

# **SECOND & THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT**



**YEAH, MY IDENTITY IS DEAFBLIND.  
WHAT IS YOUR EXCUSES?**



# WELCOME

## Dear partners and interested parties

Now - after a long delay - there is a lot of good news. First of all, we sincerely apologize for the delay. You can now read all the relevant information about the second and third announcements here. The best of the news: The EDBY Camp is officially happening. The Erasmus+ program has just given the green light. Our plan is working. We, the team with Volunteer and Awareness, are a total of 34 people working hard to put on an eventful event. You can read all the information here and we still need 60 deafblind participants from all over Europe, including from your country. We only have four months left. Everything about prices, transportation, program, etc. can be found here.

Warm regards,  
**Til Apfel**  
EDbU Youth Worker  
& Camp Leader



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# ERASMUS+

Deutsche Gehörlosen-Jugend (Germany YNAD) submitted its application for Erasmus+ in October. The whole 10-week delay has finally come to an end. We are very relieved and had been very worried. Now many deafblind participants can look forward to receiving a grant for the camp, which will support both the travel costs and the DBA. The price for participation has been adjusted and the reimbursement of travel costs will be taken into account depending on the distance. We can exchange all further details by e-mail.



# Erasmus+

# PARTICIPANTS

Deafblind people from all over Europe can take part in an EDBY camp in Germany. Regardless of Erasmus+, all participants from Europe are welcome. On the next page we have formulated clear conditions that participants must fulfill for the camp. Communication will be mainly in tactile and sign language and written English. Interpreters for spoken and sign language will be provided based on the information provided at registration. Interpreting into your own language must be organized by yourself.





## **Participants**


Each country can register 2 participants and another 4 participants can be put on the waiting list. All participants must be between 18 and 35 years old, have both a hearing and a visual impairment and attend the camp continuously from July 21 to 31. By arrangement, older participants up to 38 or 40 years of age may also attend.

## **Skills**

We recommend that participants have the skills to contribute to the workshops and group activities and that they can continue to be active in the future. The basic requirement for communication is that they have a basic knowledge of English.

## **Disadvantage**

Please consider and support participants facing disadvantages, including women, those with BIPoC, queer, or disability. We prioritize diversity.






# DEAFBLIND ASSISTANCE

Each participant can be accompanied by one deafblind assistant (DBA). The DBAs must have experience in dealing with the world of deafblind people and have the appropriate qualifications in their respective country. They must be registered on a form by 15th May 2024.

The costs for all deafblind assistant cannot be covered by Erasmus+ and must be paid out of your own pocket. However, your participation and transportation costs will be covered by us. If a participant needs two DBAs or financial support, please contact us and we will find a solution.



# REGISTRATIONS

Registration is already open. Participants can only be selected by recognized national organizations. The registration link for participants will be sent to the national organizations in a separate e-mail. The list of organizations can be found here in the [link](#). There are three different forms with links: one for participants, one for the waiting list and one for DBAs. The registration deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2024, after which registration will be closed and the waiting list process will begin. If you need more time to register, please let us know as soon as possible.

**PS:** The e-mail exchange for participants and DBAs takes place via a special e-mail address. You will only find out the special e-mail address once you have registered the form. You can use it to ask questions and receive feedback.






# PROGRAM

The program of the camp can be found in a separate document. It is a general program and the schedule has been developed specifically for deafblind people, which we are used to from other non-deafblind events. The program includes various workshops and exchange opportunities that are valuable for everyone. You can read about what is behind the individual program in general on the following page.

## **Arriving (Day 1)**

Get ready for the start of an exciting camp! Check-in, gather information, and join a guided tour to explore the camp surroundings. It's the first day, and you have free time to discover more about the camp environment.





## **Introduction & Ice breaking (Day 2)**


Meet fellow deafblind youths from different countries. Learn about each other, share where you're from, and participate in a fun ice-breaking game during the opening ceremony led by the organizing team.

## **Communication & Protactile (Day 3)**

Understand Protactile, a unique way of communication for deafblind individuals. Explore how it differs from tactile signing and discover how some deafblinds use Protactile to communicate effectively.

