

Partner Infopack  
Professional development activity

**History, But Make It Fun**

**Engaging Young People with the  
Past**

**19-23 October 2026 Berlin, Germany**

**Organised by:  
Jugendbildungsstätte Kaubstraße  
Alter Feuerwache e.V.**

# Welcome

Dear partners,

we are happy to invite you to take part in our international seminar for youth workers and educators:

## **“History, But Make It Fun: Engaging Young People with the Past”**

Taking place from 19-23 October 2026 in Berlin, Germany, this seminar brings together youth workers and educators from different European countries to explore how history shapes young people's everyday lives and how historical topics can be approached in critical, accessible and engaging ways.

Through peer exchange, practical workshops and city-based learning, participants will explore creative methods of historical education and reflect on questions of remembrance culture, historical narratives and their relevance for young people today. We are looking for partner organisations that share our commitment to critical and participatory youth work, intercultural learning and meaningful historical learning.

# About the Project

## History, But Make It Fun

### Engaging Young People with the Past

What does history have to do with young people's lives today?  
More than we often think.

History shapes the ways we understand ourselves, our societies and the world around us. It can be found in our cities, memorials, political debates and everyday experiences – yet it is often perceived as something distant and disconnected from young people's realities.

During this seminar, participants from different European countries will explore questions such as:

- Which histories are remembered and which remain invisible?
- How do historical narratives shape our societies today?
- How can we make historical learning meaningful and engaging for young people?
- How can urban spaces become places of historical and political education?
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Using Berlin as a living learning space, participants will explore different perspectives on history, exchange experiences from their own contexts and discover practical methods for working with historical topics in youth work.

# Objectives

By participating in this seminar, participants will:

- explore how history shapes young people's everyday lives and contemporary societies;
- critically reflect on historical narratives, remembrance culture and questions of representation;
- discover practical and creative methods for historical education in youth work;
- experience Berlin as a learning space for historical and political education;
- exchange perspectives and approaches from different local and national contexts;
- strengthen their intercultural communication and cooperation skills;
- reflect on how historical learning can be made accessible, meaningful and engaging for young people;
- develop ideas for adapting and transferring methods to their own educational practice.

# 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 and peer learning;
- reflection and critical thinking;
- diversity of perspectives;
- situated and experiential learning;
- learning through exchange and collaboration.

The programme combines:

- interactive workshops;
- group discussions and reflection exercises;
- city-based learning and excursions;
- practical methods of historical education;
- intercultural exchange activities;
- collaborative work on transferring methods to different contexts.

Participants are not expected to have prior expertise in historical education. The most important requirements are curiosity, openness and a willingness to actively engage with new perspectives, methods and fellow participants.

# Participant Profile

We are looking for participants who:

- are active in youth work or related educational fields;
- are interested in historical and political education and its relevance for young people;
- are curious about different perspectives, methods and approaches to historical learning;
- are willing to actively participate in an international group and share their experiences;
- are open to discussing complex and sometimes challenging historical and social topics.

Previous experience in historical or political education is welcome but not required. The most important requirements are curiosity, openness and a willingness to learn collaboratively.

We especially encourage the participation of practitioners who are often less represented in international mobility programmes.

## Group Size

The seminar will bring together approximately 25–30 participants from different European countries.

Each partner organisation is invited to send 2 participants (depending on the final group composition).

We aim to create a diverse and balanced group with regard to gender, backgrounds and professional experiences.

# Dates and Location

## **Dates:**

19-23 October 2026

## **Arrival:**

19 October 2026

## **Departure:**

23 October 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 seminar 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 dinner
- Getting to know the group

## **Seminar Day 1 – What is History?**

- Expectations and introductions
- What is history and how does it shape our everyday lives?
- City-based learning and exploring historical traces in Berlin

## **Seminar Day 2 – Narratives, Memory and Public Space**

- Monuments, memorials and remembrance culture
- Historical narratives from international perspectives
- Missing voices, representation and counter-narratives

## **Seminar Day 3 – Community Perspectives and Transfer**

- Visiting community spaces
- Exchange of experiences and educational practices
- Transfer to participants' own contexts and final reflection

## **Departure Day**

- Breakfast and departure

# Travel & Costs

The seminar is funded through the Erasmus+ programme as a Professional Development Activity.

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
- 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

## Registration Process

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 seminar:

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 practitioners can exchange perspectives, explore historical learning and develop new ideas for their educational practice.

**See you in Berlin!**