
PROGRAMME YOUNG AMBASSADORS - PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

As a young ambassador, you will have a dedicated programme which is integrated into the main conference programme. As you know we are looking for volunteers that will shape several of the sessions with us.

In the various sessions, we will be looking for different kinds of volunteers:

1. Contributors
2. Debaters
3. Keynote listeners

In addition to these roles, all young ambassadors will be involved in the group plenaries on Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning, the speednetworking and study visits.

Active participation opportunities are mentioned below; you can volunteer for them through the questionnaire (maximum of two).

Wednesday, 28 November

- 14:00-15:00 - Young ambassadors meet up: Getting together as a group -> **volunteer as a contributor to prepare an icebreaker**
Your contact will be Feyrouz Lajili-Djalai, projects & policy support officer
- 15:00-17:00 - First discussion on participation and engagement in politics with representatives from the European Youth Forum and a local politician; examples from Edinburgh's Cities4Europe campaign activities -> **volunteer as a contributor to prepare the debate**
Your contact will be Feyrouz Lajili-Djalai, projects & policy support officer

Thursday, 29 November

- 9:45-11:15 - Plenary session 'Creative cities for citizens': this is the second plenary of the morning. This plenary will feature a debate of two young ambassadors with EURO CITIES president and mayor of Ghent, Daniël Termont, and the European Parliament's director for relations with citizens, Stephen Clark. It will be moderated by Alan Little, former BBC journalist. The debate will be around how cities can interact at European level, forms of engagement, and what we have learnt from our Cities4Europe initiative on the future of Europe, but this still needs developing -> **volunteer as a debater and to prepare the debate**
Your contact will be Federico Guerrieri, Cities4Europe campaign coordinator
- 14:30-16:00 - Creative conversations: These are six sessions on three themes:

1. Inspire: partnerships for creative places
2. Impact: creating competitive cities
3. Involve: inclusion and empowerment through culture

Discussions will be interactive, and any young ambassador can participate, but we would like to identify six keynote listeners to attend with a specific 'ear' on what priorities and ideas are raised with regard to a European city of the future. These six keynote listeners would report back and feed into the young ambassadors' debate on Friday morning. -> **volunteer as a keynote listener**
Your contact will be Cécile Houpert, projects & policy support officer

- 16:00-17:30 - Young ambassadors meet up: we would like to use the end of this day as an opportunity for some active democracy. We are looking for volunteers to present their candidacies to the group of young ambassadors gathering here, to become a debater in the closing plenary. For a description, see the programme for Friday 11:00-11:45. We would expect the candidates to prepare a short pitch on why they should be selected as debaters. The group will then vote via an app. -> **volunteer as a candidate debater for Friday's closing plenary**
This session will be prepared by the EUROCITIES team (responsible: Cécile Houpert, projects & policy support officer)

Friday, 30 November

- 9:00-10:30 - Young ambassador debate: This debate is amongst the group of young ambassadors. It will be kicked off by Thursday's keynote listeners and will focus on discussing your visions of the European city of the future. The outcome of the debate will inform the debaters in the following plenary on what to present as the views of young people. -> **volunteer as contributors to prepare this debate**
Your contact will be Gabriel Jacqmin, projects & policy support officer
- 11:00-11:45 - closing plenary: in this plenary of the conference the two candidates selected on Thursday will enter into a conversation with a high level representative of the Scottish government.
This session will be prepared by the EUROCITIES team (responsible: Nicola Vatthauer, communications director)