**Invitation for ‘*’Young Journalists for Tomorrow’s Europe*’’ conference in Bratislava**

**25th – 29th October, 2015**

**Eligibility: All aspiring journalists from V4 countries (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovak Republic) between the ages of 18-24 years**

*For Tomorrow’s Europe* together with the Youth Parliament in Bratislava is calling 25 youth leaders (18 – 24 years old) from **Visegrad countries** to participate in a four-day international meeting! “Young Journalists for Tomorrow’s Europe” (YJTE) will take place between October 25-29, 2015 in Bratislava, Slovakia with support of the Embassy of the United States in Bratislava and the Bratislava City Council.

The “Young Journalists for Tomorrow’s Europe” (YJTE) conference welcomes young aspiring journalists and students of journalism or communication studies with an insatiable interest in the media. The conference aims to tackle the following themes: stereotyping in mass communication, investigative journalism, media ethics, the role of women in the media, presence of financial institutions in the media sector, and journalism in the digital age. Participants will attend a series of practical workshops with the assistance of experienced experts from the international journalism community and with the purpose of improving their writing and communication skills. Knowledge acquired during the conference will be utilized to produce a final written product presented on the last day of the conference.

Finally, it is our hope that the conference will provide the right environment for both alumni of the **US Department of State Youth Programs** and non-alumni participants to gain valuable journalistic skills and to learn from each other’s experiences in order to become an asset for the media culture back home and be able and willing to respect the basic journalism values and principles while doing public service.

**Eligibility criteria:**

* You are a student aged 18 – 24 years old
* You come from either one of the V4 countries
* You are a student of journalism or communication studies **or** astudent of any other field but with an insatiable interest in the media/journalism with an experience in this field

**Participation:**

Please fill out the application form and send it in before 23:59 CET on **July 15 2015**. We will inform you about the results of the selection of participants by the end of July.

**Costs:**

The conference is funded by the Embassy of the United States of America in Slovakia and the Bratislava City Council. All travel and accommodation expenses, as well as breakfasts and working lunches will be covered for the selected participants throughout the whole conference.

**Conference organizers:**

For Tomorrow’s Europe non-profit organization & Youth Parliament in Bratislava

**Contact details:**

yjte.bratislava@gmail.com

*Application form*

Submit your application to: [yjte.bratislava@gmail.com](mailto:yjte.bratislava@gmail.com) by July 15, 2015 until 23:59 (Central European Time)

**Participants must be between 18-24 as of October 25th, 2015.**

*Application deadline:* ***July 15, 2015***

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| **APPLICANT IDENTIFICATION** | | | |  |
| **Last Name** |  | | |  |
| **First Name** |  | | |  |
| **Date of birth** (month/day/year) |  | | |  |
| **City of birth** |  | | |  |
| **Country of birth** |  | | |  |
| **Current country of residence** |  | | |  |
| **Current nationality** |  | | |  |
| **Passport number** |  | | |  |
| **Country** which issued applicant’s passport |  | | |  |
| **Gender** |  | | |  |
| **Home address** |  | | |  |
| **Telephone number** (including country code) |  | | |  |
| **E-mail** |  | | |  |
| **Name of university** |  | | |  |
| **Field of study** (if applicable) |  | | |  |
| **Any other relevant educational, academic and Professional experience or training** |  | | |  |
| **QUESTIONS** | | | |  |
| **Task 1:** A successful candidate for the “Young Journalists for Tomorrow’s Europe” (YJTE) conference will have insatiable passion for media communication. The ideal candidate will have fluency in English and outstanding writing and communication skills. A good background in various fields of journalism, basic knowledge of photography, television or additional languages is considered an advantage. All candidates are **requested to submit together with the application at least three to maximum five examples of their work** (links to a website of articles, videos, photos and multimedia work are preferred - at least 3 materials in your native language - 2 extra works can be attached in English)  (Examples of work are attached to the e-mail together with the application document.) | | | |  |
| **Task 2: If you were a chair, what kind of chair would you be? (Creative personality profile of yourself)**  (Response should include approximately 200 - 300 words.) | | | |  |
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| **Task 3: Please respond in 300 words what your expectations of this conference, are.** | | | |  |
| **OTHER QUESTIONS AND CHECKLIST** | | | | |
| **Have you participated in any of the US State Department programs? If yes, which one(s)?** | |  | | |
| **What is your level of spoken English?**  (Please refer to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) | | |  | |
| **What other languages do you speak?** | | |  | |
| **Do you have any special requirements?**  (Medical, physical, or other personal considerations) | | |  | |
| **Do you have any dietary restrictions?**  Please respond yes/no.  If yes, which? | | |  | |
| **Please provide emergency contact name, number and email address.** | | |  | |
| **ATTESTATION** | | | | |
| **I attest that the information provided above (and any associated information which I have provided in reference to this application), is true and complete. I recognize and accept that providing false, misleading, or intentionally incomplete information will provoke immediate refusal of my application.** | | |  Yes   No | |
| **Date (DD/MM/YYYY)** | | |  | |

**Questions regarding the application form:**

Should you have questions regarding this application form, please contact the organizers of the ***Young Journalists for Tomorrow’s Europe*** program at [***yjte.bratislava@gmail.com***](mailto:yjte.bratislava@gmail.com)

**Checking the application package:**

* The application form is completed in English
* The word limit for the essay questions is respected
* The application form is in Word format (not PDF)
* The application form is saved with this format:

***COUNTRY\_LAST NAME\_NAME\_YJTE\_2015.(doc)***

* At least three to maximum five examples of your work are attached (links to a website of articles, videos, photos or any other multimedia work with you as an author)

**Submitting your application package:**

You need to send your application package by email to [**yjte.bratislava@gmail.com**](mailto:yjte.bratislava@gmail.com)with the email subject line in this format ,,COUNTRY\_LAST NAME\_NAME\_YJTE\_2015‘‘. Please send only one email with all attachments. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed and considered. Application packages sent by fax, regular mail or express mail will not be accepted.

**Application deadline:**

Your complete application package must reach the organizers of the Young Journalists for Tomorrow’s Europe program by **23:59 (Central European time) on July 15, 2015 at the very latest.** Application packages received after this deadline will not be considered.

**Feedback process:**

All applications will be reviewed by the organizing committee by the July 25, 2015. The selected participants will be contacted and informed about the next steps in logistical arrangements. Participants who are not chosen will also be contacted.

Please be fair: Notification of cancellation must be made in writing and sent to the organizers by email as soon as possible, allowing alternate candidates to participate.