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NECE Conference
Grand Plateau

Registration
Welcome to Glasgow!

NECE and its partners are coming to this vibrant Scottish city just a few days before the UK (including Scotland with its clear ‘Remain’ vote) is supposed to leave the European Union. Benjamin Disraeli’s observation in 1845 that Britain ‘was dividing in two nations between whom there is no intercourse and no sympathy’ seems to be resonating more than ever today. As more than 400 citizenship educators will be coming together in Glasgow, we hope to provide a platform and a space for solidarity with citizens in Britain who are – among other things – about to lose their status as European citizens once the Britain leaves the EU.

Set against the ongoing drama of Brexit (plus many other crises of democracy in the world), NECE 2019 will be looking at the issue of inequalities in the development of young people’s citizenship and political identity. What are the consequences of social injustice for the living worlds of young adults and citizens? How can citizenship education and engagement enable citizens to overcome inequalities? How can we reach out to marginalised areas and communities to bring them to the centre of the dialogue? What do we need in terms of knowledge and practice for such an engagement to be successful?

Our programme mirrors the great variety of academic and practical learning NECE with its many partners and initiatives can offer: more than 20 workshops, presentations, discussions, excursions, a project market and two open spaces will discuss the challenges of growing inequalities, its political causes and its implications for citizenship education as a profession.

As in previous years, NECE strives to be an open forum, open for you to participate with your ideas and projects (two open spaces are waiting for you to be explored) but open as well for new ideas including controversies and challenges to concepts that we take for granted.

We are looking forward to your ideas and contributions.

A big thank you to all our partners for preparing this event for more than one year, especially the new ones in Scotland such as IDEAS, WOSDEC, Bridge 47 and others, the Technology and Innovation Centre for helping with visa applications and advice, the NECE team at the Federal Agency for Civic Education and the team from labconcepts, our coordinating agency.

Christoph Müller-Hofstede, bpb/NECE Coordination/October 7, 2019
Understanding Educational Exclusion
The relationship between education and social inequalities has been debated and explored extensively in educational research and is always present in educational policy and practice developments. Plethora of classic studies conducted in the 1960s and 70s describe the complex nature of this relationship, often describing formal education as sites of class conflict and associating it with the reproduction of inequalities.

The attention to this relationship has been growing again, together with the social inequalities especially the post 2008 financial crisis.

Glasgow is no stranger to inequalities. The term, the ‘Glasgow effect’ has been coined to describe the vast discrepancies in life conditions in the city, resulting in staggering inconsistencies in life expectancy and health among different areas of the city.

We understand inequalities not only in relation to money and income. “Inequality exists in the stresses and strains of the family life which shape the environment in which children grow up. It is the divergence in life expectancy between deprived and affluent areas, and the growing burden of poor mental health among disadvantaged groups. It is the pulling apart of successful cities from coastal and ex-industrial towns, where traditional jobs have been lost and young people have few prospects of upward mobility”¹.

The type of inequality that the conference is mostly interested in concerns the educational experiences among different groups of young people.

Social exclusion in education “covers the physical absence of socially vulnerable young people in education, but also comprises the exclusion from meaning-making processes in education or the lack of a connection with education”². There is little doubt that this form of exclusion is strongly associated with young people’s socio-economic status, and leads to the perpetuation of those structural inequalities that produce it.

¹ — Joyce & Xu, 2019: 4  ² — Vandekinderena et. al, 2018: 1
In terms of the (dis)connection of people from specific groups with education, the issue is much broader than the deficit in young people’s aspirations that policy makers and educationalists refer to when seeking to explain educational exclusion.

It is also much more complex, as it concerns not only the individuals and their social backgrounds, but also the interaction between students as individuals and representatives of particular social groups (and social class) with the educational discourse embedded in the educational experience to which they are exposed.

**The Possibilities of Citizenship Education: Key Questions**

The focus of the conference on the possibilities for citizenship education to tackle social inequalities is based on a broad understanding of the subject, unrestricted from specific curricula or subjects but as encompassing various forms of education³. Such an examination uncovers and reinstates some fundamental and largely intertwined questions, including the traditional debates about the role of education as either a central mechanism in the process of reproduction of social inequalities or as an opportunity for change and the question about the potential of education to compensate for society⁴.

In terms of citizenship education, the question is not only about whether education can compensate for society in general but whether it can “compensate for inequalities in citizenship knowledge, skills and attitudes, […] [whether it] can broaden horizons for those who have less positive experiences of politics and democracy”⁵.

The association between social inequalities, political attitudes and the role of the school, when examined against the backdrop of the more general discussion about the role of education, raises questions about appropriate content and methodologies for citizenship education, as a way to engage the disengaged and the capacity of formal education to accommodate such methodologies. Even before that, it poses ethical and political questions about the right and appropriateness of education to first identify, and then compensate for, ‘democratic’ or ‘citizenship deficits’⁶.

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4 — Bernstein, 1970  
5 — Nieuwelink et al., 2019: 276  
6 — Kakos, Mueller-Hofstede & Ross, 2016
Another important dimension of the above, and one with equally significant political, social, educational and ethical implications, concerns the role of education in building strong social connections within societies, despite all the social inequalities, including inequalities in education. This point questions the potential of education to disrupt the bubble of class isolation⁷ and to improve social cohesion. These are important issues for any educational system. For the UK, “an increasingly divided nation”⁸, finding answers to these questions is urgent.

**Whether citizenship education can and should do something to address these divisions is a key question.** Although it is important to recognise that education may play a role in the process that leads to and sustains inequalities, the key factor associated with these inequalities and divisions applies elsewhere. **However, it could be argued that education can provide the context in which the reasons for these inequalities can be studied, debated and comprehended, and where plans and actions to alleviate inequalities could potentially be conceived of.** This, in fact, may be an appropriate role for citizenship education, and could lead to another question about whether the implementation of these plans and social activism could also afford contribute significantly to the subject.

The conditions in which the questions above are being posed may offer the opportunity to educators to refresh our thinking and to re-examine the role, the position but also the objectives and content of the subject. Together with imagining this new subject, a key question that we should engage with is whether there is sufficient support from public, policy makers and the educational community to allow educators to assume such roles.

A longer version (PDF) is available on the conference website:
https://bit.ly/2mTst06

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**References:**

Glasgow, September 2019

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⁷ Thal, 2017 ⁸ Sutton Trust & Social Mobility Commission, 2019:4
As we prepare to convene in the vibrant city of Glasgow, it is a good time for us to reflect on what we hope to discuss and achieve during our annual open forum.

From increasing disparities on the socio-economic front to disengagement in political participation and access to information, identifying the role of citizenship education in sustaining these trends and the opportunities it offers for addressing them, has become an urgent task.

As we witness the growth of social fractures at both the city and the regional levels with a lack of channels bridging these gaps, information bubbles are sealing communities into echo chambers. This trend is reflected through the ballot, whether through the Brexit referendum or through elections across Europe, including the worrying rates of participation and general disengagement of the general public or on the contrary, the growth of social movements taking it to the streets as a last resort.

From public schools, to private schools, from peripheries to centers, from the public sphere to governments: what type of channels does civic education offer for sustainable forms of engagement providing an outlet for bridging these inequalities?

Civic education is a cross-curricular subject which goes beyond the walls of the classroom and beyond school years. From school to retirement, citizens must have an outlet for engaging in a constructive way and what better motivation to stay constructive than to be heard. What outlet is civic education offering to citizens to be heard? How can formal education cooperate with the non-formal and informal civic education sectors? How can we engage all stakeholders across generations? How do we engage both ends of the inequality spectrum? How do we reach out to the most marginalized areas and communities to bring them to the center of the dialogue?

From theory to practice, the NECE forum offers a platform to tackle this topic engaging a multitude of stakeholders presenting their different perspectives to provide a full picture of the relationship between inequalities and citizenship education. The civic education sector, though seemingly homogeneous, offers a wide range of expertise, topics and forms of engagement throughout Europe, giving us a chance to challenge our own perceptions and practices.

We also need to ask ourselves the hard questions, and allow our own work to be at the center of the debate thinking about our own shortcomings whether from a conceptual perspective or a practical one. Are we truly promoting an open and inclusive dialogue or are we also sustaining an alienating discourse? How can public-private partnerships participate in reducing the economic gap sustaining these inequalities? How do we constructively discuss the notion of privilege?
Further, the participation of stakeholders from NECE inspired networks beyond the European borders (NACE, EENCE and CENESA), will allow for discussions on global challenges like migration, economic development or violent extremism.

