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AER Summer Academy 2024
Fostering Youth Participation and Inclusion
through Culture
Hosted by Nordland fylkeskommune
Bodø, Nordland, Norway | 12-16 August 2024



Monday 12 August

Arrival of the participants and check-in at the hotel

Arrival airport: Bodø airport

Hotel: Radisson Blu Hotel Bodø, Storgata 2, 8006 Bodø, Norway

18:00 -
19:00

Meeting of the Summer Academy Organising Committee (SAOC)

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel Bodø

For members of the SAOC only

19:00 -
22:00

Evening reception

Welcome to the Summer Academy 2024 in the European Capital of Culture

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel Bodø



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Welcome speeches:

- **Kari Anne Bøkestad Andreassen**, President of the AER Summer Academy, County Councillor in Nordland fylkeskommune
- (tbc) **Mícheál Ó hÉanaigh**, AER Vice-President for Youth, Culture and Tourism
- **Kassandra Petsa**, Vice-President of the Youth Regional Network, County Councillor in Nordland fylkeskommune

Tuesday 13 August

DAY 1 OF ACTIVITIES

Conference and workshops venue: Radisson Blu Hotel Bodø

08:30 -
09:00

Registrations at the welcome desk

Radisson Blu Hotel Bodø

09:00 -
10:30

Opening Plenary (part 1)

Panel discussion

Fostering Youth Participation and Inclusion through Culture

Culture, and the protection of cultural and linguistic minorities and diversity, is essential to nurturing democracy. As asserted in the 2022 AER Statement **“Making Culture a Strategic Resource for Europe and its Regions”**, culture fosters societal wellbeing and human values, while generating added value for the economic ecosystem. In a pan-European network like the AER, the importance of building a resilient community which thrives and learns from each other through its cultural richness and practices is an inherent part of the Summer Academy.



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As a transnational model of youth engagement studied in the context of the Erasmus+ project “**Climbing the Ladder: Fostering a Culture of Youth Engagement**”, the Summer Academy 2024 addresses the focal question of how to avail the potential of culture to foster youth participation. The Northern European venue of Bodø, European Capital of Culture 2024, sets the scene for intertwining this theme with the topics of access to culture and the importance of preserving and valuing linguistic and cultural diversity.

The availability, accessibility and inclusivity of cultural opportunities serve the purpose of both including youth in policy-making, while retaining and attracting youth, therefore addressing both youth participation and the issue of brain drain and depopulation in rural regions of Europe.

By bringing together the outlooks of the participating regions, institutional representatives, youth delegates, cultural stakeholders and local communities, this panel discussion will identify regional best practices, needs and challenges, related to youth impact in policy-making through culture, and to the accessibility and inclusiveness of culture in our societies.

Welcome speeches:

- **Kjersti Toppe**, Minister of Children and Families of Norway
- **Eivind Holst**, Mayor of Nordland County Council
- **Kari Anne Bøkestad Andreassen**, President of the AER Summer Academy, County Councillor in Nordland fylkeskommune
- *(tbc)* **Mícheál Ó hÉanaigh**, AER Vice-President for Youth, Culture and Tourism
- *(tbc - video message)* Representative from the European Parliament / European Citizen’s Prize
- *(tbc - video message)* UN Representative, International Day of Youth

Panel discussion & Q&A with the audience:

- *(name tbc)* Youth delegate, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- *(name tbc)* Youth Advisory Board, Nordland County Council



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (tbc) Representative from the Sámi community • Norbert Nagy, President of the Youth Regional Network, Advisor to the Vice-President of Sălaj County Council • Bruno António, Executive Director, DYPALL Network <p><u>Moderator:</u> (name tbc) Young Elected Politician from the European Committee of the Regions</p>	
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 - 12:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening Plenary (part 2) Regional and youth cultures on stage</p> <p>Young culture from Bodø, Nordland fylkeskommune, Norway Young people from Bodø and from Nordland's Youth Advisory Board will go on stage and present their cultures.</p> <p>SAOC on stage - Pitch your workshop Regions from the Summer Academy Organising Committee will each have five minutes to present one initiative from their region. An occasion for them to pitch their upcoming workshops, which will showcase specific initiatives or projects from their regions, revolving around the topics of youth participation through culture.</p>	
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 - 15:00	Parallel workshops	
	AER Workshop	Workshop - Østfold fylkeskommune (Norway)

