

Call for Participants:

No Hate Nordic – Winter Camp 2026 (Iceland)

Are you concerned about the threat of hate speech to youth participation and inclusion? Do you want to create a safe arena for Nordic cooperation and strengthen the abilities of the youth to counter hate speech in their environments? Join the Winter Camp in Iceland to be a part of a Nordic movement against hate speech.

Where? Reykjavík, Iceland

When? Sun 11 January – Sat 17 January 2026.

Who? Young people aged 16-30 from Nordic countries and regions.

How much? Free travel, food and accommodation.

Application: <https://forms.gle/A1vrqEhNCLdRTqgZ6>

Application deadline is 1 December 2025 23:59

We are inviting motivated young people **aged 16–30** from **Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Greenland, Sweden and Åland** to take part in the *No Hate Nordic*– a youth-led initiative dedicated to empowering young people to challenge hate speech and strengthen democratic participation.

The camp is part of the Erasmus+ funded project **No Hate Nordic** (formerly known as Nordic Youth Network Against Hate Speech), which is creating the first **Nordic youth-led network** focused on combating hate speech across borders. We work to ensure accessibility for all participants.

Why do we need No Hate Nordic?

Hate speech is a concerning phenomenon in all the Nordic countries. The rise of far-right political activity along with racism and discrimination are narrowing the public space for discussions on human rights and democracy. In order to counter hate speech and strengthen youth participation we need to be organised.

With a Nordic network we wish to strengthen the participating youth's sense of agency and the feeling of belonging to a community and tackle themes of discrimination, racism, far-right political activity and violent extremism among other topical issues.

We aim to create a continuing Network organised by Nordic youth themselves, where we define the problems we face and the activities we need to engage in to solve them.

Objectives:

- Finding the next steering group of No Hate Nordic to plan future events
- Jointly develop action plans and guidelines for network members
- Create Nordic youth ambassadors against hate speech
- Cultural and knowledge exchange through networking
- Raising awareness of the network through social media

Background

The roots of the Network began in August 2023 when seven young people met in Oslo, together they made a plan for a Nordic Youth Network Against Hate Speech and applied for funding. One year later the dream became reality when 35 young people from all eight Nordic countries and autonomous regions met at Utøya to learn about hate speech and create a sustainable Nordic network that could bring young people together in the years to come. At Utøya, a new Nordic steering group was chosen and the network was given a new name: No Hate Nordic. No Hate Nordic has been working further on the network and learning new skills to give to the next steering group.

The steering group with youth selected from Iceland, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Faroe Islands and Åland has planned and prepared the camp. At the winter camp, we will choose a steering group of 14 youth from all 8 countries and regions represented to continue the work of No Hate Nordic.

Participant profile

We invite youth aged 16-30 from the 8 countries and autonomous regions to take part in the conference. There will be people from Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Faroe Islands, Åland and Greenland.

Participants should:

- Be interested in Nordic cooperation, human rights activism, anti hate-speech, antiracism and being an active member of society
- Be ready to take an **active role as a network member**, either in social media, through local activities or as steering group members, etc.
- No previous experience is required, your **motivation matters more**

What will you gain?

- Knowledge and tools to understand and counter hate speech
- Public speaking and advocacy skills
- A strong Nordic activist network
- The opportunity to co-create a regional **Info Pack** that will be used by schools and youth organizations across the Nordic countries
- An opportunity to become one of the new steering group members for 2026-27

We strive to promote equality and accessibility in our recruitment process. Our goal is to form a diverse group that includes people from different ethnicities, language groups, gender and sexual identities etc as well as different backgrounds in terms of experiences and education. We believe that diversity in the group brings value to the conversations and helps us tackle the themes of hate speech widely. Your personal information is stored securely and will not be shared with other Network members.

Safer space guidelines

All participants are required to follow the safer space guidelines during the conference. The guidelines will be briefed and discussed at the beginning of the event. You can familiarize yourself with the guidelines beforehand via the Allianssi safer space guidelines. For further reading you can read The Finnish Peace Education Institute's (RKI) webpage for creating a safer space. The safer space guidelines are used to make the conference a space where we can tackle discrimination and create dialogue together.

Travel, food and accommodation

Your travel to the winter camp will be paid for through our event funding, which Heimili og skóli will be maintaining. From the airport, we will have rental cars taking you to the venue. During the camp the cars will be used to take you around Reykjavik as well as to study visits. You will not need to reserve money for travel within Reykjavik. Food is covered by the funding and we have accounted for one meal during each of your travel days. Accommodation is also covered by the funding.

Join us and become part of a Nordic youth movement standing against hate speech.

Together, we can build inclusive societies where every young person feels safe, heard, and respected.

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