We also look forward to new ideas and resources coming from our Scottish and British partners in Glasgow: IDEAS; WOSDEC, Bridge 47 and the Institute for Future Cities, University of Strathclyde.

This is a unique opportunity for all of us, civic education actors, to exchange and engage in peer to peer learning around the impact our work has and can have on confronting inequalities. To put it in a nutshell, this year’s topic: “confronting inequalities” invites to a core question: How can civic education and engagement enable citizens to overcome inequalities and eventually break the social reproductive cycle sustaining them?

Reader “Inequality & Citizenship Education”
Compiled and edited by Christoph Müller-Hofstede, NECE Coordination/bpb and André Hein, bpb, Department of Print

This reader is a compilation of actual background reading material to the main topics of our conference. It is based on our own – selected – review of the literature and on recommendations from our speakers and panelists.

It covers a wide range of issues that will be addressed during the conference. The material includes texts as well as videos and charts and is structured geographically – starting from the issue of inequalities and citizenship education within Glasgow and Scotland up to the global perspective. Please keep in mind that this is our own selection.

Feel free to do your own research and add to our reader.

Please send your feedback/suggestions to:
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For more information visit www.spt.co.uk.

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Closest railway stations:
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- Local Services: High Street (4 minute walk), Queen Street (7 minute walk), Argyle Street (10 minute walk), Glasgow Central (14 minute walk), Buchanan Street (Underground, 8 minute walk)
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During the event you can access the WiFi connection of the TIC:
- **Network:** TIC Conferences
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- **Website:** www.nece-conference.eu
- **Hashtag:** #nece2019

**Free time // Suggestions for Leisure Time and Attractions**

**Sightseeing**
Many beautiful buildings and museums are to be seen in Glasgow:
Glasgow Cathedral, Riverside Museum, Mackintosh House, Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum, Glasgow Science Centre, City Chambers or George Square.
The Tourism Office is located in 156a/158 Buchanan Street.

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Thursday, 24 October 2019

02:00 – 04:30 pm
GET TOGETHER & REGISTRATION
Join us in kicking-off the NECE conference 2019!
Registration will be open from 2.00 pm. Settle in with a Welcome Coffee
and engage in some pre-conference networking at the Project Market.
More than 10 initiatives and projects are waiting for your visit.

03:45 pm
MUSICAL ENERGIZER WITH ARTBEATMUSIC
www.artbeatmusic.org
If it’s up to Jane Bentley from ArtBeatMusic, there’s nothing better
than a bang and a beat to get into an alert, energetic and motivated focus –
exactly what we’ll need during the upcoming days at NECE 2019.
The Scottish community music specialist will join us to kick-off the conference,
conducting a collective intermezzo to get things started. Get ready to boost
your creativity and make some noise!

04:30 – 04:45 pm
PLENARY SESSION
Welcome: Why are we here?
Christoph Müller-Hofstede, Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb),
NECE Coordination, Germany
Alicja Pacewicz, Center for Citizenship Education (CEO),
NECE Coordination, Poland

04:45 – 05:45 pm
Understanding Poverty: Lessons for Citizenship and Education
Darren McGarvey, Author, Rapper and Social Commentator, Glasgow UK
Q&A with Darren McGarvey
Moderation: Michalis Kakos, NECE Advisory Board,
Leeds Beckett University, UK

05:45 – 07:00 pm
PANEL
How does Citizenship Education affect Inequalities?
Introduction: Anja Neundorf, University of Glasgow, UK
Discussion with:
Rachel Binnie, Glasgow City Council, UK
Anja Neundorf, University of Glasgow, UK
Felisa Tibbitts, Columbia and Utrecht Universities, USA and The Netherlands
Moderation: Caroline Hornstein Tomić, Institute of Social Sciences
Ivo Pilar, NECE Advisory Board, Croatia

If citizenship education supplied knowledge and promotes participation among structurally disadvantaged groups, it could help them raise their voices in a public discussion and defend their interests as citizens. Can and should citizenship educators focus more clearly on working with disadvantaged groups? How can it provide spaces where inequalities can be studied, debated and comprehended? What kind of knowledge, critical reflection and public support are needed for such an engagement to be successful?

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08:00 – 10:00 pm
CIVIC RECEPTION
courtesy of The Rt Hon The Lord Provost of Glasgow
Drinks and Dinner at the Glasgow City Chambers
(82 George Square, Glasgow G2 1DU)

Welcome to Glasgow! The City of Glasgow invites all NECE participants to the historic City Chambers located in the heart of Glasgow. Meet the Lord Provost or a Bailie of the City for some drinks and dinner at the official welcome reception in one of Great Britain’s most eminent examples of Victorian civic architecture.

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Friday, 25 October 2019
from 08.15 am

COFFEE AND NETWORKING = PROJECT MARKET
More than 10 different institutions and organisations will be presenting themselves and their approaches in citizenship education. Come and meet over a cup of coffee!

09:15 – 09.30 am
PLENARY SESSION
Introduction:
Nelly Corbel, Global Civic Consulting, NECE Advisory Board, Egypt / France
Introduction to the Open Space:
Susanne Ulrich, Centre for Applied Policy Research, Germany

09:30 – 09.45 am
PROJECT MARKET ELEVATOR PITCH!
Get to know the projects from the project market! Each project representative will present their project to the audience in a one-minute pitch.
PANEL
Citizenship Education for a Divided Nation
Bryony Hoskins, University of Roehampton, UK
David Kerr, University of Reading/Young Citizens, UK
Daniela Sime, University of Strathclyde, UK
Introduction and Moderation: Michalis Kakos, Leeds Beckett University, Advisory Board, UK
Education in general and citizenship education in particular have been traditionally associated with societies’ efforts to achieve social cohesion and unity. References to British identity in citizenship and the compulsory promotion of ‘British values’ in the English curriculum are indicative of the efforts to build civic and national unity across a Kingdom which, after two referenda and with social inequalities in constant growth, seems far from ‘united’. The panel will explore the potentials but also the appropriateness of such objective for education.

OPEN SPACE (Round 1)
The Open Space is …
– a forum for your topics and ideas that are not worked on in the workshops
– a space for discussions that you want to continue after the formal sessions
– a networking hub for new project partners and experts in your field
Facilitation: Susanne Ulrich, Centre for Applied Policy Research, Germany

Lunch

PARALLEL SESSIONS (Round 1)
The parallel sessions offer a variety of workshops, panels and lectures with lots of opportunities to get in touch with experienced practitioners, researchers and activists.

Coffee Break

PLENARY SESSION
Getting ready for the ‘Field Trips’
No Mean City: Narratives and Realities of Glasgow
Robert Rogerson, academic director of the Institute for Future Cities, University of Strathclyde, will speak about the inequalities in the urban development of Glasgow and ways to addressing them.

Exploring Glasgow!
Sign up for one of the ‘field trips’ to a local organisation or join in for an alternative city tour. Meet Glaswegian artists, activists, educators and get in touch.
Saturday, 26 October 2019

from 09:30 am

COFFEE AND NETWORKING = PROJECT MARKET

10:00 – 12:00 am

OPEN SPACE (Round 2)

The Open Space is ... 
– a forum for your topics and ideas that are not worked on in the workshops 
– a space for discussions that you want to continue after the formal sessions 
– a networking hub for new project partners and experts in your field

Facilitation: Susanne Ulrich, Centre for Applied Policy Research, Germany

12:00 – 12:30 pm

PLENARY SESSION

Take-Aways, Action Points, Next Steps: Wrapping up the Open Space

Moderation: Susanne Ulrich, Centre for Applied Policy Research, Germany

12:30 – 02:00 pm

Lunch

02:00 – 03:30 pm

PARALLEL SESSIONS (Round 2)

The parallel sessions offer a variety of workshops, panels and lectures with lots of opportunities to get in touch with experienced practitioners, researchers and activists.

03:45 – 05:30 pm

PLENARY SESSION

Concluding Panel

European Citizenship beyond Brexit: An Agenda for Times of Trouble

Introduction: Thomas Krüger, Director of the Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb), Germany
Eve Hepburn, PolicyScribe, UK
Maia Mazurkiewicz, Front Europejski, Poland
Adam Ramsey, openDemocracy, UK
Katerina Toura, Council of Europe, France (tbc)

Moderation: Nelly Corbel, Global Civic Consulting, NECE Advisory Board, Egypt/France

Our concluding panel is aimed at discussing the future of European citizenship as a transnational citizenship right against the backdrop of the still uncertain Brexit scenarios. We will start from the basic fact that Brexit will have a direct impact on the status of British (and Scottish) citizens as citizens of the European Union. For the first time in modern history an automatic and collective (involuntary) ‘lapse of status’ is likely to take place. We will discuss the social implications of Brexit with a view both from Scotland and England and implications for EU citizens and migrants in Scotland and possible (Scottish) responses to Brexit and the loss of EU rights.

