

YEN in 2025:

„ Minority Youth in the Spotlight“

Your feedback and ideas are the basis for planning our upcoming year. In 2025, we would like to specifically address the topics you mentioned. We hope you will enjoy the activities and look forward to seeing you there!

Visibility and the (in)ability to influence the perceptions that majority communities hold of minority communities are crucial for the identity of people from autochthonous, national, ethnic, and linguistic minorities. At YEN, we are committed to empowering and encouraging young people from these minorities to play an active role in shaping their identity, their image, and their approach to visibility."

So in 2025, our theme for the year is " Minority Youth in the Spotlight ".

Throughout the year, our seminars and training sessions will focus on the visibility and self-representation of Minority Youth within society. We want to explore the importance of visibility for young people from national, ethnic, and linguistic minorities. To do this, we will have a look on how minority communities are portrayed, both from within and by outside sources, and look at best practices for visibility actions within our network to gain awareness of our visibility and representation.

We will be particular focus on learning practical skills that can support your youth minority organisations and projects. You will have the chance to develop skills for effective self-expression - whether through video production, social media, art, or performance - enabling you to share your cultural creative expressions and stories and shape your own image in a safer environment of young people from national, ethnic, and linguistic minorities

Our goal this year is that you can exchange ideas, connect, and support each other in representing your identities authentically. We want our communities to be seen as we wish to be seen - free from stereotypes and reflected in our own voices. Together, we aim to foster visibility, cultural pride, and mutual respect, ensuring that each unique identity is recognised and valued within society.

In 2025, we reflect on the importance and impact of visibility and self-representation, deepen our knowledge for effective visibility actions, inspire one another through cultural exchange, and motivate each other to take active, self-determined steps to 'create and spread our own image' within society.

The topic of "Visibility" will be discussed primarily in the following seminars: The Easter Seminar, the Autumn Seminar, and the three "Visibility in Actio"n Trainings. All activities by YEN will use methodologies of non-formal education. We also invite you to take part in events organised by our partner organisations.

We look forward to seeing you!

Programm of activities of 2025



Minority youth in the spotlight

Visibility Skills Training

20.-24. February | Berlin

Visibility in Action 1:
Video / Documentation

Easter Seminar

11.-17. April | Opole

Visibility matters

YEN General Assembly

17. April | Opole

YENs highest
decision-making body

Visibility Skills Training

June

Visibility in Action 2:
Graphic Design

Autumn Seminar

end Sept. / early Oct. |
Croatia

Visibility
through creativity

Visibility Skills Training

November

Visibility in Action 3:
Creative Action in
public sphere

Partners events

RISE UP

throughout of the year

Project: Revitalising languages
and safeguarding cultural
diversity

HIGA!

14. - 18. July | Vitoria-Gasteiz

Summit of young speakers
of minoritised speakers
from all over the world

Dikh He Na Bister

early August | Krakow

Annual event on the
reembrance of the
Roma Genocide

MKN Exchange

11. - 17. August | Knivsberg

Minority Youth Exchange
in cooperation with the Minority
Competence Network

How can I participate?

2 months before each event, we will start advertising the event. We will share information about the events on our social media and via email with our member organisations. We ask you to apply through your youth organisation.

To make sure you don't miss anything, follow us [@Youth of European Nationalities YEN / YEV](#) on Facebook or [@yenjev1984](#) on Instagram.

Visibility in Action Training 1: Video / Documentation

20th – 24th February 2025 | Berlin, Germany

Organised by YEN

Throughout the year, we will offer **three short training courses** - the " Training series "Visibility in action". These trainings will focus on learning practical skills for Visibility actions. Each training will address a different skill in the topic of visibility and self-expression and its use in opportunities to widen the cause of minority youth organisations.

The trainings are aimed to essentially help and you and others, belonging to national, ethnic, and linguistic minorities and work in, or are interested in working in the field of visibility, with right skills. We want to encourage and motivate you to actively contribute to your organisation's visibility efforts and thereby support the self-representation of minority youth.

These trainings are predominantly for young people who are active in their Minority youth organisations. If you would like, you can participate in all three trainings, but you can also participate in just one or two - whatever suits you best.

Our year 2025 starts with the Visibility in Action Training 1: Video / Documentenation. As a young person from an autochthonous, linguistic, national and/or ethnic minority, we want to support you in acquiring practical skills for visibility action within your youth organisations and projects. This training will help you acquire skills on how to conceptualise, film and cut videos and documentations of Minority (youth) events.

In more detail, you will:

- gain knowledge and skills about video-making and documenting of minority events.
- have the opportunity to share skills, hurdles and learning processes with a small group of young people from minority groups in Europe.
- be invited to apply your newly gained skills in YEN's visibility projects.

If you are in an active position in your youth organisation or would like to take on such a role in the future and would like to strengthen and expand your skills, this training is for you!

Easter Seminar „Visibility matters “

11th -17th April 2025 | Opole, Poland

Organised by YEN and BJDM (the German minority in Poland)

Our first major event of the year will take place in Opole, Poland and will be hosted by the youth organisation of the German minority in Poland called BJDM. . The topic of this workshop is “Visibility matters”, with the aim to understand the impact and importance of being visible, of one’s cultural identity. You will reflect on its value and be inspired to engage in self-representation and visibility work, that can benefit your community.

During the workshop you will:

- reflect and exchange on existing self- and external depictions of your minoritised communities and how they are affecting you and your communities.
- reflect on your multifaced identities with others and think about how they are connected to visibility and representation.
- reflect on how you can get active to impact the ways in which your community is portrayed in broader society
- exchange good practices of visibility work of your youth organisations.