## **Culture & Deafblindhood (Day 4)**

Delve into the meaning of being deafblind and explore the identity of the deafblind community. Discuss cultural aspects, challenge stereotypes, and understand the importance of existence and experiences.





## **Mental health & Experiences (Day 5)**


Share your personal experiences as a deafblind individual, addressing challenges and emotions. Reflect on accepting and managing life burdens, focusing on the past experiences.

## **Silence day & excursion (Day 6)**

Take a peaceful day to process and reflect on what you've learned during the camp. Engage in self-awareness and peaceful thinking, emphasizing the present moment.

## **Future & Dreaming (Day 7)**

Explore the future of the deafblind community and envision yourself in the years to come. Discuss empowerment, mental health, activism, dreams, and breaking taboos surrounding sexuality.





## **Body health & sexual health (Day 8)**


Embrace new experiences and activities related to physical health, sports, and art, imagining a vibrant and active future.

## **Activism & Rights (Day 9)**

Learn about the rights of the deafblind community and discuss steps to reclaim your life and assert your rights. Explore the knowledge acquired and consider how to use it for activism and advocacy.

## **Feedback & Gala (Day 10)**

Reflect on personal growth and changes throughout the week. Participate in discussions, watch media team presentations, vote for the next host country, and provide feedback during the closing ceremony.





## **Departure (Day 11)**


Check out and head home with lasting memories from an enrich camp experience.

## **Self care (Daily)**

Participate in daily morning exercises to promote physical and mental health. Embrace self care practices that nourish the mind and body, setting a positive tone for the day ahead.

## **Evening activity (Daily)**

Enjoy engaging and entertaining events during the evening, designed to foster a sense of community and relaxation. These activities could include cultural presentations, country-themed evenings, or other enjoyable events to create lasting memories and strengthen bonds among camp participants.



# TRANSPORT

On 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2024, participants and their DBA can travel to Düsseldorf Airport by plane, long-distance bus, or train. From there, a shuttle will take them to the camp. The exact time and meeting point will be provided to registered individuals. Transportation costs may be covered for participating countries through Erasmus+ funding. Details on maximum reimbursement will be shared in separate messages, or you can contact us for specific inquiries.



# HOMEPAGE

If you didn't know already, our [website on EDBYouth](#) has been up since the European Deafblind Day on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2023. You can find all the important information about EDBY Camp there for both you and the participants.

Since we, the team, work on a voluntary basis and cover several expenses for meetings out of our own pockets, we rely on donations. We would greatly appreciate your support. Please help us by spreading the word to your network, and consider making donations on this page:

[www.edbyouth.org/donate/](http://www.edbyouth.org/donate/)  




# ONLINE STREAM

Have you noticed that we recently did an online stream about the camp, in which we reported on the camp? All team members, volunteers and awareness wanted to have a final team meeting.

We wanted to prepare for that first. And with the online streaming, we wanted to convey that we are serious and still need a lot of participants.

If you missed it, you can watch the recording in full on [Facebook \(link\)](#). And there are still our own public interviews or presentations by and about deafblind young people who are interested.

You can find all the information on social media, especially on Facebook and Instagram. Don't miss this opportunity! Please help to make the European Deafblind Youth Camp unforgettable.







# CONCLUSION

We hope that you have received numerical information. We all dream that more deafblind people will be introduced in every country. To encourage them, a camp like this can be valuable.

Participants and their DBA will receive by us an external information and a detailed handbook with everything they need to know. This includes the official program schedule, details on pick-up at Düsseldorf Airport, a list of things to bring, general camp rules and emergency information.

Don't miss the further information on our website, Instagram and Facebook.

Contact [camp24@edbyouth.org](mailto:camp24@edbyouth.org)



# SUMMARY

Erasmus+	Contact us for further info
Participant	2 people per country
- Age	18-35 years old
- Further	Consider Disadvantage
DBA	Cost is free for DBA
Registration	Until 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
- Countries	See list link
Meet point	Dusseldorf Airport
Online	<a href="#">Facebook Link</a>
Homepage	<a href="http://www.edbyouth.org">www.edbyouth.org</a>
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# European Deafblind Youth Camp

21. - 31. July 2024, Germany 

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