Find the complete overview of sessions page 29
05:30 – 06:00 pm
WRAPPING UP
Moderation: Nelly Corbel, Global Civic Consulting, NECE Advisory Board, Egypt/France

07:00 – 10:00 pm
A ‘POST CONFERENCE’ CÈILIDH AT ARGYLE ST ARCHES
(253 Argyle Street, Glasgow G2 8DL)
Let’s call it a day (or a conference)? Well, not just yet! We invite you to a unique event. At the Argyle Street Arches space just a stone’s throw away from the conference venue: to enjoy some delicious tidbits, drinks, post-conference networking and some of the most toe-tapping music around town with the It’s No’ Reel Ceilidh Band! And, be sure not to miss out one last authentic Scottish experience before hitting the road back home!

Sunday, 27 October 2019
Departure
PARALLEL SESSIONS

Friday, 25 October // 1:30–3:00 pm

— DISCUSSION

Democracy in Crisis or Democracy at Work?
Two Views on the Direction of European Politics

Main Auditorium 1

David Goodhart, Journalist and Author, UK
Niccolò Milanese, European Alternatives, NECE Advisory Board, Fellow at IWM Vienna, UK/ France
Moderation: Stephen M. Carroll, France 24, France

Brexit, Trump and populism in Europe suggest that Western democracies have entered a period of protracted crisis. The ongoing transformation of democracies and economies are unsettling millions of citizens creating entry points for polarising emotional politics, in which nationalist resentments and calls for authoritarian solutions are largely echoed.

This view is held by many observers, including Niccolò Milanese, Director of European Alternatives and Member of the NECE Advisory Board. Contrary to this, the British author and journalist David Goodhart interprets the recent events as indicator of thriving democracy, hence far from being in crisis; checks and balances were working and the ‘direction of travel’ in European politics is towards a new kind of ‘decent populism’.

Niccolò Milanese and David Goodhart will discuss their radically different interpretations of our current problems and the conclusions for active citizenship education.

— WORKSHOP

Journeys that we make: Traveling, Learning and Communicating with Odysseus

Main Auditorium 3

David Cooper, Batley Girls’ High School, UK
Catherine Heinemeyer, York St John University, UK
Charlotte King, Batley Girls’ High School, UK
Moderation: Michalis Kakos, Leeds Beckett University, NECE Advisory Board, UK

“Journeys That We Make” is an educational project which invites students to reflect on their identities with the use of fictional and mythic storytelling. Using as a common canvas the narrations of sections from Homer’s Odyssey and expressing themselves through various artforms, students are invited to inhabit characters from this ancient poem and/or to become storytellers of their own version of Odyssey. By doing so, students have the opportunity to visit, examine and express emotions and opinions, to safely share experiences and to narrate their positionings and identity journeys.

In this workshop, we will be joined by members of staff and students from one of the schools in which we piloted the project and we will draw on the resulting proliferation of poetry, filmmaking and storytelling by students to illustrate how cultural assets, experiences, identities and positions were brought into dialogue through this creative process. We will also discuss the ways it was harnessed by school staff as a focus for ongoing discussion of difficult topics, and our observations as to how shared ownership of the Odyssey created a safe common territory for students from different areas of the city to meet as ‘already-initiates’.
— ROUNDTABLE

Gender (still) matters! How citizenship education can promote empowerment

Main Auditorium 2

Introduction: Kathleen Lynch, University College Dublin, Ireland
Ellie Harrison, artist & activist, UK
Małgorzata Leszko, Center for Citizenship Education (CEO), Poland
Moderation: Louisa Slavkova, Sofia Platform, NECE Advisory Board, Bulgaria

While women’s rights have advanced over the decades, gender inequalities persist in many forms and variations in European societies – which are generally regarded as progressive in this regard. The Global Gender Gap report (https://www.weforum.org/reports/the-global-gender-gap-report-2018) and other data from the UN (https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdg5) show that business is unfinished on that front. Women and men are still treated differently in various areas of life and are confronted with different requirements, conditions and opportunities. Most importantly, women continue to be underrepresented at all levels of political leadership and the level of political participation is low. Income inequality and the infamous gender pay gap continue to be major problems and show the gender dimension of social inequalities. Gender parity and the empowerment of women and girls should therefore become more visible on the agenda of citizenship education and also of NECE.

Kathleen Lynch (Dublin), Ellie Harrison (Glasgow) and Małgorzata Leszko (Warsaw) will discuss why gender inequalities and social inequality are connected with each other and share their ideas of how to address these problems in (citizenship) education with the participants.

— PANEL

Workshop organised by NACE (Networking Arab Civic Education)

Are Inequalities the Root Causes of Violent Extremism?

Conference Room 6

Moez Ali, UTIL, Tunisia
Sébastien Boussois, Université du Québec à Montréal/Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
Hilary Pilkington, Manchester University, UK
Moderation: Nelly Corbel, Global Civic Consulting, NECE Advisory Board, Egypt/France

How is socio-economic inequality indeed the root cause of the rising violent extremism in European and southern Mediterranean regions? To tackle the complexity of this issue, we draw attention to the diverse and interconnected interrelationships leading to violent extremism. Here we explore the formation of violent extremism, and the avenues which exist to address the issue. We’ll examine the importance of a “multi-stakeholder” approach for weaving sustainable methods into local communities, by creating a sense of collective responsibility and of purpose amongst vulnerable populations.
— WORKSHOP

Overcoming ‘Economic Stupidity’: Financial and Economic Literacy in Citizenship Education
Conference Room 2

An Lavens, BELvue King Baudouin Foundation, Belgium
Anke Uhlenwinkel, Klagenfurt University, Austria
Chris Waller, Association for Citizenship teaching (ACT), UK
Moderation: Petr Čáp, Civic Education Centre (CEC), Czech Republic

It seems to be clear that working on financial or economic citizenship is just as important to empower youngsters, especially from fragile backgrounds, and help them to develop the necessary capabilities to ensure inclusion and equal opportunities.

In this workshop, curated by An Lavens from the BELvue Center in Brussels, examples of practical and conceptual work from the BELVue center and its financial education exhibition, based on experiences of its Democracy Factory will be shown. We invite you to share your thoughts about the general direction of this new (and still contested) field. As work in progress a hands-on, debate-provoking, interactive exhibition on financial education will be presented and discussed by experts from Austria and the UK. Please join us and help us make this exhibition as effective and interesting as possible!

— WORKSHOP

Educating the Global Citizen in Scotland: Ideals and Realities
Conference Room 8

Diana Ellis, IDEAS/WOSDEC, UK
Neil Scott, Clyde Primary School Glasgow, UK

Education for Global Citizenship is one of the priorities of the Scottish Curriculum for Excellence, through the overarching national framework of Learning for Sustainability (LfS). The workshop will explore the meaning attributed to the concept of Global Citizenship by practitioners, students and schools. We will hear from Neil, a teacher in a Primary school in an area of multiple deprivation which borders an area of extreme wealth in west Glasgow.

He will share with us a video he has made with his students that explores how they feel about their area: where they feel happy, safe, what they do, where they feel that ISN’T their area, and why. Neil will be in a dialogue with WOSDEC, a Scottish educational NGO supporting schools in the delivery of the Citizenship curriculum across the West of Scotland.
Voices on Values: How to Promote Open Society Values in Polarised Societies?

Filip Pazderski, Institute of Public Affairs, Poland

To what extent young Europeans cherish fundamental values such as freedom of expression, respect for minorities and the rule of law? If they had to choose, would they prioritise them over economic prosperity and political stability? What differences regarding these attitudes can be observed between Central-Eastern and Western Europe as well as inside particular societies? What role are inequalities playing as drivers of polarization and disenfranchisement? We will present new data of two recent research projects, covering a wide range of Western and Eastern European countries. Voices on values: How European publics and policy actors value an open society by the Open Society European Policy Institute and Youth, Politics, Democracy by the National Democratic Institute (NDI) give new insights on the younger generation’s attitudes to democracy and on their participation in public affairs. The presentation will be followed by interactive Q&A to discuss implications of these findings for civil society and citizenship education. To feed the discussion some examples of already implemented activities, e.g. from Maia Mazurkiewicz (Front Europejski, Alliance for Europe, Poland) will be also brought to participants’ attention.

