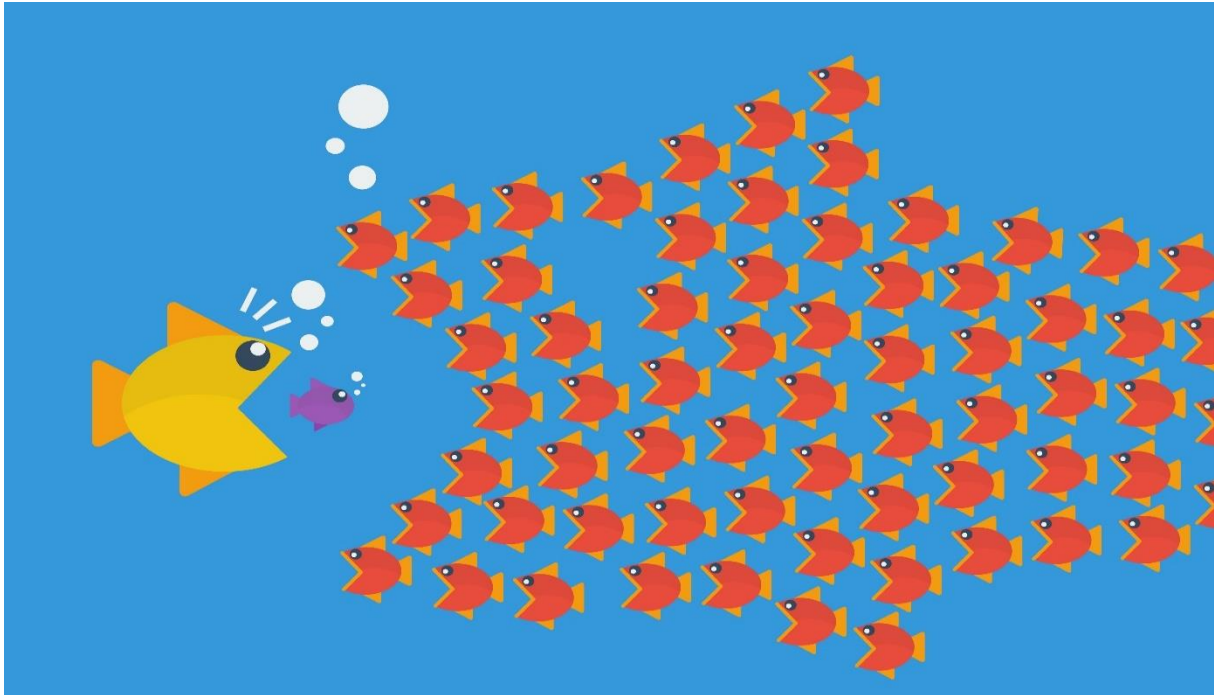


Power for a just future

How to live together and organize in Europe

5th to 11th of August 2023 / Agape Centro Ecumenico - Prali, Italien
International Youth Exchange



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We are facing a deep ecological crisis accompanied by social and economic challenges. Why, then, is it so difficult to achieve change towards more sustainability and justice? This question has become even more pressing in a context of war and rising authoritarianism on the European continent. How can we find new strength and gather forces to work for change, and to distribute power in a just and sustainable way? This week-long workshop offers a space to experiment how to live together, sharing our concrete experiences and hopes. We invite young adults (aged 18 to 28 years) to develop shared practices and learn how to use power in a positive way, and on how to organize for a more just future.

In many countries, right-wing parties are gaining in strength, nationalist ideologies are becoming more popular, and new forms of authoritarianism make discrimination of minorities more acute. At the same time, alternative progressive political forces are often shrinking in power. This is a challenging setting for the socio-ecological transformation. We face the risk of even stronger resistance against the necessary change towards a more sustainable way of life – economically, socially, politically and ecologically. Despite these obstacles against change, we have to look for ways to overcome dark visions of the future. Therefore it is important to understand how power works, and to reflect on possibilities to organize power differently without leaving anyone behind.

During our week at the Centre Ecumenico Agape, we will look at economic, social and political inequalities and their causes, also reflecting on our privileges. We will discuss which values we want to strengthen in light of the socio-ecological transformation. We explore how to live together in Europe starting from our differences from and Europe's responsibilities to other world regions. How can we work towards a Europe that is a shared place, and a place to create solutions to the challenges we are facing? We are looking forward to a week full of creative activities, interactive discussions and workshops in which we will develop our vision for a just future.