If you are curious about all this and would like to take the opportunity to meet other young people from different minorities in Europe, keep an eye out for our open call and registration information!

General Assembly

17th April 2025 | Opole, Poland

Organised by YEN

The General Assembly is the **highest decision-making body of YEN.**

During the General Assembly (GA), the new Executive Board and Working Group members are elected, resolutions are passed and both the general direction of the organisation and current topics and issues are discussed. For practical reasons, the GA takes place directly after the Easter Seminar, but other than that, it is an independent event.

Visibility in Action Training 2: Graphic design

June | tbd

Organised by YEN

In the second training of the Visibility in Action series, we will focus on developing practical skills in graphic design. You will learn basic tools, tips, and tricks to create appealing designs for different target groups. These newly gained skills can be applied within your youth organisation and projects.

In more detail, you will:

- learn tips and tricks for designing visuals that can be used in your organisations or projects.
- incorporate cultural expressions from your minority community into your designs.
- have the opportunity to share your graphic design skills in a small group of young people from minority groups in Europe.
- apply your newly gained skills in YEN's visibility projects.

If you are in an active position in your youth organisation or would like to take on such a role in the future and would like to strengthen and expand your skills, this seminar is for you!

Autumn Seminar “Visibility through creativity”

End September / Beginning of October | Daruvar, Croatia

Organised by YEN and the Czechs Minority in Croatia

Our last major event of the year will take place in Daruvar, Croatia, and will be organised by the Czechs Minority in Croatia. In the Autumn Seminar you are invited to spend a week full of creativity (theatre, sing and dances and creative writing) together. As a participant, you will take part in one of the several creative workshops, where you express your “minority identity” in your chosen creative form.

Throughout the workshop, you will:

- gain skills in one of the creative/artistic workshops (theatre, creative writing and singing and dancing) reflect on how you want to express yourself and your minority identity.
- create, together with other young people from minorities in Europe, a show or exhibition of your outcomes of the workshops
- gain interpersonal skills such as teamwork in diverse groups, presentation skills, and intercultural competencies.

Take part in this important event and meet around 30 other young people from different minorities across Europe! Join this inspiring experience and present yourself together in a creative way.

Visibility in Action Training 3: Creative action in the public sphere

November | tbd

Organised by YEN

"Following the Autumn Seminar, Visibility through Creativity, we plan to end the year with one final training in the Visibility in Action series: Creative action in the public sphere. As a person from an autochthonous, linguistic, national, and/or ethnic minority, you may know that visibility projects can often require substantial resources. This training will provide knowledge and strategies for carrying out alternative, low-cost visibility actions for your community, such as flash mobs.

In more detail, you will:

- familiarise yourself with the elements and various forms of creative actions.
- learn diverse creative methods for engaging in the public sphere.
- have the opportunity to share skills, hurdles and learning processes with a small group of young people from minority groups in Europe.

If you are in an active position in your youth organisation or would like to take on such a role in the future and would like to strengthen and expand your skills, this seminar is for you!

Events organised by our partners

RISE UP: Revitalising Languages and Safeguarding Cultural Diversity throughout 2025 | Europe-wide

Organised by the RISE UP consortium (YEN's partner organisation)

From 2023-2026, YEN is a partner in this project, which aims to analyse and document policy measures to protect endangered languages. In addition, existing tools will be collected and analysed and new (digital) tools will be created to help keep endangered languages alive. And for this we need your contribution! We need your expertise on what motivates young people to speak their minority language, what prevents them from doing so and what support they would like to see in the future.

Let's ensure that the ideas of young minority language speakers form the basis for the policy recommendations, teaching guidelines and digital tools of this project.

We will keep you updated!

HIGA!

30th June – 4th Juli 2025 | Vitoria-Gasteiz, Basque Country

Organised by the HIGA! 2025 Working Group

HIGA! is a summit of young speakers of minoritised languages. The aim of it is, is to promoting linguistic diversity and linguistic activism. It is much more than just a meeting, it is a space for collaboration, learning and action for young people committed to the revitalization of languages.

HIGA! offers practical trainings in language activism, showing effective tools and strategies to protect and revitalise languages. The programme encourages active participation and creative solutions to the challenges faced by linguistic minorities. It also boosts awareness of the social, political, and cultural issues affecting minority languages, equipping participants with a critical, hands-on approach to language advocacy.

Dikh He Na Bister

August 2025 | Krakow, Poland

Organised by ternYpe

DIKH HE NA BISTER (“Look and don’t forget” in Romani) is the Roma Genocide Remembrance Initiative bringing together hundreds of young Roma and non-Roma from all over Europe each year. During one week young people take part in workshops and lectures facilitated by experts and activists in the field of the Roma Genocide, Holocaust, human rights education and youth activism. This aims to bridge the gap between the historic experience of the Roma Genocide and present concerns relating to far-right / neo-Nazi movements and tendencies within societies across Europe. The nature of the subject links participation to both human rights education and to the recognition of Roma identity.

Find more information at: <https://2august.eu/>

MKN Minority Youth Exchange

11th – 17th August 2025 | Knivsberg, Denmark

Organised by the Minority Competence Network in cooperation with YEN

The Minority Competence Network Schleswig-Holstein/South Denmark (MKN) has been an active network of minorities in the German-Danish border region since 2020. In 2025, together with the Youth of European Nationalities (YEN), it is inviting minority youth from all over Europe to Knivsberg. In workshops based on non-formal education methods, you as participants can work on a digital exhibition.

And more events ...

We will keep you updated!

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