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Living, Learning, Acting for Human Rights Forum on Human Rights Education with and for Young People

Date: 15 – 17 October 2009

Venue: Budapest, Hungary, European Youth Centre Strasbourg, France, European Youth Centre

Organisers: Directorate of Youth and Sports of the Council of Europe

Description: Human Rights cannot be protected by legal measures alone – the Forum on Human Rights Education is the main youth event to mark the 60th Anniversary of the Council of Europe and brings together decision-makers, young people and practitioners in human rights education.

The Agenda 2020 – adopted by the 8th Conference of Youth Ministers in Kyiv in October 2008 and confirmed by the Committee of Ministers – recognises the important contribution of the Human Rights Education Youth Programme to the mission of the Council of Europe. The Forum on Human Rights Education will review achievements and strategically reflect on how to consolidate and develop further measures so as to take into account the realities of young people, human rights and non-formal education today.

The three days programme includes contributions of prominent speakers and a series of workshops to develop on specific themes, such as methods and networks for human rights education, gender equality and homophobia, intercultural and interreligious dialogue, Romaphobia, young people with disabilities or social rights through education.

The forum will issue a **Message** to the Council of Europe emphasizing the expectation of the participants with respect to youth policy and human rights education.

While the international forum will take place in Budapest, a local forum with partners from Strasbourg and the Alsace region will be held in parallel at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg.

For more information

Practical information:

- Both, the international forum in Budapest and the local event in Strasbourg are **open to the media.**
- The opening session in the EYC Budapest will be on Thursday 15 October, at 09.30 am
- The opening session in the EYC Strasbourg will be on Friday 16 October, at 09.30 am.

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