Bridging Social Inequalities in Youth Access to Learning and Employment

Nada Bahgat, American University Cairo, Egypt
Andy Cameron, Glasgow Guarantee, UK
Daška Domljan, Foundation Znanje na djelu/Wissen am Werk, Croatia
Dunja Vukelic, Pro Youth, Croatia
Jan Wilker, StartNet/Goethe-Institut Brussels, Belgium

Moderation: Caroline Hornstein Tomic, Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar, NECE Advisory Board, Croatia

Youth unemployment is pronounced in regions – in Europe, the South Mediterranean, and beyond – which pass through economic and social transformations or are threatened by structural decline. Development perspectives of such regions are particularly dim: many skilled, talented and affluent young are leaving and a growing number of NEETs (not in education, employment, or training) stays behind. Reasons for high youth unemployment and brain drain are diverse – still, both are linked with social inequality, which translates in non-equal access to comprehensive education, practice (work) based learning and eventual employment. Inequalities are furthermore perpetuated due to the lack of social capital. This session will provide a deep dive into different initiatives and programs, which all seek to tackle the nexus between inequality and employability specifically (but not only) in regions challenged by structural decline. We will explore how a comprehensive educational offer for youth to become self-sustainable professionals and active citizens in their local communities can be boosted through partnership between civic, educational, public and business sectors.
— WORKSHOP

Does Disinformation pose a Threat to our Democracy?
Conference Room 3

Nicholas Bukovec, eurotopics, Ireland
Olivia Kortas, eurotopics, Poland
Moderation: Judith Fiebelkorn, eurotopics, Germany

Since the Brexit referendum and Trump’s election as US president the issue of disinformation has come under increased public scrutiny. Social media and their algorithms are facilitating the mass distribution of false information, but traditional media may also conceal or emphasise certain aspects of a given topic. The correspondents of the eurotopics press review take a look at Europe’s media landscapes:

What disinformation campaigns has our continent experienced in recent years? What impact did they have on societies characterised by (social) inequalities? And what can be done to prevent the spread of false information?

— WORKSHOP

The Civic Education Challenge – A Civic Education Tool for Schools
Conference Room 7

Mira Dutschke, Democracy Works Foundation, South Africa
Grace Maingi, Uraia Trust, Kenya
Cyrus Nkusi, Governance for Africa, Rwanda

The workshop will generate ideas for a student-centred approach to civic education in the form of different learning challenges. Workshop participants will be divided into different groups focusing on a certain topic or question within civic education, e.g. What are human rights? or Why should you vote? Participants will collect and exchange ideas for interactive learning activities in order to allow students to explore this topic themselves in a fun way. These ideas will later be incorporated into a challenge or game, which can be implemented at schools as part of learning activities in the field of civic education.

The challenge will be created and designed by CENESA with the technical support provided by the Hanns Seidel Foundation. This challenge will then be piloted in different schools in a number of member states of CENESA. A collaboration on this project with NECE would allow to pilot the project in different NECE member states as well. In a follow up meeting (e.g. at NECE 2020) the pilot will be assessed, evaluated and refined in order to be adaptable to different country contexts.
— PANEL

Global Citizenship Education – Why and for whom?

Grace Maingi, Uraia Trust, Kenya
Megan Mchaney, Bridge 47, UK
Felisa Tibbitts, Columbia and Utrecht Universities, USA and The Netherlands

The panel will reflect critically on the definitions of and vision for global citizenship education (GCE), incorporating perspectives from the Global North and Global South, as well as from relative wealth and deprivation within national contexts. What are the aspirations and implications for global citizenship education taking place within the contours of globalization? What are the hidden values, privilege and practicalities behind notions of student engagement and transformative learning? We will explore these questions with reference to the formal and non-formal education sectors.

— WORKSHOP

It’s up to EU! Meet the Challenges of urban and rural European Regions

Mareike Meyer, EUROSOC#DIGITAL, Germany
Zorana Simic, EUROSOC#DIGITAL, Germany

#FutureLabEU is a co-creation workshop asking the key question how we want to live in the EU of tomorrow. A special focus is on the rural-urban dichotomy. After a short thematic input, future scenarios for concrete cities and rural regions are developed in small working groups.

How will our working places look like?
What role will digitisation play?
And how does the demographic change influence our future? These are some of the questions that we’ll be dealing with. In this lab, there are no limits to the imagination of the participants.
WORKSHOP
Radio as a Way to face Inequalities and empower Children
Conference Room 6

Paulina Dabrowska, Kannerbureau Wooltz, Luxembourg
Nadine Lepage, Jugendbureau Éislek, Luxembourg

Different backgrounds, native languages and experiences: the perfect conditions to connect with children and to set up a radio project. A creative approach to this audio only medium gives children an opportunity to share ideas and perceptions, discuss and listen to each other. Common grounds are built, skills trained. The workshop invites participants to discover and explore methods for radio-projects with children.

WORKSHOP
Talking Europe – Using Digitization and Artificial Intelligence for Political Dialogue and Citizenship Education
Conference Room 3

Ulrich Berger, Diskutier Mit Mir e.V., Germany
Alban Genty, Vote&Vous, France

Opinion bubbles and national narratives shape social discourse throughout Europe. Before the European elections, Talking Europe brought thousands of Europeans together in one-on one talks to discuss politics in an anonymous and secure environment. It did not matter where one lives or what socio-economic background one has. The language barrier is bridged through the use of artificial intelligence to ensure real-time translation.

In this workshop we bring together unique perspectives on how digitization can be used to promote political dialogue. After a short presentation on the Talking Europe network and the eponymous tool, we will discuss the possibilities of using digital approaches in citizenship education. Together with you, we want to find new perspectives, benefit from your experience as practitioners and co-create new ideas for pan-European projects.
— WORKSHOP

**Countering Inequalities, fostering Inclusion:**
What can the Council of Europe’s new ‘Competences for Democratic Culture’ contribute?

*Conference Room 8*

Veronika Fehlinger, Land der Menschen Oberösterreich, Austria
Patricia Hladschik, polis – The Austrian Centre for Citizenship Education in Schools, Austria
Claudia Lenz, Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society, NECE Advisory Board, Norway

The workshop provides an introduction to the Council of Europe’s Reference Framework Competences for Democratic Culture (RFCDC). Members of the NECE focus group “Competences for Democratic Culture” share their experiences with the implementation of the RFCDC in their diverse national and educational contexts. Participants of the workshop get familiar with the elements of the reference framework in an interactive setting that will allow them to apply the tool in their own contexts.

In the second part of the workshop, participants will explore the potential of the reference framework in working with disadvantaged children and adolescents: What can the RFCDC do in concrete terms to counteract inequalities and promote inclusion?

— PANEL

**“It’s the Economy, stupid! No, It’s something else.”**

The Rise of Illiberalism and Populism in Post 89/91 Eastern Europe

*Level 1 Auditorium*

**Introduction:** Stefan Melle, Transition Dialogue, Germany
Caroline Hornstein Tomić, Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar, NECE Advisory Board, Croatia
Oksana Huss, Institute for Development and Peace, Germany/Ukraine
Jan Sowa, Sociologist, Philosopher, Design critic, Poland
Krassen Stanchev, Institute for Market Economics, Bulgaria

Moderation: Louisa Slavkova, Sofia Platform, NECE Advisory Board, Bulgaria

This panel is designed by Transition Dialogue 2019–2021, a network of scholars and citizenship educators from seven Eastern European countries (transition-dialogue.com). Its key objective is to make sense of the experience of transition in post-Cold war Eastern Europe and transfer these insights and controversies into new contents and formats of civic education. In this workshop, we are looking at the role of economic and social disparities between the ‘West’ and the ‘East’ as well as in the transformation countries and ask if (social) inequalities are the only driving force for discontent and populism.
**EU Funding Programmes: How to make them work for you**

Sophie Logothetis, DutchCulture, The Netherlands
Petar Markovic, ECIT Foundation, Belgium

**Moderation:** Tatjana Meijvogel-Volk, ProDemos, The Netherlands

Are you looking for funding for your project, but desperate since you do not find your way through the ‘Brussels jungle’? – Then try this consultation panel! – Our experts with long standing experience in EU programmes will present the latest developments in the ‘subsidy – arena’, give you hints how to write a concise application and be ready to answer your questions. Given the particularity of the moment of turnover in EU institutions, the negotiations of the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MMF) and the anticipation of the next European Commission’s report on European Citizenship – this panel will talk about the future funding perspectives in the area of citizenship education in general, looking at the dynamics of the ongoing negotiations of the MMF and how it will affect Erasmus+ and other relevant programmes. You will receive an overview of the Europe for Citizens programme concerning funding for projects that have to do with citizenship, European history and European civic participation. We will talk about the current programme which will last till the end of 2020 and the changes starting in 2021 with the new policy period. We will touch upon the Creative Europe programme and the chances for funding in the ongoing Horizon 2020 calls.

