

LATVIAN ACADEMY OF CULTURE CONFERENCE SERIES CULTURE CROSSROADS XIX

The International Scientific Conference

Youth Civic Participation: Decorative or Authentic? Formal or Meaningful?

5.11.25. • 9.30–19.00

LAC, Theatre House "Zirgu Pasts" 46 Dzirnavu Street, Rīga
and online on the LAC FB and YT channels

9.00–9.30

Registration and Coffee

9.30–10.40

Conference Opening and Keynote Speeches

📍 Karamazov Hall 🗨 Language: English

9.30–9.50

Welcome speeches

Dāvis Sīmanis, Rector of the Latvian Academy of Culture
Dace Melbārde, Minister of Education and Science of Latvia
Inga Birzgale, President of the Latvian Youth Council
Amanda Estere Kraģe, Chair of the Student Council of the Latvian Academy of Culture

9.50–10.20

How Do We Know When Participation is Meaningful? Evolutions in Policies on Youth Participation and What it Means for Democracy Today

Cristina Bacalso, Expert on Adolescents, Youth, Policies, and Human Rights

10.20–10.40

Youth Work as a Foundation for Active Citizenship Today and in the Future

Randa Keņģe, Ministry of Education and Science of Latvia

10.40–11.00

Coffee Break and Networking

11.00–12.10

Youth Participation: Findings and Practice

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11.00–11.30

Researching Preconditions of Authentic Youth Participation in Formal and Non-formal Education: Insight Into the Project "UNFRAMED" and its Initial Results

Sabīne Ozola, **Laura Brutāne**, Latvian Academy of Culture

11.30–11.50

Current Practices of Participatory Projects in Schools and Communities: Challenges and Future Opportunities

Liene Valdmane, European Movement in Latvia,
Latvian Academy of Culture

11.50–12.10

Challenges Implementing a Participatory Framework Outside of the School Setting: Latvian Museums Engaging with Young People and Their Communities

Baiba Tjarve, Latvian Academy of Culture

12.10–13.00

Lunch Break and Networking

Parallel Sessions

13.00–17.00

In-Person Sessions

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15-minute presentation by each speaker,
followed by 5 minutes of questions

Meaningful Participation Opportunities and Expressions

13.00–13.20

Strengthening Democratic Culture: The Power of Citizenship Participation in the Schools

Ireta Čekse, **Agnese Lastovska**, University of Latvia

13.20–13.40

Youth Involvement in Decision-making: a Matter of When and How, not if

Brigita Medne, **Artūrs Pokšāns**, **Wendla Schaper**,
SALTO Participation & Information Resource Centre

13.40–14.00

From Strike to Strategy: Student Campaigns Reshaping Universities

Paula Cukura, Riga Technical University

Culture and Art as an Environment for Youth Participation

14.30–14.50

"Youth Lab on the Culture Pass in the Weimar Triangle" — A Model Project for Effective Youth Participation in Cultural Policy

Susanne Keuchel, Genshagen Foundation

14.50–15.10

Civic AF*: Cultural and Creative Industries as a Pathway to Authentic Youth Participation

Žanete Eglīte, Danish Cultural institute in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

15.10–15.30

Exploring Youth Participation in Contemporary Art Practices: A Case Study of a Processual Participation Residency

Lote Katrīna Cērpa, Valts Valters Kronbergs, Anete Liepiņa, Diāna Mierture, Sabīne Ozola, Latvian Academy of Culture

Youth Participation in Different Environments

16.00–16.20

The Key to Active Civic Engagement Among Today's Youth

Patrīcija Janule, Youth Council of Ādaži Municipality

16.20–16.40

Fostering Civic Participation in the Classroom: Teachers Perspective

Caroline Sheffield, Ireta Čekse, University of Louisville, University of Latvia

16.40–17.00

Youth Participation in Latvian National Defense

Rihards Erdmanis, Ivans Jānis Mihailovs, Riga Stradiņš university, Latvian Academy of Culture

13.30–16.00

Online Sessions

📍 Department of Performing Arts 🗨 Language: English

15-minute presentation by each speaker, followed by 5 minutes of questions

Youth Participation in the Educational Environment

13.30–13.50

From Silence to Self-Advocacy: The Experiences of Ukrainian Migrant Children and Youth in Polish Schools

Larysa Sugay, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań

13.50–14.10

Activating Youth Engagement through Cultural Education: Lectures, Games, and Creative Practices

Nadezhda Angelova, Plovdiv University Paisiy Hilendarski

14.10–14.30

The Board Game "Solutions Exist" as a Tool to Strengthen Youth Participation in Decision Making Processes

Olena Chernykh, Council of Europe Office in Ukraine

Young People as Drivers of Change

15.00–15.20

Children's Voices and Actions: Some Notes on the Participatory Root System

Maja Brzozowska-Brywczyńska, Adam Mickiewicz University Poznań

15.20–15.40

Change. Civic Engagement of Ukrainian Forced Migrant Youth in Poland and Internally Displaced Ukrainian Youth in Ukraine

Anzhela Popyk, University SWPS

15.40–16.00

Decorative Citizenship? Japanese Policies and Youth Political Agency

Helix Lo, The University of Tokyo

13.00–15.00

Presentations and Discussion of High School Students' Scientific Research Work on Participation Topics

📍 Roome 207 🗨 Language: Latvian

Session cooperation partner:
State Education Development Agency

The event will not be broadcast live or recorded

18.00–19.00

Launch of the Latvian Translation of Nina Simon's Book "The Participatory Museum"

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Event is organised in cooperation with
The Promotional Society of Museology in the Baltics

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