

## NECE Conference 2019

### Confronting Inequalities! The Role of Citizenship Education

24-27 October 2019

Glasgow, UK

[www.nece.eu](http://www.nece.eu)

*Conference venue: Technology & Innovation Centre, Glasgow, UK*

## Call for Projects

**NECE 2019** is offering the opportunity to contribute to our conference programme by presenting projects about inequalities and citizenship education at the NECE Conference 2019 in Glasgow, UK.

**NECE 2019** is a public event open for citizenship educators, activists and students from Europe and North Africa as well as for the public of Glasgow, British educators and civil society organisations. There are no conference fees.

Please check our website for an overview of an initial draft of the programme: [www.nece.eu](http://www.nece.eu)

### ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Set against the ongoing Brexit drama, **NECE 2019** looks at the growing rifts and inequalities in Europe and its neighbouring regions that are at the heart of the political crises in many democracies. **NECE 2019** will discuss how the manifold forms and faces of inequality - class, income, gender, race, ethnic origin, talent and geography - are affecting the rights of citizenship in our societies, in other words inclusion and exclusion in society, participation or non-participation in politics, and last but not least individual opportunities in life. Our aim is to explore the socio-economic, political, educational and cultural dimensions of inequalities and their impact on approaches and practices of citizenship education in schools and in civil society. One fundamental question will be how citizenship education as a profession can learn to deal with the effects that inequality and poverty have on the lives of young people and citizens living on the margins of society.

We also propose to start a conversation on how we as citizenship educators can better deal with the economic and financial mechanisms affecting us as citizens and shaping our lives. How can we develop some basic economic literacy and knowledge for the curricula and formats of citizenship education? 'It is the economy, stupid' was the slogan of the 1990s, should we today rather speak of "the stupid economy"?

Last but not least, as the effects of climate change and global warming have been triggering deep societal concerns and new citizens' movements – such as the transnational "Fridays for Future" school strikes - **NECE 2019** will look at the ever more important global dimension of inequality. We will ask how approaches to globalise citizenship education may play a bigger role in the future.

### PURPOSE OF THE CALL

The **CALL** looks for projects on the local, national and European level dealing with the topics of the conference.

Projects should show how citizenship education can be implemented and used in formal and nonformal environments alike (schools as well as urban spaces, artistic and cultural institutions).

**Apply now!**

### **What are the relevant topics? What can be submitted? (Criteria for eligibility)**

- The projects should not be older than 2 years.
- They should focus on aspects clearly linked to the conference topic of inequalities and how citizenship education can help to identify and reflect these in theory and in practice. Of particular interest are approaches which are reaching out to people from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- The proposal should describe practical and didactical approaches in formal or non-formal citizenship education. We are also searching for research projects looking at the the complex relationship between citizenship and inequality and our concepts and tools of citizenship educators in a variety of contexts.

### **Please note:**

- **Travel costs: The organisers will assume the travel and accommodation costs for the invited experts (max. 2 persons per project).**
- **Participation in the whole conference (24-27 October) is mandatory.**
- **Applications from Glasgow and the region are most welcome!**

### **Modes of presentation**

Projects may be presented at the conference during the **parallel sessions** on either Friday or Saturday:

1. **Friday, 25 Oct 2019, 12:00 am – 1:30 pm**
2. **Saturday, 26 Oct 2019, 9:30 am – 11:00 am**

### **Deadlines and contact**

Please submit your proposal or project idea as soon as possible **by using the online-fact-sheet** (<https://lcm.lab-concepts.de/registration/nece2019-call-for-projects/en>). The **deadline for the submission** is **15 July 2019**. The selection of projects will be concluded **by 31 July 2019**.

### **All inquiries and further questions can be directed to:**

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