

Civil society : Yanis Lammari, founder of Youth ID

For Working session 13 : Tolerance and Non-Discrimination II

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen,

As young people I want to focus on solutions and not the problems. I want to be positive about my future and think about a world without racism and discrimination. So to let a peaceful world to the youth, my recommendation to delegation (particularly French, Canadian and German one already working on mobility), OSCE, ODIHR is :

- Invest more time and money in mobility tools for young people, help every young people of the world to meet others culture
- Particularly support NGOs working with young people with fewer opportunities

I founded a NGO 3 years ago, Youth ID (www.youthid.net) to empower young people as change makers. Youth ID is working a lot with mobility tools : international one like youth exchanges of Erasmus+ (gathering 50 young people of 9 countries in one place to discuss about non violence) or CES of Erasmus+ (helping young people to volunteer in NGOs abroad), bilateral one like OFQJ (youth office between French and Québec), OFAJ (youth office between French and Germany) and national one ("service civique" abroad, "chantiers de jeunes").

And there are direct results to fight against all kind of discrimination. Daily mobility tools are proving their efficacy to change positively the behavior of young people but to a larger extent of the whole society (all the people in direct or indirect contact with the young people from other country). Mobility tools are a good way to grow up and understand the complexity of the world. Discover other cultures and be more tolerant. It gives you the desire and curiosity to meet other and the differences. . They helps different audiences to gain self-confidence, to get out of their comfort zone during intercultural exchanges. Mobility is a fundamental axis of the development of youth and a peaceful society.

But to help more NGOs like mine you need to « support financially and develop more mobility tools for young people ». Particularly to make mobility tools accessible to everyone.

There is a crucial need for supporting more NGOs dealing with young people with fewer opportunities (because they need to spend more time with them : it is the first time they go abroad or take the plane, they lack of confidence in themselves and English, they do not have the money to advance some expenses, ...

Many people in our society do not have the opportunity to go abroad but even to meet other minorities in their own country because of economic and social division. But in mobility project, social mixity is happening for real. If there all well supported, NGOs could include, in same mobility projects, young people from different social and economic backgrounds.

There is also a need to keep on innovating in mobility tools. Erasmus+ virtual is a good example. Mobility tool is not only about going abroad but is also about receiving abroad at home. Integrating more new technologies will help to fight against stereotypes and bring together some young people from different countries and cultures.

Ladies and gentlemen, the best way to fight against all kind of discrimination is giving the opportunity to every new generation to experiment in a practical way others and you already have the solution with mobility tools. Thank you

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