YOUNG EUROPEAN FEDERALISTS

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JEF International Seminar
Skopje| 7 April - 12 April 2014

Co - organized by JEF Europe and JEF-Macedonia, the International Seminar "Tolerant Europe – defining the obstacles" will take place in Skopje, from 7 to 12 April 2014.

About the Seminar

Nationalism and extremism are now spreading everywhere all over Europe. Therefore, it is urgent to inform and activate young people in the fight against discrimination and social exclusion, which is often driven by prejudices, misinformation and unresponsiveness of our leaders who, unfortunately, sometimes do not hesitate to deliver hate speeches to use nationalism for their own benefit.

Populist, xenophobic and Eurosceptic movements are popping up like mushrooms overnight all over Europe and have to considered as a serious threat to an inclusive, respectful multicultural society in which all Europeans and new Europeans feel welcome. European states are increasingly inward-looking to find internal solutions for problems that by no means can be solved within national borders, and the limitation of civil rights, in particular those of the minorities, seem to be the only vision of some political leaders and, unfortunately, young people.

The international seminar aims at investigating on the negative impact of nationalism to our society and proposes to explore the tools available, and those that could be created, for young people active in youth organizations to fight discrimination and xenophobia in Europe.

How will we work?

The methodological approach of the seminar will ensure that the principles of non-formal education are fully respected. This means that the participants will be offered possibilities to be fully engaged in planning and achieving their learning, through various experiential processes (role-plays), small group work, expert input and open debates. Related to the inputs provided by external speakers, JEF Europe and JEF-Macedonia will ensure that the speakers who will come to address the participants with their expert input will be very experienced and able to engage youth in active and meaningful dialogue.

To apply please follow the link HERE.

Practical Information:

Deadline for Applications: **23 February 2014**

Participation fee: **120 EUR** for JEF members and **150 EUR** for non-JEF members. (There are 10 scholarships of **50 EUR** provided upon request.)

Travel reimbursement: 70 % of the travel costs (up to max **170 EUR**)

**JEF Europe and JEF-Macedonia will assist in visa procedures if needed.*

***Do not book your ticket and/or pay the participation fee before you receive a confirmation e-mail of your selection*

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	Monday 07/04/2014	**Tuesday 08/04/2014**	**Wednesday 09/04/2014**	**Thursday 10/04/2014**	**Friday 11/04/2014**	**Saturday 12/04/2014**
Morning	*Arrival of participants*	• Defining and understanding Nationalism • The role of the economic crisis in the rise of nationalist and extremist movements	• What role can young people play in the fight against nationalism in Europe?	• Fighting nationalism at the local level • Local Europe: JEF on the ground	• New tools for a tolerant Europe: <u>Group 1</u>: fight against nationalism online <u>Group 2</u>: fight against extremist movements <u>Group 3</u>: JEF for a tolerant, united Europe	• Conclusions • Evaluation
	Lunch	*Lunch*	*Lunch*	*Lunch*	*Lunch*	*Lunch*
Afternoon	Introduction to the Seminar Sharing cultural contexts	• What is populism? • Europeans and their prejudices • Conceptualization of a video on the fight against prejudices in Europe	• Visits to local NGOs and public bodies • "Reality check" - Engaging with the citizens of Skopje	• Building a tolerant Europe: what tools are available in the fight against intolerance in Europe? • Free time – Visit to Skopje	• Finalizing the video on the fight against prejudices in Europe • The "No Hate Speech Movement"– Council of Europe	*Departure of participants*
	Dinner	*Dinner*	*Dinner*	*Dinner*	*Dinner*	
Evening activities		International Evening			Farewell Party	