This international youth exchange is organized in cooperation with the *Evangelische Akademie zu Berlin*, *Ekumenická Akademie Prague* and the *Centro Ecumenico Agape*, like *plusbildung – ökumenische bildungslandschaft Schweiz* all members of *Oikosnet Europe*, a network of Christian academies and laity centres throughout Europe.

Program

August 5th

Travel day & arrival, getting to know each other, expectations for the meeting

August 6th

Morning

Getting to know Centro Ecumenico Agape – guided walk with reflection on expectations, wishes and needs in regard to living together in community, and on the tension between individuality and community

Introduction of the workshop and program – The socio-ecological transformation and current challenges for democracy in Europe, short input and presentation of the program/project

Afternoon

Our hopes, desires, needs and fears

meditation: how would I would like to have lived?

Evening

Developing our vision

August 7th

Morning

Social and economic justice – privilege and intersectionality

Afternoon

Democracy – playful and interactive introduction to the question of our understanding of democracy and democratic values: equality and freedom as two principles of democracy

Developing our vision

Evening

Movie night – film on democracy (crisis) in Europe

August 8th

Morning and afternoon
hike and picnic

Afternoon
Developing our vision

Evening
Bone fire

August 9th

Morning
Democratic values in the socio-ecological transformation I – group-work on country-specific culture and discussion in plenary on the challenges for democracy in Europe

Afternoon
Democratic values in the socio-ecological transformation II – interactive methods and discussion: democracy and economy, which challenges do we see and what visions do we have?
Developing our vision

Evening
Transformation and democracy: How does change come into the world? – discussion with activists for democracy and climate justice in the civil society in the region of Turin/Piemont

August 10th

Morning
Finalizing our vision I

Afternoon
Finalizing our vision II

Evening
international party

August 11th

Good byes, outlook and departure

The program is subject to change!

Event management

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Prices and information

Participation in the workshop is free of charge. We cover the travel costs from your arrival in Zurich HB, as well as accommodation and meals in Agape. Insurance is the responsibility of the participants. Young adults between the age of **18** and **28** can participate. The workshop will be held in English. If you would like to participate, please send us a short email to info@plusbildung.ch with a few lines about yourself and your motivation to take part in the workshop.

Deadline for registration is May 28, 2023. The number of participants is limited!

Hinfahrt (August 5th):

09:33 Zürich HB ab

12:50 Milano Centrale an

13:15 Milano Centrale ab

Ankunft in Torino Porta Nuova: 15:10

Rückfahrt (August 11th):

13:50 Torino Porta Nuova ab

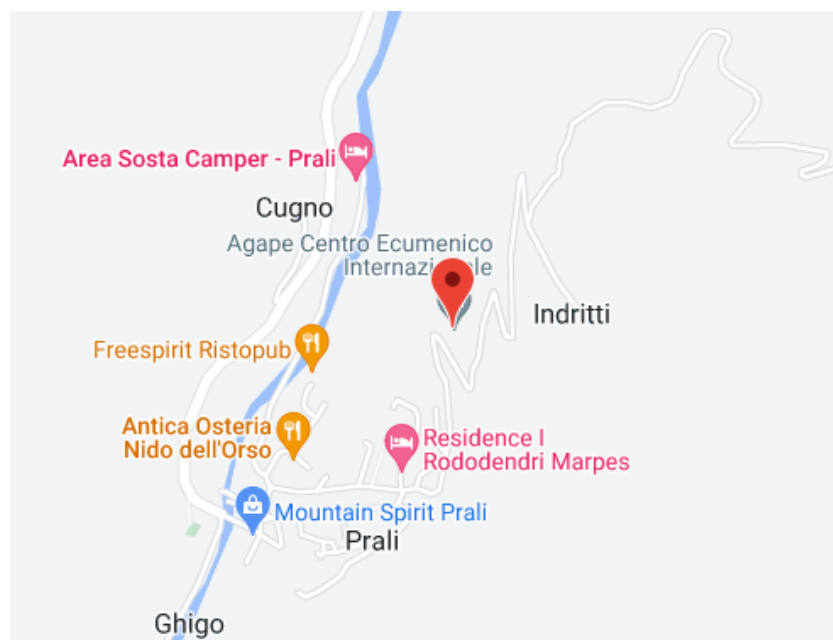
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Ankunft in Zürich HB: 18:27

Venue and travel directions

Agape Centro Ecumenico - Prali, Italien / <https://agapecentroecumenico.org/>



Agape Centro Ecumenico is located at 1600m altitude in the mountains near Turin. The centre, run by the Waldensian Church in Italy, is a place of international encounter and civic education. In camps, young volunteers discuss and engage with socio-political questions throughout the year. At the same time, they participate in the day-to-day work at the center.