

Partner Infopack
Erasmus+ Youth Exchange

The Stories We Didn't Learn

Colonialism, Memory and the Present

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Berlin, Germany

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Welcome

Dear partners,

we are happy to invite you to take part in our Erasmus+ Youth Exchange:

“The Stories We Didn’t Learn – Colonialism, Memory and the Present”

Taking place from 15–21 August 2026 in Berlin, Germany, this international Youth Exchange brings together young people from different European countries to explore how colonial histories continue to shape our societies today.

Through workshops, discussions, creative methods, city explorations and intercultural exchange, participants will reflect on questions of history, memory, power and global inequalities.

We are looking for partner organisations who share our commitment to youth participation, intercultural learning and creating spaces where young people can critically engage with social and historical topics.

About the Project

The Stories We Didn't Learn – Colonialism, Memory and the Present

What does colonialism have to do with our lives today?

More than we often think.

Many images, ideas and global inequalities we encounter today have a long history. However, many of these stories are still missing from school education, public discussions and everyday awareness.

During this Youth Exchange, young people from different European countries will come together in Berlin to explore:

- Which stories are remembered and which stories remain invisible?
- How does colonial history shape our cities, museums, language and media?
- Why do different countries remember colonialism differently?
- How do colonial histories continue to influence present-day inequalities?

Berlin offers a unique learning environment for these questions. The city contains many visible and hidden traces of colonial history—from street names and monuments to museums and current debates around remembrance, restitution and historical responsibility.

Together, participants will explore these connections, exchange perspectives from their own countries and develop a deeper understanding of how past and present are connected.

Objectives

By participating in this Youth Exchange, young people will:

- develop a shared understanding of key concepts such as colonialism, imperialism and postcolonial perspectives
- explore different histories of European colonialism
- learn how colonial histories are remembered and discussed differently across countries
- discover colonial traces in Berlin and connect them with current debates on remembrance culture
- learn about anti-colonial resistance and perspectives that are often overlooked
- reflect on colonial continuities in society, media and everyday life
- explore connections between historical processes and current global inequalities
- strengthen intercultural communication and cooperation skills
- create their own creative outputs based on their learning process

Educational Approach

Jugendbildungsstätte Kaubstraße works from a political education perspective that is critical of power structures and committed to anti-discrimination.

Our educational approach is based on:

- participation
- dialogue
- reflection
- diversity of perspectives
- experiential learning
- critical thinking
- learning through exchange

The programme combines:

- interactive workshops
- group discussions
- creative methods
- reflection exercises
- city explorations
- museum visits
- intercultural activities

Participants are not expected to have previous knowledge about colonialism or related topics.

The most important requirements are curiosity, openness and willingness to engage with others.

Participant Profile

We are looking for participants who:

- are 18 years or older
- live in one of the participating countries
- are interested in history, society, discrimination, identity or global inequalities
- are curious about different perspectives and experiences
- are willing to actively participate in an international group
- are open to discussing complex and sometimes challenging topics

Previous experience with political education, colonial history or activism is welcome but not required.

We especially encourage participants who are often less represented in international mobility programmes to apply.

Group Size

The Youth Exchange will bring together approximately:

25–40 young people from different European countries

Each partner organisation is invited to send:

7–9 participants (depending on final group composition)

Participants should ideally form a balanced group regarding gender, background and experiences.

Dates and Location

Dates:

15–21 August 2026

Arrival:

15 August 2026

Departure:

21 August 2026

Location

Jugendbildungsstätte Kaubstraße
Kaubstraße 9–10
10713 Berlin
Germany

The youth education centre is located in Berlin-Wilmersdorf and offers seminar rooms, shared accommodation, a garden and spaces for learning and exchange.

Accommodation

Participants will stay directly at Jugendbildungsstätte Kaubstraße.

Rooms are shared and usually accommodate:
4–7 people per room

Rooms include:

- beds
- wardrobes
- washbasins
- bed linen
- Wi-Fi access

Bathrooms and showers are shared and located on the floors.

We encourage international room arrangements whenever possible, as shared living is an important part of intercultural learning.

Food

All meals during the Youth Exchange are provided.

Our kitchen team prepares vegetarian meals including:

- breakfast
- warm lunch
- dinner

Drinking water, tea and coffee are available throughout the day.

We can accommodate dietary requirements such as:

- vegan diets
- allergies
- intolerances
- religious dietary requirements

Please inform us about dietary needs during the registration process.

Accessibility & Support

We want everyone to be able to participate as comfortably as possible.

Participants can inform us about individual needs related to:

- mobility
- hearing or vision
- neurodiversity
- health
- medication
- dietary requirements
- mental wellbeing
- language support
- quiet spaces

Our team is available throughout the week for questions, concerns and individual support.

Important Information about the building

Kaubstraße is a historic villa from the 1920s.
The building has some accessibility limitations:

- no elevator
- stairs at the entrance
- several floors
- not wheelchair accessible

Please inform us as early as possible if participants have mobility-related needs.



Preliminary Programme

The programme is currently being developed and may still change slightly.

Participants can expect:

Arrival Day

- Arrival in Berlin
- Welcome
- Getting to know the house and group

Getting Started

- Team building
- Introduction to colonialism
- Creating a shared learning environment

Exploring Colonial Histories

- Workshops about colonialism and memory culture
- Different European perspectives
- Reflection activities

Berlin as a Learning Space

- City explorations
- Visits to relevant places
- Museums and exhibitions
- Discussions about remembrance culture

Colonial Continuities Today

- Restitution and representation
- Global inequalities
- Creative reflection methods

Final Day

- Evaluation
- Sharing experiences
- Farewell

Travel & Costs

The Youth Exchange is funded through the Erasmus+ programme.

The project covers:

- accommodation
- food
- programme activities
- local programme-related transport
- learning materials

Travel costs are reimbursed according to Erasmus+ travel rules.

Participants should keep all travel documents and tickets.

The exact reimbursement process will be coordinated with each partner organisation.

Partner Responsibilities

Partner organisations are responsible for:

- selecting motivated participants
- ensuring participants meet the age requirements
- supporting participants before departure
- sharing practical information with participants
- supporting travel arrangements
- informing the organisers about accessibility, health or dietary needs

Partners are encouraged to select participants who will actively engage with the topic and contribute to the international group.

Registration Process

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Each partner organisation should collect participant information and send the final participant list to Jugendbildungsstätte Kaubstraße.

Participants will be asked to provide:

- personal information
- emergency contact
- dietary requirements
- accessibility needs
- language information
- expectations and interests regarding the topic
- photo consent

We collect this information not out of curiosity, but to prepare the programme and create the best possible conditions for everyone.

Contact

For questions regarding the Youth Exchange:

Jugendbildungsstätte Kaubstraße

Educational Team

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We are looking forward to working with you

We are excited to create this international learning experience together with our partners and participants.

Thank you for joining us in creating a space where young people can explore history, question dominant narratives, exchange perspectives and build connections across borders.

See you in Berlin!