

INFORMATION LETTER

European Democratic Action Week

7th to 12th October

Dear participants,

Dear students, dear teachers,

We are looking forward to welcome you at our European youth encounter European Democratic Action Week (EDAW) from 7th to 12st October 2024. This year we invite students aged 14 to 18 years old from Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, Italy, Romania and Ukraine. The participants must have a good command of the English language, as the youth encounter will be held in English.

Accommodation

The accommodation is the youth education centre Störitzland nearby Berlin (<https://www.stoeritzland.de>) in Brandenburg, workshops and activities mainly take place in there and in the Berlin district Treptow-Köpenick. The transport between Störitzland and Berlin will be organized and accompanied.

If you are travelling by train, please get off at **Fangschleuse station until 4 p.m.** We will pick you up from there. If you are travelling by plane, we will discuss the pick-up from BER airport individually.

All participants will be accommodated in shared rooms with WC and showers. Young people from different countries are accommodated in one room. **Towels and bed linen are NOT provided there.**

Topic

Overcoming boundaries - 'My boundaries are not your boundaries, your borders are not my borders. Then what connects us?'

Under the topic of 'Overcoming boundaries', we recognise that the challenges are not only personal in nature, but also have social and global dimensions. Among the current challenges, it is important to look beyond our own horizons and show empathy for others. We must recognise that we are all part of a European community and that tackling many problems requires cooperation and solidarity on a global level. It is therefore important to support young people in forming a European identity, in addition to strengthening them on a personal level. They should learn that they are connected as a diverse community in global events. Together they are exposed to problems, but together they are also stronger.

Preparation

Each delegation member is asked to think about the questions:

1. What does freedom mean to you personally?
2. How do you approach people who have a completely different perspective to you?
3. Where and how do people from different groups come together in your society?

Please create **a video as a group** in which you provide answers to the questions. The video should **not be longer than 1 minute in total**. Please send the video one week before the event.

For the international dinner we ask you to bring **typical snacks from your country and - one week before the event - a traditional recipe**. You should also prepare a **presentation** (no longer than 5 minutes) **of your region or country**.

Permissions

Everyone being under 18 years needs a permission signed by his parents or legal guardian. It allows you to swim and it allows us to take photos for the documentation of the project. These papers are attached to this information letter. Please send them signed until 27th of September.

Checklist

What you need to bring with you:

- ✓ towels and bed linen
- ✓ drinking bottle
- ✓ warm clothes / rain coat
- ✓ swim wear (optional)
- ✓ permissions
- ✓ your ID card or travel pass
- ✓ health insurance card
- ✓ typical food from your region
- ✓ presentation of your country/region
- ✓ open minds and a good mood 😊

What we need to know about you:

- name, date of birth and gender
- Are you vegetarian/vegan or do you have an allergy?
- day, time and place of arrival and departure (with bus/train station, so somebody can pick you up)

Please send all this until **14th of September 2024** to: sonja.eichmann@ba-tk.berlin.de

Contact

If there are any questions please feel free to ask!

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Draft schedule

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	
9:00		Team power		Workshop II	Workshop V	Breakfast
10:00			Preparation Mayor's Talk			Final talk
11:00						Departure
12:00		Lunch	Lunch (outside)	Lunch	Lunch	Departure
13:00	Arrival	Workshop I	Mayor's Talk	Workshop III	Transfer	
14:00	Arrival					
15:00	Arrival					
16:00	Arrival		Transfer Bus		Final presentation by coffee und tea	
17:00			Sightseeing in the inner city	International dinner		
18:00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		Dinner	
19:00	Welcome places	Language-Animation	Sightseeing: Berlin festival of lights	Country - presentations	Closing Party with	
20:00		Team by night			Sven's Fire Surprise	
21:00			Transfer Bus			