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**LECTURE WITH Q&A**

Lecture with Q&A organised by EENCE (Eastern European Network for Citizenship Education)

**National Citizenship Education and Current Tasks: The Case of Ukraine**

Introduction: Tatevik Hakobyan, Women’s Council, Armenia
Igor Folvarochnyi, Association for World Education, Ukraine

**Moderation:** Narine Teknejan, Youth is Power, Armenia

A functioning citizenship education system and the implementation of corresponding conceptual approaches developed at the legislative level are crucial for overcoming the national economic crisis in Ukraine. At the same time, several other issues related to eliminating the inequality of the county’s citizens remain no less relevant. The fulfillment of the peoples’ expectations regarding the solution of these complex issues will be central to the credibility of the newly elected President and the parliamentary majority of his ruling party. We will show different examples of how the formal and non-formal education sectors participate in the development of civic education in Ukraine. Special attention will be paid to the role youth actors. How can we arrive at strategies for developing a sustainable bottom-up structure in citizenship education in Ukraine and other transformation countries?
PROJECT MARKET

Thirteen different institutions and organisations will be presenting their projects in the field of citizenship education from 24 until 26 October in the Level 2 Foyer at the TIC.

The project market opens its doors on Thursday, 24 October from 2:00 to 4:30 pm as well as on Friday, 25 October and Saturday, 26 October before the morning session and during the lunch break. Don’t miss the project pitch on 25 October, at 9:30 am in the plenary.

— NECE Partners & bpb book stall

Seven partner organisations from France, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, Austria, Slovenia, Poland and the Czech Republic make up NECE. They are cooperating closely across national borders and consist of a wide variety of different governmental and non-governmental institutions. Interested in getting involved? Pass by the bpb book stall or get in touch with representatives of the NECE partners!

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— NACE

Networking Arab Civic Education

NACE is a platform that connects and enhances the diverse initiatives of Civic Education in the Arab Region. It contributes to the overall development of Civic Education in the region and other similar networks. NACE provides spaces for exchanges on knowledge and tools in order to advocate Civic Education in the Arab Region. NACE builds on and promotes values enabling PARTICIPATION of citizens and institutions, RESPONSIBILITY of citizens and institutions to care for individuals and society, INCLUSIVITY that cherishes and build on the benefits and synergies of diversity, and TRANSPARENCY that provides for open and accountable cooperation.

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— CENESA

CENESA is a network of civic education actors offering mutual support, knowledge sharing and learning opportunities to Civil Society Organisations and individuals to enhance participatory democracies as well as advocating for States and Regional Bodies to accept citizen's voices in public processes and decisions. The network was born at the 2017 East African Civic Education Forum in 2017 in Entebbe, Uganda. While many organisations in the region are carrying out extraordinary work to deepen participatory democracy specifically for young people, this work is often done in regional isolation. Many of the challenges civic educators aim to address, however, involve cross border issues (for e.g. migration, gender inequality, climate change, access to resources, etc.) which single nation states cannot address alone. The creation of CENESA is therefore driven by the recognition that regional challenges require regional solutions.

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— MitOst e.V
MitOst connects active citizens in an open and diverse network in Europe and its neighbouring regions. We encourage activities and implement programmes which foster cultural exchange, active citizenship, social cohesion and sustainable urban and rural development – beyond cultural, sectoral or linguistic borders. MitOst was founded in 1996 by alumni of Robert Bosch Stiftung and volunteer enthusiasts. It is now an association with around 1,400 members in 45 countries, 10 alumni groups, several cooperation programmes and numerous international projects. The annual International MitOst Festival has become a get-together of our network of change-makers throughout Europe and abroad. MitOst supports young people in participating actively in their societies and in acting according to democratic principles.

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— EENCE
EENCE (Eastern European Network for Citizenship Education) is a network of organizations and experts aiming at promoting exchange and development of knowledge, skills and values on citizenship education in the region of Eastern Europe. The EENCE network was established in 2015, in frames of the NECE Network with a vision in mind. The vision is to create a platform for long-term communication and exchange of non-formal and civic education between state and non-governmental professionals from the Eastern Partnership countries as well as to endorse networking with the EU countries. Network members are successfully implementing joint projects, programmes, research, etc. that contribute to the development of civic education in the Eastern Partnership region and Russia.

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— CANDIICE – creative learning for better democracy in a digital age
Creative Approaches to New Democracy through Innovative Inclusive Citizenship Education
Help us make education for democracy far more CREATIVE, IMAGINATIVE, ARTISTIC, ENGAGING, INCLUSIVE and SUCCESSFUL. It’s never been more important that all learners value and defend plural, liberal democracy. Can we use more creative, artistic and technological pedagogies to help ALL LEARNERS at ALL AGES actively understand, improve and defend democratic rights? CANDIICE THINKS we can and we must! Sign up to share your existing work and ideas and to try out new work with your learners (all ages). Our UK, Croatia, France, Germany and Portugal Erasmus Plus project runs 2019–2022. We are just starting and really need your help. Educators in all European countries are invited to join our sharing group at NECE Market Place or CANDIICE.COM

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--- eurotopics – The European Press Roundup

What does Europe think? The eurotopics press review is a project of the bpb (Federal Agency for Civic Education) that keeps you up to date on the debates that are stirring Europe and reflects the diversity of opinions, ideas and moods. eurotopics takes a daily look at Europe's press and cites the most important voices in English, French, German, Russian and Turkish.

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--- Council of the EU

“What does the EU do for me: a look inside”
Discover the European Council and the Council of the EU and learn how member states’ governments work together to set the direction for the European Union and to adopt legislation, in order to make our lives better. The project presents how we engage with citizens via simulations, visits to the Council’s premises, tailor-made presentations, explanatory videos and interactive activities, to allow them to experience how European decision-making works and why it matters. Our committed speakers and facilitators happily help citizens to: (1) better understand the EU, its policies and their relevance; (2) find out what is happening behind the scenes; (3) engage in an interactive multimedia experience; (4) play a simulation game to see how European ministers work together to find joint solutions to common challenges.

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— WOSDEC
The West of Scotland Development Education Centre (WOSDEC) are funded by the Scottish Government to provide support for teachers, schools and local authorities across the West of Scotland to embed Global Citizenship education into their ethos, curriculum and policy. We work with 13 authorities (municipalities), including Glasgow, and closely with our national sister Development Education Centres to ensure there is equity of support across Scotland.
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— IDEAS
The International Development Education Association of Scotland (IDEAS) is a network of non-governmental organisations and individuals who are actively involved in Education for Global Citizenship in both the formal and informal sectors in Scotland. Members include large NGOs, small organisations and individuals working in areas such as international development, global poverty, sustainable development, social justice and citizenship. By raising awareness of global concerns and illustrating the potential for change, the IDEAS network aims to influence those in all sectors of formal and informal education and life long learning including teachers, policy makers, youth and adult education workers and a range of voluntary and statutory organisations.
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— Scotdec
Global issues, global subjects (GIGS) is an exciting European-wide Global Citizenship project open to secondary level schools and teachers across Scotland. Lead by Polish NGO Centre for Citizenship Education and spanning over 10 European countries, Scotdec is the Scottish partner of the GIGS project.
Schools from across Europe are working together through education to take action for the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The GIGS project provides materials, training and support for Global Citizenship Education in the classroom. Teachers will also have the unique opportunity to take part in seminars and conferences across Europe while examining their subject through key global citizenship themes. The GIGS project presents a significant opportunity to improve teachers’ confidence and skills in tackling difficult issues in the classroom while empowering young people to take action on issues which are important for their communities.
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— Talking Europe/Diskutier mit Mir e.V.
Digital discussions between Europeans who do not share the same language, opinion and domicile? Talking Europe creates a safe digital space for political discussions with live-translated one-on-one chats. We aim to promote European democracy and cohesion, enabling citizens to better reflect and understand political opinions. With our platforms in Europe, Germany, Sweden and Hungary and together with i.a. Vokskabin and Vote&Vous, we engage in digital citizenship education, especially promoting competencies in digital political dialogue for the young generation.
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— Bridge 47
Bridge 47 is a cross-country project and Global Network that aims to inspire and facilitate strategic and cohesive action towards achieving SDG 4.7 through the means of Global Citizenship Education. Bridge 47 was created to bring people together to share and learn from each other. The Network facilitates cooperation around achieving target 4.7. and builds bridges between all types of value-based education. We mobilise civil society from all around the world to contribute to a transformation towards global justice.
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— BELvue King Baudouin Foundation
The BELvue is a project on citizenship education in Belgium run by the King Baudouin Foundation, a pluralistic non-profit public benefit foundation with a wide scope of action domains. Since 2003, the BELvue aims to reach schools and teachers, but also youngsters outside of school context, with activities, tools and workshops on political citizenship, the justice system, media, active citizenship, the colonial history of Belgium, discrimination and racism and last but not least on financial education. The focus on stimulating critical thinking, dialogue, interaction and comprehension through role playing and interactive workshops has proven to be a successful approach with formats now used in different countries throughout Europe. Come and discover our offer and see if we can do anything to help you develop yours.
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— NECE conference Evaluation Point
This year’s review team will also be present in the project market. Please come by and leave a quote on the questions: How can you tell that the conference was really valuable to you? What was your highlight today and what made it so important for you? What should be different next time? We also ask you to rate the conference according to criteria such as controversy, organisation, venue, opportunities to participate, variety of speakers … and concerning your personal success criteria: Let us know!
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OPEN SPACE

