

Conference: Herd Immunity Against Hate and Lies

Details for panel discussion: Addressing hate speech and lies through education

Knowing what is true can be hard. People may be misled by their senses, their judgments might be biased, and their socio-cultural contexts shape what they perceive as true. Educators' proposals for addressing the spread of hate speech, misinformation and disinformation have been diverse. Many have argued that education needs to provide more opportunities for developing civic media and digital literacy skills that can help students critically analyze and evaluate online information and sources. In addition, many efforts have emphasized the need for more coherent human rights education to reduce prejudice that provides a fertile ground for hate and lies.

It is known that people tend to engage in intuitive, quick, and automatic thinking that is overridden by more reflective and deliberate thinking only in some conditions. Could formal or non-formal education help people overcome their cognitive biases and limitations? How could formal and non-formal education contribute to critical thinking and raise awareness of the negative effects of stereotypes, prejudices, and false rumors? What is role of youth work in all of that? What kind of initiatives have been or could be efficient in addressing these topics? During the workshop, we will introduce some good practices but also encourage experts and participants to share their lessons learned.



Moderator

Victoria Carasava is a human rights activist working for Romanian NGO ActiveWatch. She holds an MA in International Political Economy and is interested in better understanding the intersection between precarity and different identities.



Speaker

Maarja Tinn is an experienced history and civics teacher, and head of the Estonian History and Civics Teachers Association since 2020. She works as a junior researcher and lecturer in Tallinn University's School of Educational Sciences and is the research group member of the International Civic and Citizenship Education Study (ICCS).



Speaker

Heili Griffith works as a managing director at the Estonian Association of Youth Workers. She has nearly 20 years of experience in working with young people and in the field of youth work. Over the past years Heili has also trained youth workers and taught youth work students at Tallinn University on human rights and human rights education.



Speaker

Valentín González is leading Movimiento Contra la Intolerancia, Spanish civil society organisation that works for values such as human rights, tolerance and understanding. Movimiento Contra la Intolerancia is also part of the Op:code project and contributes to hate free communication and online environment.