

SUMMER WORKSHOP What's going on with democracy in your corner of the world?



5th- 11th July 2017

Cluny Abbey, Burgundy, France







ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

In the course of five days in July, the workshop offers to approximately 50 participants from all over Europe and beyond a unique opportunity to share their perceptions, thoughts and ideas on Europe and on key issues of the day, such as democracy.

In this perspective, the seminar of the College of Cluny is a result of more than 15 years of experience by having already welcomed over 800 European and non-European citizens from around 50 different countries.



TOPIC

What's going on with democracy in your corner of the world?

Along this topic, you will discuss one of the most important questions of today's societies: "the challenge of democracy", its current state and its perspectives, by taking up the issues of local democracy in a European context.

You will get the opportunity to meet and exchange with decision makers (local elected officials, regional officials, experts, ...) at the local and the European level.



DATES

From Thursday 5th July to Tuesday 11th July 2017

The workshop officially opens on Wednesday 5th July at 6 pm (registration from 12 am), departure is on Tuesday 11th July in the morning.

As an option, we will offer the possibility for 10 participants to extend their stay in order to participate in the Summer School of Territorial Public Innovation held by the National Centre for Territorial Public Service (CNFPT) from 10th July to 12th July as a European witness and as a resource person (without any further charges, selection based on motivation). The participants will work on the challenges proposed by the French regional authorities (house of democratic innovation, "zero net energy" territory, bus of "social interaction", start-ups, ...).



METHOD

The "Cluny method" is based on various fundamental tools such as innovation in the field of education, interdisciplinarity and multilingualism in an intercultural atmosphere. The facilitators will invite the participants to develop their autonomy and their self-learning abilities, as well as to learn innovative methods that go far beyond the traditional methods of conferences and seminars.

- \cdot Seminars, training sessions and working groups will enable you to develop negotiation skills and to gain an overview of the main issues at stake
- · Participatory methods based on mutual learning

AIMS

The main aims of the summer workshop of the European College of Cluny are to:

- · Share and exchange
- · Develop critical thinking skills
- \cdot Analyse and evaluate
- · Compare and differentiate
- · Propose innovative solutions



By coming to Cluny, you will have the opportunity to discover French national heritage and to live a unique multicultural experience with young people from all over Europe.

WORKING LANGUAGES

French and English

Communication is essentially bilingual, but for certain parts of the programme French or English will be used more frequently. The understanding of both languages is necessary and for that reason a minimum level of B2 in French or in English is expected (minimum B1 for the other language). By immersing yourself in the workshop, you will be able to improve your communication skills in both languages. Nevertheless, be aware that the workshop is not a language class!

PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT







HOW TO APPLY

Upload your application online to www.collegecluny.eu including:



A cover letter



A CV

Background: Apart from language skills, no other academic or professional qualifications are required. We explicitly encourage participants from various fields to apply.

Deadline for applications is extended to 18th June 2017 Selected candidates will be informed by email as soon as possible

Candidates must confirm their participation within two weeks after being selected.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Minimum age: candidates must be born <u>before</u> 1st January 1997
- Personal motivation
- Geographic diversity: 3 to 4 candidates per EU member states; 1 to 2 participants for non-European countries
- Linguistic competences

REGISTRATION FEES

200 € - This amount includes accommodation and meals within the Abbey. Travel costs are not included in the fees. A number of scholarships will be provided based on income. Please contact us for further information.

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