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LOCAL AUTHORITIES AS DRIVERS FOR DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION AND RAISING AWARENESS



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THE LADDER TOOL FAIR: PRACTICES AND TOOLS ABOUT GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP & SDGs



On 10-12 May 2017, the **LADDER** Tool Fair will open in Torun, Poland. This three-day event will enable actors working on Development Education and Awareness Raising (DEAR) and other stakeholders (LAs, CSOs, foundations, institutional & non-institutional actors, etc.) active on issues related to sustainable development, poverty eradication, gender issues, climate change:

- to exchange methodologies, practices, experiences and tools, with the aim of raising awareness and achieving sustainable development;
- to share lessons learnt from past DEAR actions;
- to increase the networking among DEAR and non-DEAR stakeholders, and strengthen potential future partnerships between CSOs and LAs;
- to promote the DEAR concept and methodology to other stakeholders;
- to engage in a dialogue on citizens' participation and engagement for development, and to address the enabling environment required for local

communities to participate & engage.

HOW?

The Tool fair will be made up of:

- A **plenary session** (day 1)
- Some **parallel workshops** on practices and tools related to DEAR, awareness raising and localization of SDGs (day 1 & 2) – The parallel workshops will include, among others, best practices of global citizenship from the formal and non-formal sectors of education, grass-roots activities carried out by Local Authorities and CSOs, sharing of actions implemented by the network of Local Democracy Agencies, research findings, and many more innovative & creative ideas.
- An **Open Space** (day 1 & 2) gathering stands from different organizations sharing their practices and activities in parallel of the tool fair sessions. Organizations willing to have a space to display relevant materials should contact the organizers for the logistical arrangements.
- A **closing ceremony** (day 3).

WHO?

Participants and visitors are expected to come from Public and Private institutions, Civil Society Organizations, Academia and other actors.

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CURIOUS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT IT?

See the [draft programme](#) of the Tool fair (& other events taking place in parallel).

REGISTRATION FORM

Registrations are now open: [follow this link to register](#) – *(Please register as “Others” if you do not belong to any of the category mentioned in the form).*

LAST NEWS FROM LADDER'S NETWORK



[The journey towards the SDGs continues: the projects implemented in Croatia, Romania and Spain](#)

More projects funded by our re-granting scheme have been implemented: “Global Santa Klaus” (Romania), “The Syrian exodus: fighting for survival” (Spain), “The recycling September in Natura 2000 area” (Croatia).

If you are curious about the other initiatives funded by our re-granting scheme, read our articles about the projects implemented in [Slovakia and The Netherlands](#) and the ones in [Germany, Croatia and Estonia](#).



[A message of tolerance through the language of art: “In a better world”](#)

Our theatre play “In a better world” travels across Europe, landing in the Island of Mallorca (**Spain**) on 15th March, in Tours (**France**) on 17th March, and in Palermo (**Italy**) on 5th April. In May our artists will

perform in Toruń (**Poland**) and other dates are coming soon. Stay tuned and check the venues closer to you!



[MED Path’s partners meeting in Tunisia, 26-27 April](#)

On 26-27 April, the partners involved in the MED Path will gather in Kairouan (**Tunisia**). Focus of the meeting will be the adoption of the Strategic Paper on the Mediterranean and the CHARMEDAL - Charter of Democracy and Local Autonomy.

NEWS FROM DEAR WORLD



[Does Fair Trade change society?](#)

Fairtrade Germany, the Service Agency Communities in One World/Engagement Global, Brot für die Welt, MISEREOR, and Forum Fairer Handel, with the financial support of the Friedrich Ebert-Stiftung, carried out what can be called “the first study on Fair

Trade” and the impact of this movement, covering the period of 2000-2015. Among conclusions, it is stated that “several changes towards fair trade objectives could be observed for the assessment period of 2000 to 2015. For civil society, politics and public sector, for retailers and manufacturers as well as for consumers, a trending change in awareness was notable”. Read more in the article!

Picture and article www.fairtrade-advocacy.org

Citizen Journalists Initiative

The [LADDER Citizen Journalists' network](#) is growing day by day and it is reaching all Europe and beyond. Check out some of the most recent contributions in each of the six main themes!



The most recent work published by our Citizens Journalists is addressing issues on poverty & development, climate & energy, tolerance & inclusion, citizens' participation. Have a look to their contributions!

[Hlompho Matsoso, acting for change in Lesotho](#)

Julie Capelle

A zoom on the fiscal decentralisation process in Lesotho, pointing the challenges faced by this small country: "we gave to the districts a grant to lead projects for the community like water supply, service pipes or schools for example. We wanted to see whether they would be able to manage. And only one passed!".

["Each person is a movement" – The warrior of urban forests: Interview with Damira Kalač](#)

Annamária Lehoczky

A true story on how "ordinary" people can get to achieve big changes; the inspiring case of Damira Kalač, warrior of urban forests from Montenegro.

[Thoughts on democracy](#)

Shady Rabhi

How to achieve, maintain, and fight for democracy if not through constant work, dedication and cooperation between the state and citizens? A voice raised from Tunisia on mutual understanding and trust in order to ensure some vital needs by fighting against poverty, unemployment, violence, corruption.

[The Dutch Elections: forming a new government](#)

Joni Wijhers

Will the politics in the Netherlands ensure a greener and more sustainable future for the Dutch people? Impressions after the elections held last March 2017.

[For a Better World: Tolerance and Inclusion](#)

Erdem Güler

Tolerance and inclusion can really be keys to a better society, to a better world. We just have to be promoting them more around us, to be defending them more: a message from Turkey.

[Test yourself for “global citizenship”](#)**Ana Maria Ilie**

Have you ever asked yourself if your actions are truly in the “spirit” of global citizenship? In today's world, full of inequalities and injustice, individuals often don't realise that they are part of the solution, but chose to deny it instead, or refuse to "open their eyes".



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