

The European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD) University for Peace established by the United Nations, an international educational and research institution is organizing, in cooperation with VAMK University (Finland), Long Island University-LIU (USA), University of Kragujevac, International Center for Local and Regional Development -ICLRD and the Danubian Center for Cross-Border Cooperation-DCCB (Serbia)

5thGLOBAL ECPD YOUTH FORUM YOUTH PEACEBUILDERS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

-SHAPING SHARED VALUES FOR A BETTER WORLD-

Belgrade, 28-29 October 2017

The European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD) University for Peace established in 1983 is a unique international educational and research institution in this part of Europe that has been actively involved in the issues of human security, reconciliation and tolerance as preconditions for stable peace and sustainable development in the Balkans, as well as in the international cooperation in the transfer of knowledge. With this goal in mind, ECPD launched its Global Youth Forum for Peace in 2013. In 2014, ECPD, VAMK University and Long Island University-LIU established an official global partnership to strengthen and expand the mission of promoting global peace set forth by the United Nations. Students and young professionals representing numerous countries from all over the world will gather this year in Belgrade to share with, learn from, teach, and inspire each other on their paths to global peace. This forum promises to be interactive, uplifting, challenging and fun.

The Forum will take place under the general theme **“YOUTH AS PEACEBUILDERS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE”**, focusing on how young men and women can contribute to building a culture of peace and sustainability from local to global level and engaging a greater responsibility worldwide. The Forum will also address aspects of education, cultural diversity, active citizenship and skills for sustainable development as the main sub-themes.

Every year the Youth Forum welcomes young people from around the world who are working at the heart of social innovation and bringing change in their communities to share the experience, views and exchange ideas.

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS:

- ✓ Preferable age between 18 and 35
- ✓ The applicants should have the ability to speak and understand English
- ✓ Students, postgraduate students and young professionals specialised in one of the following fields: peace and conflict resolution, law, public health, sociology, philosophy, political science and diplomacy, culture and media, economics and tourism, theology, anthropology, cross-border cooperation as well as young activists from non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

5th Global ECPD Youth Forum “YOUTH AS PEACEBUILDERS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE” will focus on the following **main topics for discussions**:

- **PEACE AND EDUCATION AS INSEPARABLE ASPECTS OF CIVILIZATION**
- **UNITY IN DIVERSITY: BUILDING BRIDGES FOR INCLUSION**
- **YOUNG GLOBAL CITIZENS IN THE QUEST FOR SUSTAINABLE FUTURE**

**For more information about the suggested topics, please visit our website: www.ecpd.org.rs*

WORKSHOPS

Workshop themes will include:

- ✓ **Conflict prevention and interfaith dialogue;**
- ✓ **Building peace online: how the internet and social media can be utilized for advocacy and peace;**
- ✓ **Essential skills for today's Sustainable Development challenges.**

APPLICATION FORM

To apply for participation in the 5th Global ECPD Youth Forum, please fill in the registration form, attach a short CV and send it back by **September 15, 2017** to the following e-mail address: info@ecpdorg.net or office@ecpd.org.rs.

CERTIFICATE

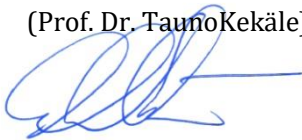
Based on the participation and acquired knowledge and skills at the Youth Forum, the participants will receive an international Certificate issued by the European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD) University for Peace established by the United Nations.

Please note: Admission is free for the participants who timely fill in the registration form and confirm their attendance. Participants shall cover all travel and accommodation expenses.

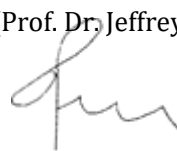
We warmly welcome the youth from all over the world to participate in this Forum.

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