDP Tunisia & ONJ <i>SDGs camps sensemaking workshop</i>		9.00 - 10.30 UNDP Tunisia & ONJ <i>SDGs camps sensemaking workshop</i>	10.00 - 11.15 CNJC <i>#Unfollow gender violence in the Mediterranean</i>	Peer-to-peer space Sessions promoted and led by participants to follow-up the event's insights and proposals
10.30 - 11.30 Connection café <i>An interactive plastic-free coffee-break</i>		11.30 - 12.30 Connection café <i>An interactive plastic-free coffee-break</i>		
11.30 - 12.30 The youth sector, the Covid-19 pandemic and the shrinking of civil space		12.30 - 13.30 Africa-Europe youth cooperation: A multilevel coordination for a sustainable governance.		
14.00 - 16.00 IFM-SEI <i>COVID-19 and Violent Extremism</i>	14.00 - 15.30 CNG <i>Mediterranean resilient cities: youth-friendly approach</i>	14.00 - 16.00 IFM-SEI <i>COVID-19 and Violent Extremism</i>	14.00 - 15.30 CNG <i>Mediterranean resilient cities: youth-friendly approach</i>	
16.00 - 18.00 Digital youth work: exploring possibilities, pursuing engagement, ensuring quality		16.00 - 18.00 Digital Grassroots <i>Resetting Digital Rights Amidst the Covid-19 Fallout</i>		
18.00 - 19.00 Virtual Youth fair Expo area to share best practices, projects and opportunities <i>(open until the end of the event)</i>		18.00 - 19.00 Music and youth workers: heal the world by connecting young people across regions <i>A musical session by Ubanda</i>		
Webinars by partner' organisations - limited number of participants		Plenary sessions - open to everyone		Participants-led spaces - open to everyone

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1. Webinars promoted by partners

[Catalan Nacional Youth Council \(CNJC\)](#)

[#Unfollow gender violence in the Mediterranean](#)

Gender violence and forms of violence enabled by online tools in the Mediterranean region.

(Open to 20 participants selected directly by CNJC)

[DIGITAL GRASSROOTS](#)

[Resetting Digital Rights Amidst the Covid-19 Fallout](#)

Young people's rights, governments' responsibilities and restrictive measures infringing rights and freedoms in this time of crisis.

(Open to 20 participants selected directly by DG but welcoming also interested participants already enrolled in other webinars)

[Italian National Youth Council \(CNG\)](#)

[Mediterranean resilient cities: youth-friendly approach](#)

The role of youth in addressing pressing urban issues: youth action and youth culture for sustainable urbanization in the Mediterranean region.

(Open to 20 participants selected directly by CNG but welcoming also interested participants already enrolled in other webinars)

[United Nations Development Programme Tunisia](#)

[\(UNDP\) and Observatoire National de la Jeunesse \(ONJ\)](#)

[Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\) camps sensemaking workshop](#)

The impact of the pandemic on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the eyes of young Tunisians.

(Open to 20 participants selected directly by UNDP/ONJ Tunisia)

[International Falcon Movement – Socialist](#)

[Education International \(IFM-SEI\)](#)

[COVID-19 and Violent Extremism – Youth as stakeholders for conflict transformation and shaping peaceful societies](#)

A trans-Atlantic perspective about youth counteracting violent extremism and the harmful escalation caused by the COVID-19 virus.

(Open to 30 participants selected directly by IFM-SEI)

2. Plenary sessions

[Connection café](#)

Informal gatherings led by facilitators to connect and cooperate with like-minded people.

[The youth sector, the Covid-19 pandemic and the shrinking of civil space](#)

An interregional perspective on the current challenges faced by young people and civil society organisations from the member organisations of the "[Network on Youth and Global Citizenship](#)" and the [Conference of INGOs](#).

Moderator panel discussion + Q&A from the audience

[Digital youth work: exploring possibilities, pursuing engagement, ensuring quality](#)

A workshop in three modules to better face the digital shift of the youth initiatives

1) Quality standards for online education and training (CoE-Youth department, tbc)

2) From participation to involvement: "the Art of Hosting" ([NIYOA](#) - Network of International Youth Organisations in Africa)

3) Tools, methods and tips for effective online youth events ([Dypall](#))

[Africa-Europe youth cooperation: a multilevel coordination for a sustainable governance](#)

The postponement of the Africa-Europe youth summit to 2021 (as a side event of the Africa-Europe Heads of State and Government Summit) highlighted even more the need to have stable and frequent channels of cooperation across regions involving intergovernmental institutions, international youth-led umbrella and grassroots initiatives on a long-term process.

