

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

FELLOWSHIP DIGITAL EUROPE

Are you experienced in providing education for young people? Are you constantly looking for workshop formats that enable everyone to be seen and to participate? Are you interested in topics related to "democracy and digitalization"?

Then become one of our fellows for 2021!

In cooperation with *Alfred Herrhausen Gesellschaft*, the *Schwarzkopf-Foundation* awards four fellowships to young European educators for 2021 as part of the Educational Network *Understanding Europe*. The fellowships aim is to develop new education workshops focusing on democratic citizenship education in the digital public sphere. These new workshops and their didactic approaches are targeted at students 13-years and older and should therefore be diversity-oriented¹, low-threshold² and open towards the interests and lives of young people. Introducing these new formats in classrooms, we would like to strengthen the democratic competences of students and young adults in the digital age. We would like to create spaces for them to reflect and discuss on topics such as: democratic participation in digital spaces, representation through digitalization, the role of social media, disinformation, and social movements in a digital Europe. For the fellows, the programme offers a distinct opportunity to professionalise their social commitment and passion for low-threshold and diversity-oriented educational work.

Who can apply?

- You are between 18 and 27 years old
- You are experienced in diversity-oriented educational work
- You have proven knowledge of issues related to representation and participation, diversity, power structures, anti-discrimination, anti-racism, anti-Semitism and empowerment
- You speak English at B2-level
- Hands-on experience in the usage of audio-visual media and digital workshops is a plus
- Multilingualism is a plus

¹ Diversity is the practice or quality of including or involving people from a range of different backgrounds such as gender identity, ethnic and cultural background, skin colour, religion, worldview, sexual orientation, disability, age, social status, occupation etc.. The diversity approach picks up on inter-sectionality in so far as it particularly makes aware the connection of belonging and assignment of social status and the position of these in societal dominance structures.

² The educational material is inclusive towards different learning types and comprehensible without further background information or knowledge of the students.

What does the fellowship offer?

- You get the opportunity to develop a diversity-oriented democratic citizenship education workshop with a focus on digitalization
- You are becoming part of the *Understanding Europe* Network
- You get pedagogical counselling from the *Schwarzkopf Foundation* and *Alfred Herrhausen Gesellschaft* as well as from experts on inclusion and diversity alongside media producers (e.g. journalists, video and audio producers etc.) (ca. 3-4 hours per month)
- You gain hands-on experience in educational practice by testing your formats in different learning settings
- You get the opportunity to publish your work as an Open Educational Resource
- You receive a financial support of 450 Euros a month (April-September)

What are my obligations as a fellow?

- You are required to develop a diversity-oriented, digital or analogue, 45-90 minutes long democratic citizenship education workshop in the language of your country
- You will have to test your workshop at different school types and re-evaluate it (approx. 10 hours)
- You are required to participate in the kick-off seminar (March 26-28, digital) and in the reflection seminar (end of June/beginning of July digital or in Berlin)
- You will have to present your workshop at the European Summer School (September 23-26 in Germany) to other Peer Educators in English
- You will support the publishing process of your educational material in English in October and will participate at a digital Launch-Event for the educational material in November

How do I apply?

Please apply until **the 21th of February** using this [online form](#) and attaching the following documents:

- Sketch of your idea for a democratic education workshop focusing on topics related to a “Digital Europe” (approx. half a page, you can find a current overview of our materials and some inspiration [here](#))
- CV and proof of experience in diversity-oriented educational work (e.g. certificates, letter of reference, your own educational material, links, videos, audio etc.)

We welcome applications from all interested persons, regardless of their origin, religious affiliation, sexual identity or disability. As a positive measure against socially existing disadvantages (§5 Allgemeines Gleichbehandlungsgesetz), we particularly welcome applications

from Black people, people of colour, people with experience of racism and/or applicants with a history of flight or family migration.

The results of this year's application process will be published by March 01, 2021. If you have any further questions regarding the fellowship or application process, please do not hesitate to contact Evin Demir – Project Manager *Understanding Europe* (e.demir@schwarzkopf-stiftung.de).