The two Open Space sessions on 25 October, 11am to 12am, and 26 October, 10am to 12am, are the perfect place for an open exchange, networking and spontaneous discussion on upcoming relevant issues. Discuss your own challenges, needs, tools, topics, and projects in citizenship education. You can host a discussion with your own topic or take part in discussions hosted by other participants.

If you are interested in hosting or joining a discussion, please visit the Open Space Board in the Level 2 Foyer of the venue! Susanne Ulrich, the facilitator of the Open Space, will assist you with any question.

As the Open Space is a tried-and-trusted NECE format, some discussion proposals by sparticipants have already reached us. We are looking forward to:

**The Sustainable Democracy Game (SDG)**
Learn how the SDG opens for Dialogue on and understanding of the UN’s 17 Sustainable Development Goals.
Host: IAED – International Academy for Education and Democracy

**European Citizenship solidarity beyond Brexit**
This workshop looks at the irrevocable nature of EU citizenship. It also investigates how EU citizenship could “create a dignified way forward” for those who may risk losing rights because of Brexit.
Host: European Citizen’s Rights, Involvement and Trust – ECIT

**Strengthening European Identity through Education and Culture**
This motto should encourage the broader cultural and socio-cultural sector to rethink their policies and practices. Ways to assist organisations and institutes, NGOs and informal networks to manage the upcoming changes will be presented, among those an accredited MBA European Culture, Heritage & Citizenship.
Host: Steve Austen, NL

**Embedding Equality Education: Scotland’s successes and weaknesses**
Learn and discuss how well does education challenge discrimination across social class, gender stereotyping, sexual orientation, disabilities, ethnic minorities, care experienced young people and what could be done to improve equality education?
Host: Socialist Educational Association Scotland

**EU Funding Programmes**
The issues of social inequality, inclusion, etc. also affect support programmes to a large extent. We will also discuss the future generation of programmes currently under negotiation.
Host: Europa für Bürgerinnen und Bürger – EfBB

**CANDIICE Erasmus+ Project**
(Creative Approaches to New Democracy through Innovative Inclusive Citizenship Education)
Our key questions include: How can creative learning methods increase participation in future models of democracy? How can citizenship education tackle identity, prejudice and diversity issues through emotional intelligence approaches? What emotions underpin xenophobia – how can teachers engage with them?
Hosts: Adam Newman Turner, Khalid Mahmood, UK

… and more to come!

Get involved – share your ideas!
FIELD TRIPS: EXPLORING GLASGOW!

The FIELD TRIPS offer you a unique opportunity to get to know local organisations, initiatives, projects and activists working on the frontlines of education and civic activity in the region. Depending on the group, participants will meet at the indicated time of departure in the Level 2 Foyer of TIC. From there, you will be picked up and start together in small groups to the different spots. If you are interested in joining a FIELD TRIP, please ask at the registration desk and add your name to the registration list (open from 24 October., 2:00 pm until 25 October., 11:00 am). Hurry up, places are limited!

— Civic House
Join us for a visit to Civic House, a project by Agile City which is currently being developed as a workspace, venue and canteen. Agile City is a community interest company based in Speirs Locks, north Glasgow – an area that has been dramatically affected by loss of industry and the construction of the M8 motorway in the 1960’s. Their projects respond to this context by considering sustainable approaches to repurposing industrial buildings and addressing issues of vacant space through activation, testing and learning.

— East End Women’s Heritage Walk from the Glasgow Women’s Library
Join the Glasgow Women’s Library for a historical walk around the city’s East End and learn more about the women of a traditional working-class area – the women of the Templeton factory, the suffragettes, the brazen women of Glasgow Green, Battling Betty, the woman who set up the Barras and many, many more!

— Think global, act local

— Walk through Dalmarnock
For many years, Dalmarnock was among the much deprived and neglected parts of the city. Since 2014, more and more examples of urban regeneration have been emerging. Come and join Robert Rogerson (University of Strathclyde/Institute for Future Cities) and Carolyn Wills (WOSDEC Development Education Centre), for an interactive walking tour through the community.

— West of Scotland Development Education Centre (WOSDEC)
West of Scotland Development Education Centre (WOSDEC) supports thirteen local authorities in Scotland with Global Citizenship Education and helps young people explore issues of inequality and use their voice to make a difference. Get to know the base and facilities of the NGO in the west of the city. Besides, the walk to the premises will lead you past a range of significant landmarks, introducing you to Glasgow’s rich architectural and social heritage.
—YES – Young Enterprise Scotland
Young Enterprise Scotland (YES) is a registered charity with the goal to inspire and equip young people from all backgrounds to learn and succeed through enterprise in Scotland for over 25 years. Their vision is for Scotland to be a place where all young people should be given the opportunity to have a rewarding future in work and life – no matter where they start their journey. During this field trip you will get to meet up with some of the staff & get insight into the charity’s mission, its approach to inclusion and its suite of different programmes.

—Alternative Walking Tour by Invisible Cities: Crimes & Punishment in the Merchant City
Invisible (Glasgow) is operated by Invisible Cities, a global social enterprise that trains people who have experienced homelessness to become walking tour guides of their own city. As a social enterprise, 100% of their profit goes into developing their guides with professional or educational opportunities or into events for the wider homeless communities. On this walking tour you will meet up with Daniel – the first Invisible Cities guide in Glasgow. He will highlight stories of Crimes, Punishment and his own experience on the streets, and with the justice system.

—Alternative Walking Tour by Invisible Cities: Social Enterprise in the City
Invisible (Glasgow) is operated by Invisible Cities, a global social enterprise that trains people who have experienced homelessness to become walking tour guides of their own city. As a social enterprise, 100% of their profit goes into developing their guides with professional or educational opportunities or into events for the wider homeless communities. On this walking tour you will meet up with Zakia, the Invisible Cities’ founder. Zakia will speak about the work they do, but also highlight other organisations such as Social Bite, The Big Issue, or the Blank Faces.
Moez Ali is a civil society activist on Human rights, countering violent extremism and corruption fighting. He is one of the NACE founders. Moez Ali is a president of a Tunisian CSO “UTIL” created after the Tunisian Arab spring, founder of the Tunisian Association Front, coordinator of Tunisian civil coalition against corruption and Coordinator of the Tunisian civil coalition against terrorism. Moez Ali contributed as expert in developing policies and strategies.

Nada Bahgat studied Political Science to get exposed in depth to her community needs and aspirations. She joined the Gerhart Center in 2018 to be responsible for the Egyptian Chapter of Lazord Fellowship and runs the fellowship program which targets youth fresh graduates from all over Egypt to offer then a one-year placement in a reputable NGO, along with a capacity development program and a mentorship program. The fellowship aspires to create civic responsible leaders to reinforce the civil society.

Ulrich Berger works as a strategic advisor for the German NGO Diskutier Mit Mir e.V. (“Discuss with me”). He holds degrees in Middle Eastern Studies and Political Science and has a background in international, non-formal adult education and organizational development. From the outset of the project in 2018, he has accompanied Talking Europe as project manager.

