

Citizen Participation University

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AT THE CIVIL COLLEGE
Kunbábony, Hungary
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At this year's Citizen Participation University...

Our cities and towns are crucibles where the best and worst parts of our shared society come into close contact with one another. At CPU 2017 we will focus on local action by asking...

How do we work at the municipal level to build the world we want to live in?

What are political, organizing, and governing responses that put ALL our residents first?

What tools exist to build democracy from the bottom-up, from participatory budgeting to "open-source" political platforms?

How can we make our cities and towns engines to innovate a new, more equitable, and green economy?

How can we build movements at the local level to combat the closing of the civic space?

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What is the CPU?

The Citizen Participation University (CPU) is a multi-day, intensive residential training and strategic planning gathering that is equal parts theory, practice, and networking for people trying to make the world a more democratic and just place. It is a fun event held in an informal setting at the Civil College in Kunbábony, Hungary during the first week of July. (over...)



I'm intrigued. Tell me more.

Now in its 8th year, the CPU is designed to provide a space to nurture the "grassroots" and the "grasstops" of our movement. We bring together community organizers and activists, emerging movement leaders, adult educational professionals, community development workers and trainers, social service providers, local authorities, and others. Every year 50 - 70 people attend from anywhere between 8 - 20 countries.



We have a clear goal: engage in deep critical reflection and catalyze on-the-ground action.

Apart from providing space for sharing and learning, the CPU acts as a laboratory for European-level networking and effective cross-border organizing and innovation. While we present important theoretical and practical knowledge, a large focus of the week is put towards hands-on participatory education and group discussions.

It is our vision that the CPU does not just act as a one-time, "feel-good" gathering, but rather that it leads to the development and deepening of effective skills, strategies,



and tactics that participants can apply at home. As a follow-up to the CPU, each national cohort is invited to plan and execute an event(s) during Citizen Participation Week, which is a follow-up to

the CPU that happens in the Spring. A portion of time at the CPU will be spent discussing and planning actions for the next Citizen Participation Week.

Who organizes the CPU?

Planning of the CPU is led by the Central and Eastern European Citizens Network and the Civil College Foundation. We are joined by our partners: The European Community Development Network (EuCDN) and the European Community Organizing Network (ECON). This year we are also joined by the network Local Authorities as Drivers for Development Education and Raising awareness (LADDER). A volunteer planning committee develops the themes and agenda for the week-long gathering.

NIGHTLY PRICE:

The full program runs from Monday to Friday and involves four overnight stays. The nightly rate is:

€50/night – shared room with bed and bathroom, meals

€30/night – tent camping with access to shower and restroom facilities, meals.

FULL-WEEK DISCOUNT:

We highly encourage participants to attend the full program and therefore offer a weekly rate (4 nights):

€150/week – shared room with bed and bathroom, meals

€90/week – tent camping with access to shower and restroom facilities, meals.

EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT:

We encourage early registration, and offer a discount of **20%** on the above stated rates if your registration is received by **June 2, 2017**.

Note: Some scholarships may be available. There are a very limited number of off-site, single rooms available. Contact us.

**Register in advance at www.cpu.camp.
Payment due upon arrival.**

