

Training for Youth Leaders

Leaders against Intolerance and Violent Extremism

Are you between 18 and 30 years old, interested or already engaged in promoting tolerance, inclusion, or strengthening your community's resilience to violent radicalization? Do you want to learn more about what leads people, especially youth, to violent extremism? Are you keen to help protect your peers and members of your community against this? Are you ready to commit time and efforts every week to develop and implement an initiative with likeminded people over the coming months? Then the '**Leaders against Intolerance and Violent Extremism**' (**LIVE**) training is for you.

Everyone has a stake, especially young people!

Security is a shared responsibility. The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) works with public authorities and civil society to prevent and counter the rise of violent extremism that may be conducive to terrorism and other crimes. Activating grassroots civil society leadership is vital to safeguarding people from radicalization and recruitment into violent extremism.

Young people have a unique understanding of local social dynamics and special access to their peers and other members of their communities. We believe in their leadership, energy and creative capacity to raise awareness, to chart alternative pathways to hate and intolerance, to initiate and facilitate dialogue, to promote mutual understanding and respect, to rally decision-makers, and to bring about positive changes that address the factors underlying violent radicalization in different local contexts.

We want to help you take action!

The LIVE training seeks to inspire and empower young people to use their unique potential to build resilience to intolerance and violent extremism –and make a difference. As a LIVE trainee:

- ✓ **You will gain knowledge and skills** to take action safely and effectively, including human rights, planning and evaluation, stakeholder engagement, and security awareness.
- ✓ **You will receive competent guidance** in the identification and development of an action idea that makes sense for you to safeguard your peers and community.
- ✓ **You will have the opportunity to share with and learn from other young people** from across the OSCE area.

Coaching you to success!

The LIVE training consists of two modules of in-person training over one week each, and an interim period of up to three months between the modules.

- ✓ The objective of the **first module** is for you to identify a relevant action idea you want to develop, and the planning steps required to bring this action idea to fruition.
- ✓ During the **interim period**, you will work back home and autonomously to plan your action idea in more detail, with support provided in terms of advice and limited seed funding.
- ✓ In the **second module**, you will reconvene with the other trainees to share successes and difficulties, in order to finalize your project for action.

The first week of the training will take place from **April 16th to April 20th** in Prishtinë/Priština. The second week will take place from **June 25th to June 30th** (location to be decided). Participation is free of charge. Travel and accommodation costs for participants living outside Prishtinë/Priština will be covered by the OSCE. Taking the course however requires investing a significant amount of your personal time during the training period and afterwards to further develop and implement your initiative. All sessions will be held in English, with simultaneous translation in Albanian and Serbian.

Who can apply and how?

To apply, you have to be from 18 to 30 years old and based in Kosovo. You should have a strong commitment to universal human rights and be determined to take action against intolerance and violent extremism. Please send CV (including any professional and/or volunteering experience) and a short statement (preferably in English, but Albanian and Serbian are also acceptable) of your motivation to the following e-mail address:

Dafina.Bajrami-Elshani@osce.org. **The application deadline is February 25th 2018.**