

Unlocking Potential, Uniting for Freedom: Head of Cluster Positions Available for Youth Conference in Estonia

In October 2023, the German-Baltic Youth Office (DBJW) will host the fourth edition of its successful **youth conference series**. The conference, to be held in the beautiful city of **Tartu**, Estonia, will provide an unparalleled opportunity for young Europeans, aged 16 to 30 years, to come together and engage in meaningful dialogue around the most pressing issues facing our continent.

For the conference, the participants (youth ambassadors) will be divided into four clusters. To prepare and lead this thematic cluster work, **we are currently looking for young people who are motivated to become one of our four heads of cluster!** These leaders will be responsible for coordinating group work, facilitating intensive discussions and guiding the development of policy proposals that will be presented to political decision-makers.

The theme of this year's conference is "**Freedom as a shared European value**" and each cluster will focus on a specific subtopic within this theme. Below, we have provided some inspiration for possible subtopics, but we also welcome your own ideas and suggestions.

In the lead-up to the conference, the youth ambassadors will have the opportunity to get to know one another and delve deeper into the topic of their cluster through a series of online meetings. The heads of cluster will be responsible for structuring and leading these meetings and for inviting external experts to provide additional insights and perspectives.

Our goal is to foster a collaborative and inclusive environment where young people from all over Europe, mainly but not exclusively from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Germany, can come together to develop policy proposals that adopt a **common European perspective** and take into account the unique experiences of the Baltic states.

Suggestions for subtopics:

- European free market economy: Where are limitations necessary?
- Free speech: Who decides what can or cannot be said?
- Human rights: Who lacks the freedom to simply exist?
- Creative expression: Setting oneself free through art
- Freedom of settlement and freedom of movement: does it end at the boundaries of Europe?

Main tasks:

- Developing a conceptual framework for your specific cluster
- Selecting youth ambassadors together with the other heads of cluster (6-9 ambassadors per cluster)
- Leading and organizing a series of online meetings with the youth ambassadors between May and September 2023 (approx. one per month), arranging expert input if necessary
- Helping with the planning of the conference as a part of the DBJW team
- Leading the discussion of the respective cluster at the conference in Tartu, Estonia (12-15 October 2023)
- Drafting a policy paper (in English) together with the youth ambassadors during the conference (see examples of past conferences here: [2022](#), [2021](#))

What we offer:

- Connect with young people from all over Europe
- Develop your organizational and leadership skills
- Meet distinguished experts and prominent public figures who will offer valuable insights and inspiration
- Participate in a four-day conference (12-15 Oct. 2023) in the beautiful Estonian university town of Tartu (travel (up to 300 €), catering and accommodation costs are covered by DBJW)
- For your work (expected workload: 20 days/160 hours between March and December 2023) you will receive a remuneration of 100 € per day.

If ...

- you enjoy organizing and leading group discussions
- you are between 16 and 30 years old and are living in Europe
- your English skills allow free speech and you are able to communicate complicated issues (approx. level C1)
- you are able to work independently as well as in a team with the larger DBJW team
- you are interested to learn about the Baltic states (no previous knowledge required)

... then **become part of our team** of over 20 team members who are based in Tartu, Tallinn, Riga, Vilnius, Bremen, Berlin and many other places and are actively represented in the Baltic states with three regional offices!

We are looking forward to your application with a short CV and a motivation letter of max. one page.

Please send your application to Johanna: j.mogwitz.dbjw@deutsch-balten.de

Deadline is **February 19, 2023**.

If you would like to find out more about our work visit us at dbjw.de!