Rachel Binnie had studied at Salford University and gained a degree in Quantity Surveying. She’s worked in education for 25 years, most recently as a Head Teacher at Wallacewell primary school. In November 2018 she was seconded for two years to work as a Lead Officer for Glasgow City Council to support improvements in allocated schools and to take forward Learning for Sustainability across Glasgow in all establishments, Early Year to Secondary. She is passionate about education and improving outcomes for the young people in Glasgow (and further afield).

Sébastien Bousois, PhD in Politics, is Associate researcher in Middle East Issues at UQAM in Montreal, ULB in Brussels and in various organisations involved in terrorism and radicalisation issues like CPRMV (Montreal), and S.A.V.E Belgium which deal with jihadist radicalization especially on the European project CICERO (European Commission).

Nicholas Bukovec is the eurotopics correspondent for the UK and Ireland. He studied political science, history and economics in Vienna, Dublin and Limerick. From 1999 to 2011 he worked as a political and international editor for the daily newspaper Kurier in Vienna. Since 2011 he has been based in Dublin, working as a freelance journalist and for an online marketing platform.

Petr Čáp (NECE Partner) works as executive director of The National Network of Local Action Groups in the Czech Republic. Formerly, he was director of the Czech Civic Education Centre where he is now engaged in the development of citizenship education programmes for public libraries in rural areas, postcolonial global citizenship education and popular education programmes with the Homeless Action Group.

Stephen M. Carroll is the Business Editor of international news broadcaster France 24. Based in Paris, he edits and presents coverage of global economic and business stories. He has previously hosted debates at events including the World Economic Forum in Davos. Earlier this year, he spent a term as a Journalist in Residence at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.
David Cooper is in his third year of headship at Batley Girls’ High School, after heading-up the Sixth Form for the previous nine years. He also leads on the Kirklees Careers Hub as well as leading on all partnership work with the school, which demonstrates his focus on the community and a broader approach to education beyond the school walls. His commitment to lifelong learning truly is inspirational as is his passion for building strong alliances to mutually deliver for the school and the community.

Nelly Corbel (NECE Advisory Board member) is the executive director of the Lazord Foundation and an independent consultant in citizenship education working with universities and governments around Europe and the Mediterranean. Prior to this, she served as the associate director of the Gerhart Center for Philanthropy and Civic Engagement at the American University in Cairo until March 2015, where she has been providing leadership to a number of programmes.

Paulina Dabrowska is the head of the Kannerbureau Wooltz since 2012. She successfully completed her teaching degree in Philosophy, Spanish and Education at the University of Cologne. At the Montag Stiftung Köln, she has acquired an additional qualification in the field of aesthetic action competences.

Daška Domljan has started out as a teacher and author of course books for learning English in Croatian schools. After fifteen years she was ready for a career change and made a transition into HR management. For the last five years she is working as a Programme Manager for the foundation Knowledge at Work (Znanjena djelu).

Mira Dutschke has a master’s degree in Human Rights law and 12 years of international research, advocacy and teaching experience. The focus of her work is on supporting democratic participation and inclusive decision-making processes. She has also been active as a multi-media producer in Southern Africa and America. Her work has been published in books, in peer-reviewed journals media outlets like the UK Guardian, The Mail and Guardian, LinkTV and numerous other media outlets. Currently, she is the Programme Manager at the Democracy Works Foundation in Johannesburg.

Diana Ellis, Carolyn Wills and Kim McCauley are Global Education Advisors at WOSDEC (the West of Scotland Development Education Centre), where our overarching goal is to empower teachers to enable young people to act as global citizens, committed to shaping a just and sustainable future for all, locally and globally. Based in Glasgow, we support educators throughout the West of Scotland to develop their skills in Global Citizenship, Learning for Sustainability and Rights-based Learning. We are all qualified teachers, with many years of experience of working in Scottish education.

Veronika Fehlinger is the Executive Director of an Austrian Association of NGOs and NPOs called “Land of Humans – Towards Each Other in Upper Austria”. Its aim is social cohesion and working against division of society. In addition, Veronika Fehlinger works as a trainer for gender and diversity and intercultural competence.

Judith Fiebelkorn is senior editor of the European press review eurotopics. She completed a cross-media traineeship at Evangelische Journalistenschule in Berlin and worked for the German media outlets Tagesspiegel, Frankfurter Rundschau, Stuttgarter Zeitung and Bayerischer Rundfunk.

Igor Folvarochnyi is a member of the EENCE network, coordinator for Ukraine (Association for World Education), Dr., Doz. Department of Psychology and Education, National University of Ukraine on Physical Education and Sport. Post doc thesis – Enlightenment activity of European NGOs in the field of adult education (second half of XX – beginning XXI century), 2016.
Alban Genty (NECE Partner) is co-founder and Secretary General of Vote&Vous, a French association active since 2014 in the field of transnational citizenship education with a particular focus on Civic Tech. After four years dealing with European affairs in the Berlin-based think tank Das Progressive Zentrum, Alban Genty currently works as project manager between culture and politics at the Allianz Kulturstiftung.

David Goodhart is a journalist, author and think tanker – currently head of the demography unit at the Policy Exchange think tank. He is the founder and former editor of Prospect magazine and the former director of the centre-left think tank Demos. His book “The British Dream: Successes and Failures of Post-War Immigration” was runner up for the Orwell book prize.

Petra Grüne (organiser & NECE Partner) has been in charge of the German Federal Agency for Civic Education’s Events Department since 2006. She has been working there since 1991 in a number of different fields and positions, including heading a comprehensive evaluation of the “bpb” in 1999 that eventually led to a reshuffling of the organisation. Together with Christoph Müller-Hofstede Petra Grüne is responsible for the NECE initiative promoted by the Federal Agency for Civic Education/bpb. Petra Grüne has been running the Focus Group “Exchange between Europe and North Africa”, since 2016 a sister network of NECE, named NACE – Networking Arab Civic Education.

Tatevik Hakobyan, based in Armenia, is one of the co-founders of the NECE Focus Group for Citizenship Education in Eastern European countries since 2014–2015. The Focus Group has then successfully transformed to Eastern European Network for Citizenship Education, where Tatevik takes the role of EENCE Coordination Council member. Her academic background goes back to conducting research in education (formal and non-formal), teaching and training, as well as expertising in citizenship education.

Ellie Harrison is an artist and activist based in Glasgow. She creates playful installations, performance/events, writing and political campaigns aimed at investigating, exposing and challenging the absurd consequences of our capitalist system: from over-consumption, inequality and alienation, to privatisation and climate change. In 2010, she became the first visual artist to publish an Environmental Policy. In 2016, she slashed her carbon footprint for transport to zero and made headlines with her ‘controversial’ project The Glasgow Effect, for which she refused to leave Glasgow’s city limits, or use any vehicles except her bike, for the whole calendar year. Her book about The Glasgow Effect launched at the Edinburgh International Book Festival this summer and will be on general release from 4 November 2019.

Catherine Heinemeyer is a storyteller, researcher and lecturer at York St John University. She has led multi-artform storytelling projects in numerous classrooms from early years to adult education. Her practice research investigates 21st century manifestations of storytelling which enable dialogue across cultural divides and ‘around corners’, particularly in relation to controversial issues such as migration and ecological crisis.

Eve Hepburn is the Founder and Managing Director of PolicyScribe, an ethical policy research consultancy. She is also an Academic Fellow at the Scottish Parliament, an Honorary Fellow at the Edinburgh Europa Institute, and member of the Advisory Board of the Scottish Centre on European Relations (SCER). Prior to establishing PolicyScribe in 2017, Eve spent 15 years holding various academic positions, most recently as Senior Lecturer in Politics & International Relations at the University of Edinburgh. She has authored nine books and over 50 refereed journal articles on public policy, devolution, European integration, citizenship and immigration.
Patricia Hladschik is director of polis – the Austrian Centre for Citizenship Education in Schools (www.politik-lernen.at/english), based in Vienna. She is an Austrian expert to the Council of Europe’s European Policy Advisers Network (EPAN) and concerned with the implementation of the Council of Europe’s Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture (RFCDC) on the national level.

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Charlotte King is an English and Media teacher and has been at the Batley Girls’ High School for eight years. She is the lead teacher for the Journeys Project as well as co-ordinating the highly successful ‘Carry my Story’ project for the school, which is a Kirklees collaboration of a number of schools and their communities working together to exchange stories and celebrate the things that make them unique. Bringing people together to share and enhance experiences is high on the agenda for Batley Girls’ High School and Charlotte is an excellent ambassador for this.

