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## RAN YOUNG Empowerment Academy



If you're between the ages of 18 and 25, an EU citizen, and enthusiastic about sharing your ideas, keep reading!

This is a unique opportunity to prevent radicalisation in your city.

#### What is it?

The YOUNG Working Group of the Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN) is launching its Empowerment Academy in 2019.

This is a programme designed especially for young people who wish to develop their knowledge and cultivate their skills and competencies in the area of preventing radicalisation.

### What is the scope?

By participating in the Academy's four sessions, you will be ready to set up your own initiative to prevent and counter violent extremism.

What's more, you'll have the opportunity to meet and work with young people from all over the EU!



- To set up a local initiative in preventing and countering violent extremism (PCVE)
- To attend all four planned sessions of the academy (end of March, half May, beginning of September, half October)
- These sessions take place all over Europe (travel and accommodation will be covered by RAN)
- To submit reflection and progress reports
- To hold contact moments with your local mentor, the RAN Centre of Excellence and the working group leaders in between the Academy sessions

#### **About the Academy**

The Academy aims to provide young people between the ages of 18 and 25 with the knowledge, skills and competencies they need to become youth influencers and set up a local and sustainable initiative for preventing and countering violent extremism (P/CVE).

The development of the programme, as well as the selection of candidates and their guidance, will be a joint effort of the RAN YOUNG Working group leaders, the RAN Centre of Excellence (CoE) and local mentors.

A pre-selected group will participate in all four sessions of the Academy. The participants may apply to the Academy in pairs or small groups. In total, we expect to receive 30 participants, or a maximum number of 15 initiatives.

Participants should have a promising idea for setting up an initiative in their local areas and commit to participate in the Academy for the full year 2019.

#### Criteria to apply

- Age 18-25
- Idea for a local PVE initiative
- Resident of the EU
- Apply in pairs of small groups of max 3
- Commitment to participate in all 4 sessions
- Ready to take action!

# About the the RAN – a practitioners' network

The Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN) connects first-line practitioners around Europe working daily with those vulnerable to radicalisation, as well as those who have already been radicalised.

As teachers, social workers, community police officers etc. they are engaged in preventing and countering radicalisation and violent extremism in all its forms, or in reintegrating violent extremists. Since it was founded in 2011, RAN has attracted over 3 500 first line professionals from all EU Member States.

In the RAN, first-line practitioners gather to address local challenges or specific issues related to violent extremism, and exchange with experts on new insights into tackling radicalisation.

In Working Groups (WGs), they meet peers from around Europe, build up new, long-lasting relationships, draw inspiration from one another and peer review best practices.



### Any questions?

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# Looking forward to meeting you!

Submit the following application form by 15 January 2019.

If you are very interested in attending, but need some extra time to apply, please inform us! We could still take your application into account.