Moderator panel discussion (+ Q&A from the audience) with representatives from the [European Youth Forum](#), Office of the [Africa Union Youth Envoy](#) and [ADYFE](#)

Music and youth workers: heal the world by connecting young people across regions

A musical session by “Ubanda” a team of musicians which connects the pedagogical, social and artistic dimensions to youth work.

3. Participant-led spaces

Virtual Youth Fair An Expo area, where everyone can open a virtual stand (uploading videos and documents etc..) to share ideas, projects and opportunities and ask questions through a private chat.

Peer-to-peer space For an entire day, participants can take the lead of the event and open new sessions to follow-up insights and proposals gathered during the event or to deepen the conversations on issues they feel relevant to cover

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS FOR WEBINARS PROMOTED BY PARTNERS

CATALAN NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL (CNJC)

#Unfollow gender violences on the Mediterranean

5th November 2020, 10:00 – 11:15 (Lisbon time)

Social networks and digital platforms have become an indispensable tool in our lives, however, gender violences have also trespassed the screen and are now a virtual reality. This is however a normalised and invisible reality and there is a need to raise awareness and put greater attention to this problem.

Youngsters, as main users of these spaces, are the ones most exposed to these type of violences. However, they are also the ones best positioned to recognize it when it happens, name it, and address it. This is why in the framework of the Meta-University Event, is the perfect place for youth of the Mediterranean to gather and discuss this important topic in the workshop **#Unfollow gender violences** that the **Catalan National Youth Council (CNJC)** has prepared.

The workshop has the overall objective of **putting the reality of gender based violence (GBV) online on the Mediterranean agenda**, acknowledging the different forms that it takes across the region, and exchanging experiences and tools to address it together. We expect our webinar to contribute to a greater visibility on this reality and set the space for exchanges and possible cooperation to continue to working on this topic together.

Main topics

- The catalan context of GBV on digital spaces and the #Unfollow Guide
- A look at the Mediterranean region's figures with attention to the MENA region. How is online GBV different across the region?
- Evaluating covid's impact on GBV online figures
- How is law protecting from these violences across the region?

- Initiatives, projects and campaigns, what is being done?

We will count with the expertise of Professor and postdoctoral researcher **Nour Salameh** (URV, MEAC-UAB), who will help us map the GBV reality across the Mediterranean and put some light on this issue.

Exchange and debate space

The webinar foresees a space of debate and exchange among all the participants. Though as we will see there are specificities to each country, there might be tools that we are already using and initiatives that we are conducting that can be useful for other participants with slight adaptations to their context countries.

Thus, we encourage participants to bring their ideas and best practices and be ready to share! The reality of GBV is an issue that will persist in the long term, so we need cooperation to tackle it together.



Participants' selection process

In order to **register** to this workshop and start #unfollowing gender violence online, please fill in the following [form](#):

<https://docs.google.com/forms/u/1/d/1TBz-LVL3W7dbcKpR1CbzAASdxW0h-crs5mWfx7TkXMA/edit>

Selected participants are also entitled to take part in other Meta-University's activities:

Plenary sessions, Participant-led spaces and to some of the other webinars promoted by partner organisations (see section 1. of this document to verify which webinars welcome participants from other Partner's activities).

For more information, please write to internacional@cnjc.cat

REGISTRATION FOR PLENARY SESSIONS ONLY

If you are interested in taking part only in the plenary sessions and in the participant-led spaces, please fill in this form: <https://forms.gle/PT3f6f2NLY1H9iXZA>

Although it is not compulsory to attend all sessions, please note that it is recommended that you take part in all plenary moments, **starting from the first "Connection café" on the 4 November at 10:30 a.m. (Lisbon time), when all the instructions will be given and all participants presented.**

After the submission of the form you will receive all the details to access the event.

Enquires and further information:

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