Olivia Kortas is eurotopics correspondent in Poland. She studied political journalism and psychology in Germany, Denmark and The Netherlands. As a freelance reporter she has worked in several Central and Eastern European countries, most often in Poland. Her pieces have been published in German and international media.
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TOPIC: Value of citizen's initiatives
- How can we deal with it?
- Share your (failed) experience and how you dealt with it
NAME: Claudia

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Thomas Krüger is Director of the German Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb). After being a founding member of the Social Democratic Party in the former GDR, and becoming the executive Director of the SDP in Berlin (East), Thomas Krüger became deputy chairman of the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD) in Berlin (East/West). Subsequently, he was the city’s Senator for Youth and Family Affairs (1991–1994) and a member of the German Parliament, the Bundestag (1994–1998).

Malgorzata Leszko is a trainer, coordinator of educational programs addressed to teachers at the Center for Citizenship Education in Poland. She works mainly in the field of diversity, equality and social inclusion at school. She is a graduate of Humanity in Action John Lewis Fellowship 2016 in Atlanta dedicated to human and civil rights movement. She is also an Educator at the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews.

An Lavens is the director of the BELvue museum in Brussels, a museum on Belgium and its history and a Centre for Democracy. An Lavens studied communication science at the Free University of Brussels and stayed there to work in the SMIT research centre (Studies on Media, Communication and Information Technology). Since 2005 she is employed by the King Baudouin Foundation, first as the communication manager for the BELvue museum and since 2007 as the general manager of the BELvue.

Claudia Lenz (NECE Advisory Board member) is professor of social science and Chair for prevention of racism and antisemitism at the Norwegian school for Theology, Religion and Society. She also holds a position as research professor at the Norwegian Centre for Holocaust and Minority Studies. Lenz has been part of the expert group developing the Council of Europe Reference Framwork Competences for Democratic Culture (RFCDC) and is one of the lead experts to the Council of Europe network of policy advisors (EPAN), concerned with the implementation of the Reference Framework.

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Darren McGarvey is the Orwell Prize winning author of ‘Poverty Safari: Understanding the Anger of Britain’s Underclass’. Loki The Scottish Rapper is the musical alter-ego of Darren McGarvey with a string of releases from 2003 – 2008. In 2018, Loki staged the 60-minute show Poverty Safari Live at the Edinburgh Fringe, blending elements of rap, music, spoken word and stand-up comedy. Activism and social commentary is how Darren came to wider public note in Scotland, thanks to regular contributions on pro-independence sites like Bella Caledonia and regular appearances on BBC Scotland and Scottish Television. He writes for STV Online and The Scotsman and is a regular contributor to other UK publications, including The Independent, the Guardian as well as television and radio mainstays.

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**Chris Waller** recently retired as Director of Education at the Association for Citizenship Teaching, the national subject association for Citizenship education in England. He was a secondary school teacher for thirty years. He has also worked extensively in curriculum design and implementation outside of UK, primarily in Ukraine, Kosovo and Lebanon.

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NECE – BASIC FACTS

— What is NECE?
The NECE – Networking European Citizenship Education platform has been initiated and managed by the Federal Agency for Civic Education (Bundeszentrale für Politische Bildung, ‘bpb’) together with seven partners from France, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, Austria, Slovenia, Poland and the Czech Republic for more than ten years now.

NECE is an open transnational and diverse (non-institutionalised) community of stakeholders and practitioners (formal, non-formal and informal education) of citizenship education (CE) from Europe and associated countries, providing a forum for debate on equal footing, and knowledge exchange. NECE identifies political, societal trends relevant to CE and develops responses to transfer them into practice. NECE provides a link to advocate CE at the national, European as well as the international level.

— NECE Partners
– Federal Agency for Civic Education/Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung/bpb (Germany),
– Centre for Citizenship Education, CEO (Poland),
– Civic Education Centre (Czech Republic),
– Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (Austria),
– ProDemos – House for Democracy and the Rule of Law (the Netherlands),
– University of Ljubljana (Slovenia),
– Vote & Vous (France),
– Zentrum für politische Bildung, ZpB (Luxembourg)

— NECE Advisory Board
The Advisory Board is composed of international experts and scholars who provide NECE partners with intellectual and political input and advice, including on social political discourses and pressing issues for democracy and citizenship education in Europe. Additionally, they provide advice on lobbying and political networking at the European level.

— Advisory Board members
Nelly Corbel, Global Civic Consulting (France/Egypt),
Sarah de Lange, University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
Caroline Hornstein Tomić, Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar (Croatia)
Boris Jokic, Institute for Social Research in Zagreb (Croatia),
Michalis Kakos, Leeds Becket University (UK),
Claudia Lenz, The Norwegian School of Theology (Norway),
Markus Lux, Bosch Foundation (Germany),
Niccolò Milanese, European Alternatives (France/UK),
Jan-Werner Müller, Princeton University (USA),
Verena Ringler, European Commons (Austria),
Louisa Slavkova, Sofia Platform (Bulgaria),
Karolina Wigura, Kultura Liberalna (Poland)
Conference & workshops
The main tools for exchange and networking are the NECE events, especially the annual NECE conference. In between, workshop focusing on specific topics are being held in different European cities several times per year.

Focus Groups
Focus Groups are temporary international working groups started by NECE partners or Advisory Board members. They focus on specific transnational topics related to the profession of citizenship education. Currently, three focus groups are working:

- Parliaments and Citizenship Education,
  http://www.nece-conference.eu/session/nece-focus-group-parliaments-citizenship-education/
  Contact persons: Tatjana Meijvogel-Volk, email: t.meijvogel-volk@prodemos.nl or Eddy Habben Jansen, email: e.habbenjansen@prodemos.nl

- Competences for Democratic Culture (RFCDC),
  http://www.nece-conference.eu/session/nece-focus-group-competences-for-democratic-culture-rfcdc/
  Contact person: Claudia Lenz email: claudia.lenz@mf.no or patricia.hladschik@politik-lernen.at

- Civics Innovation Hub,
  Contact person: Louisa Slavkova, email: Louisa.slavkova@sofiaplatform.org

Information

- Websites
  www.nece.eu
  www.nece-conference.eu

- Newsletter & Database
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- Social media
  Follow NECE on Twitter (@NECE_Network), LinkedIn (NECE Network) and Facebook (@NECE.network)

  You would like to share information with the NECE community or get involved in NECE?
  Please contact the conference management at: nece-network@labconcepts.de
— Our Challenges
The challenges to today’s societies are complex and manifold – from global power shifts to pressure on liberal democracies as a result of real and perceived inequalities, from new uses and misuses of technology to climate change. This particularly holds for Europe and its neighbors South and East, with our diverse historic experiences, political systems and civic cultures. More than ever connectivity and interdependence are shaping our relations within and outside of Europe. For citizenship education, this situation poses high demands, but at the same time it offers a rich reservoir of experiences and a huge potential for exchange and synergy from the local to the transnational level.

— Our Goals
Therefore, partners from seven European countries have initiated NECE – Networking European Citizenship Education – as a knowledge hub and a platform for cooperation and exchange. Independent of political constellations and as nonpartisan institutions, we are identifying political, societal and cultural trends to build common strategies for citizenship education.

— Our Activities
This is put into life through the annual NECE conference which provides an open forum for debate and knowledge exchange for practitioners, scholars and the interested public.

It forms a transnational community of stakeholders of formal, nonformal and informal citizenship education from Europe and other countries. The conference identifies educational practices that address contemporary issues in European societies and beyond. It helps to deliver innovative answers of citizenship education to contemporary challenges. Transnational workshops and focus groups work on specific topics between the conferences.

— Our Understanding of Citizenship Education
We have an encompassing understanding of citizenship education which considers a wide variety of educational practices inside and outside of schools. It is an enduring and critical process of reflection and deliberation on the ideas, structures and practices of contemporary democracy. Citizenship education should strive to politically socialize communities and individuals and encourage critical democratic ideas and practices.

— Our Claim
NECE wants to become a long-term laboratory for transdisciplinary and transnational thinking through participatory culture. It is the place to be for people from diverse segments of societies, serving as a civic barometer and as a reference point for policy makers on the national and the European level.
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- NECE conferences

- NECE workshops & focus group meetings
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5th–8th November 2020
Berlin, Germany

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