

# HOW CAN YOU BECOME A EUROPEER?

EUROPEERS



## Sharing the European experience

You can become a EuroPeer if you've taken part in a Youth in Action project – for instance under the European Voluntary Service, a youth exchange or a youth initiative. If you've had experiences you want to share with others. And if you want to motivate others to become an active part of Europe.

### Training

Twice a year we organise a five-day training session for EuroPeers where you can learn everything you need to know about organising EuroPeer events. And it's a great opportunity to start planning your first own event. All training sessions are attended by experienced EuroPeers as team leaders.

Register at [www.europeers.de](http://www.europeers.de)

### What's in it for you?

You can continue being part of a young European generation. You learn how to organise your own events and projects. You're presented with a certificate after your first EuroPeer event. And you become part of an active EuroPeer network that holds around one hundred events in Germany each year. You can join regional groups, get involved in joint projects and communicate with other EuroPeers.

### Annual meeting

Once a year JUGEND für Europa invites all active EuroPeers to a meeting. Besides training sessions, there's plenty of time to sit down with other EuroPeers and develop creative new projects.

### Need to know more?

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### ON THE TRAINING AGENDA:

- \_ Basic information on Europe
- \_ Project management
- \_ Chairing and presentation techniques
- \_ PR activities
- \_ Mobility programmes in Europe
- \_ Teaching others about Europe
- \_ Developing your own project ideas

### HOW ABOUT A JOINT PROJECT?

EuroPeers ...

- \_ produce a promotional video
- \_ organise a European picnic
- \_ open a European office
- \_ take part in a marathon relay
- \_ prepare a youth exchange
- \_ organise a flashmob ...

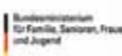
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For more information, go to [www.webforum-jugend.de](http://www.webforum-jugend.de)



# WHO OR WHAT ARE EUROPEERS?

EuroPeers are young people who have actively participated in the EU's Youth in Action programme. They visit schools, youth clubs, cultural centres and pedestrian zones to tell their peers about their experiences as young Europeans.

They inform young people about Youth in Action and other mobility initiatives in Europe. They paint a lively picture of what it means to be European. And they show them how young people in Europe can become involved themselves.

EuroPeers organise their own events. They may also be approached by institutions to come and hold a talk or presentation.

*In just five years EuroPeers have organised over 600 events for young Europeans.*



## Why EuroPeers?

Europe is becoming more and more important, especially for the younger generation. Yet Europe is still not exactly a popular subject.

People cannot simply be told how to think and how to act as Europeans. However, they can embark on their own personal exploration of Europe.

EuroPeers have gained experience of being European. They meet with their peers, on an equal footing, to tell them how they, too, can become active European citizens. This personal approach appeals also to those young people who may not have had an interest in Europe until now.

EuroPeers show that experiencing Europe is not necessarily a matter of acquiring dry knowledge. Europe can be an exciting adventure. By sharing their experiences with others, EuroPeers demonstrate how rewarding active European citizenship can be.

## How to find a EuroPeer

Clubs, schools, career counselling centres and other institutions planning a European-themed event can request a EuroPeer to come and hold a talk or presentation.

The website [www.europeers.de](http://www.europeers.de) lists brief profiles of all active EuroPeers, including information on what types of event they cover.

The website also has a map showing the EuroPeers who live closest to you, plus contact information so you can message them directly.



### EXAMPLE EVENT

*A foundation has asked EuroPeers to come and hold a workshop on Europe and talk about what opportunities are available for young people. It's an interactive event, with EuroPeers reporting on their own experiences, and plenty of time for discussion ...*

## Organisation and costs

The organisers can prepare the agenda of the event in collaboration with the EuroPeer in question.

The direct cost of inviting a EuroPeer is borne by the organisers. This includes e.g. travel costs, accommodation and food where applicable, and possibly some compensation for their time. The German agency JUGEND für Europa supports and advises the EuroPeers in preparing for the event and provides them with material free of charge.

For a list of current EuroPeer events, go to [www.europeers.de/kalender](http://www.europeers.de/kalender)



### EXAMPLE EVENT

*EuroPeers from Marburg have organised an event for school-leavers all about how to go abroad after they graduate. They tell them about the European Voluntary Service, explain what other mobility programmes there are and are available to answer questions after the presentation.*