	<p>“Mental Health - Prevention & Strategic Planning”</p> <p>Facilitated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Schützer, Chair of the AER Working Group on Mental Health, County Councillor in Värmland County Council • (tbc) Jack McLaughlin, Committee Chair on Mental Health and Wellbeing, Youth Regional Network (YRN) 	<p>“The Blikkåpner project and Gallery F15”</p> <p>Young people are employed in the Art Gallery F15 to both curate exhibitions and communicate art to a younger audience. Their innovative methods and the Blikkåpner project will be showcased through the workshop. The concept originally comes from the Netherlands.</p>
15.30 - 19.00	<p>Cultural activities programme Organised by Nordland fylkeskommune</p>	
19.00	<p>Dinner</p>	

Wednesday 14 August		
DAY 2 OF ACTIVITIES		
<i>Conference and workshops venue: Radisson Blu Hotel Bodø</i>		
08:30 - 09:00	<p>Registrations at the welcome desk <i>Radisson Blu Hotel Bodø</i></p>	
09:00 - 10:30	Parallel workshops	
	<p>Workshop - Agència Catalana de la Joventut & Sala d'Art Jove (Catalonia, Spain)</p>	<p>Workshop - Maramures County Council (Romania) “Art Therapy”</p>



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“Inventing recipes to be (together)”

Facilitated by:

- **Eva Paià**, Co-Director Sala d’Art Jove
- **Agnes Essonti Luque**, Artist

This workshop is designed to create critical conversations and reflections around what it means to be in the same space and time, despite our diverse histories. By creating specific experiences with the attendees, the facilitators will share ideas of art, creation and education from Catalonia: a Mediterranean, multicultural and multifaceted region that interweaves multiple cultural narratives.

The first part will be dedicated to sharing the model of Sala d’Art Jove, a space that runs a series of experimental processes for young artists and curators, and interrelates artistic practices, education and cultural production. SAJ challenges hegemonic practices by opening a safe space for other ways of doing and being in the world.

The second part will invite the participants to experience a moment of collective action intended to demonstrate both the artist’s own practice and show how food functions as a form of cultural heritage bringing people together through collective sharing.

Inventing recipes to be (together) does not only inspire knowledge production, participation, and dialogue, but it also fosters inclusive

With the participation of the *Asociatia Culturala ART-M* from Maramures County.

More information to be released soon

	practices that are at the core of what it means to be human.	
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 - 12:30	Parallel workshops	
	Workshop - Nordland fylkeskommune <i>More information to be released soon</i>	Workshop - Donegal County Council (Ireland) “The Blue Economy – Future Skills and Opportunities for Young People” This workshop will look at the future skills and career opportunities in the Blue Economy for young people in areas such as fishing and aquaculture, renewable energy, green port activities, maritime transport, marine and coastal tourism, blue biotechnology among others.
12:30 -14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 19:00	Cultural activities programme Organised by Nordland fylkeskommune	
19.00	Dinner	

Thursday 15 August

DAY 3 OF ACTIVITIES

Conference and workshops venue: Radisson Blu Hotel Bodø

08:30 - 09:00	<p align="center">Registrations at the welcome desk <i>Radisson Blu Hotel Bodø</i></p>	
09:00 - 10:30	<p align="center">Parallel workshops</p>	
	<p align="center">Workshop - Údarás na Gaeltachta / Muintearas (Ireland) “Cuisle na Gaeltachta / The Pulse of the Gaeltacht”</p> <p><u>Facilitated by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaine Scahill, CEO Muintearas • Cathal Ó Curráin, Youth delegate <p>The workshop will provide an overview and insight into youth participation through Culture in the Gaeltacht - the Irish language speaking region in Ireland.</p>	<p align="center">Workshop - Autonomous Province of Vojvodina (Serbia)</p> <p><u>Facilitated by:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivana Macak, President of the Students Parliament at the Faculty of Philosophy in Novi Sad • Dalibor Milicevic, civil servant in the Assembly of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina <p align="center"><i>More information to be released soon</i></p>
10:30 - 11:00	<p align="center">Coffee Break</p>	
11:00 - 12:30	<p align="center">Parallel workshops</p>	
	<p align="center">Workshop - Kanton Zürich In collaboration with the Zürich Youth Parliament</p>	<p align="center">Workshop</p> <p align="center"><i>More information to be released soon.</i></p>



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12:30 -14:30	Lunch with an upper secondary school from Nordland fylkeskommune “Arctic food” project and cultural activity
14:30 - 18:00	Cultural activities programme Organised by Nordland fylkeskommune
18:00 - 20:00	Closing Plenary Including the MYFER Award Ceremony for the Most Youth-Friendly European Region Facilitated by the Youth Advisory Board of Nordland
20:00	Farewell dinner & Cultural showcase

Friday 16 August

Departures of the participants throughout the day

We hope to welcome you again in Bodø in the future!

See you again at the AER Summer Academy 2026!