


## INTERNATIONAL TRAINING

# Once upon today



*“(Your 1989.)”*



**When?** 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022

**Where?** Berlin, Germany

### Who?

- Are you already active in **youth work, citizenship education or history projects** and would like to learn **new methods and approaches**? Or are you interested in the topic and youth work, but have never done it before? Either way we invite you to apply!
- We value **diversity of backgrounds, experiences and work fields**. Don't hesitate to get in touch with our national coordinators to find out more about the project and what could be your role in it.
- However, there are a few conditions: You need to be an adult (**18 years upwards**) living in **Estonia, Germany, Moldova, Poland, Romania or Ukraine**. Citizenship is not a precondition. Since the training is going to be held in English, a **good level of English** is required.

**How to apply?** Please fill out the [application form](#) and send it back (please see below for more information).

**Application deadline: July 18th 2022**

### What?

#### **Once upon today... in Europe...**

...is an international training format that deals with the different narratives of contemporary historical events such as 1989/90/91, its influences on identity on different levels (European, national, personal) as well as current hot topics. During this year's training we want to throw light on different aspects of the transition period 1989/90/91 and its long-term impact on the participating countries and the whole of Europe.

## ***You will learn how:***

- To bring together different perspectives on the same event/subject and learn practical methods to approach history
- To develop personal connections and explore how stories shape your personal identity, which stories are told in your family, community and how they influence your identity
- To use history in everyday life and various other projects
- To promote tolerance and better understanding of cultures and what helps us to better understand the perspectives and stories of others
- To develop critical thinking and grow awareness of the existence of more than one perspective

If you want to see pictures from previous editions of the project and learn more, see [www.once-upon-today.org](http://www.once-upon-today.org)

## **CONTENTS**

### **Once upon today... in Europe: (Y)our 1989.**

Since Russia started its latest aggression against Ukraine on February 24, 2022, we are witnessing the return of war and war crimes to Eastern Central Europe. Every day we can see its horrors in the news and on social media. 30 years after the end of the Soviet Union, Putin not openly denies Ukraine the right to exist as an independent nation and as a sovereign state, but he also frames this attack as part of a global conflict with NATO and the United States.

This new historic situation also raises many questions for youth work, citizenship education and history projects. Until this year, for many people in Europe it felt like we had overcome the time in which nations were fighting against each other with lethal weapons. In the field of historic and civic education, the idea of war with all its atrocities was rather discussed as something that happened in the past and should never happen again.

In this new situation, we want to invite to a new training as part of the project “Once upon today... in Europe“. In particular, we would like to revisit the transition period between 1989 and 1991, its different narratives and meanings for the countries in Central and Eastern Europe. This topic seems to us even more important and up-to-date, since today we can still see the direct impact of this period. The old „turn of an era“ is meeting a new one.

As educators we also feel the need of reflecting on the past and how we can integrate the current developments in Ukraine into our educational work. We are already facing the challenge that we need to adapt our programs in order to meet the needs of our participants who want to share their thoughts on the war and would like to find ways to deal with it. Furthermore, we would like to pinpoint our professional boundaries. What lies in the responsibility of the educational work and how can we deal with individual and collective traumata? In order to explore this topic, to reflect and creatively deal with methods of non-formal education, we are inviting people being active in youth work, citizenship education or history projects from Estonia, Germany, Moldova, Romania and Ukraine (also people living now abroad in one of the mentioned countries) this summer to Berlin.

## ***PARTICIPATION FEE***

Participation fee covers accommodation, full board and all program activities.

Germany	90€ fee
Estonia	50€ fee
Moldova	15€ fee
Poland	30€ fee
Romania	15€ fee
Ukraine	15€ fee

For Ukrainians who are currently living abroad due to the war, the rate of 15 € applies.

## ***TRAVEL COSTS***

The travel costs will be reimbursed to each participant according the rules of our donor. Shown amounts are presenting the maximum reimbursement which each participant can receive of the economy class travel.

Germany	180€ reimbursement
Estonia	275€ reimbursement
Moldova	275€ reimbursement
Romania	275€ reimbursement
Ukraine	275€ reimbursement
Poland	180€ reimbursement

## ***ORGANIZER***

Kreisau Initiative e.V. (Berlin, Germany)

## ***CO-ORGANIZERS***

Protestant Academies in Germany (Germany), Viimsi Keskkool (Estonia), Institute of History / Tallinn University (Estonia), The National Association of Young Historians of Moldova (Moldova), Krzyżowa Foundation (Poland), Associata Burgus (Romania), Young Journalists' Association "Polis" (Poland), ChangeLog (Ukraine)

## **CONTACT**

### **Ms Carolin Wenzel**

Kreisau-Initiative e.V.

E-Mail: [wenzel@kreisau.de](mailto:wenzel@kreisau.de)

Phone: +49 (0)30 53836363

### **Mr Ole Jantschek**

Protestant Academies in Germany

E-Mail: [jantschek@politische-jugendbildung-et.de](mailto:jantschek@politische-jugendbildung-et.de)

Phone: +49 (0) 30 28395447

This project is funded by

