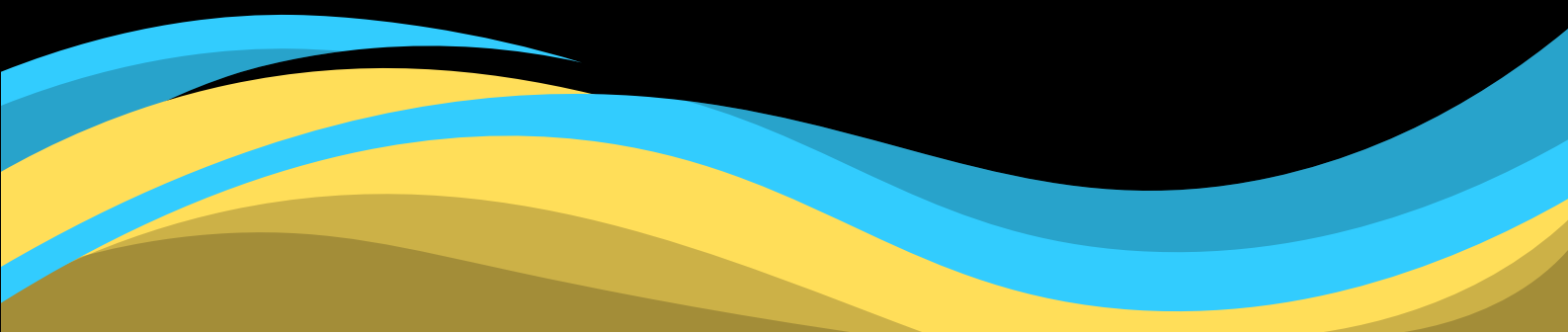


FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT



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



WELCOME

Dear participants and partners

We are happy to announce that the next European Deafblind Youth Camp, the most important and biggest event for all deafblind youth, is coming up. The camp will be held in the Ruhr region of Germany from July 21-31, 2024 and will be a special opportunity for Deafblind youth from all over Europe to come together.

We, the camp organizing team, are ready for an unforgettable experience for all deafblind youth. In this first announcement, you will find the table of contents to the information on the following page. Please let's work together to make this event a resounding success, full of joy, growth, and lifelong connections. We would greatly appreciate your partnership.

Warm regards,
Til Apfel
EDbU Youth Worker
& Camp Leader

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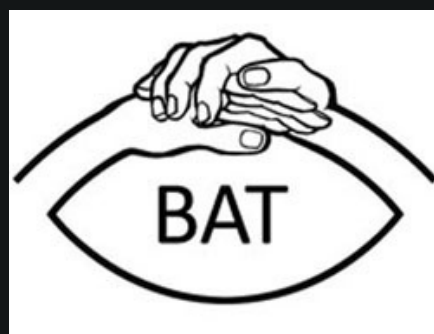
The camp is open to deafblind participants between the ages of 18 and 30 or 39 from all over Europe. The costs for the 11-day camp are mainly covered by the Erasmus+ program and other funding programs. Participation fees are subsidized and include accommodation, meals, shuttle service from the near airport or main train station to and from the camp, and the entire educational program. Transportation costs are also based on the distance from the participants' homes.

In the table above, you will find the prices for the participation fees for 11-day camp. Please note that these amounts represent the maximum and may be reduced later on. Accompanying persons, such as deafblind assistants, can participate in the camp for free but will be responsible for their own travel expenses. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Deafblind youth are people who are both hearing and visually impaired, although the degree and cause of impairment may vary. Deafblind people have problems with communication, access to information, and mobility, which can hinder participation in society. Accepting one's identity as a deafblind youth can be a personal journey full of challenges because there are no known role models. Deafblindness is not a deficit, but a unique characteristic with its own characteristics, abilities, and strengths. They need to be sensitized, empowered and protected, for each other, with each other and from each other.



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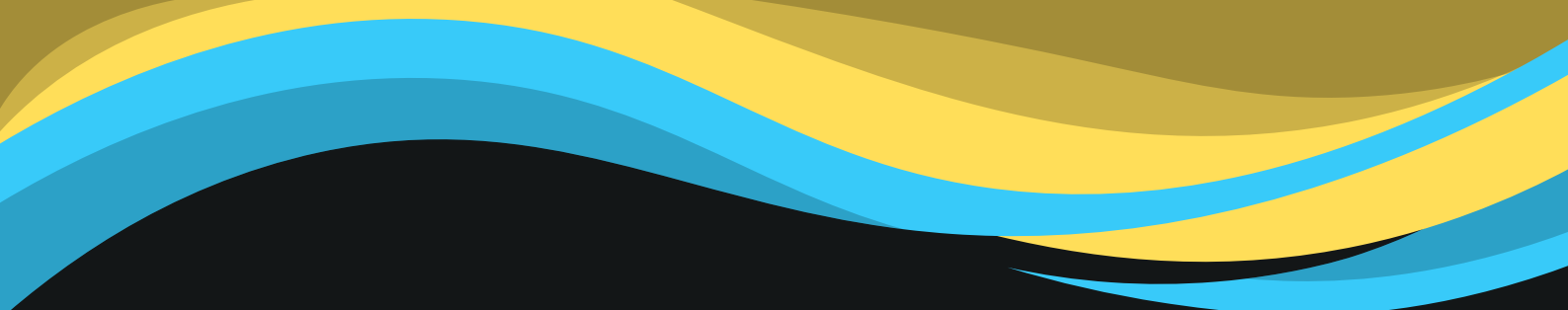
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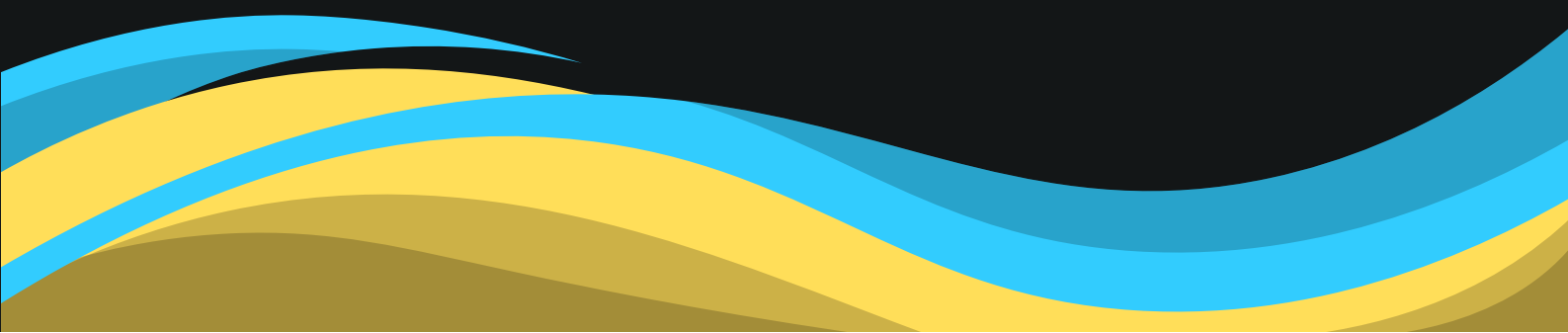
OBJECTIVES

The European Deafblind Youth Camp is an educational camp for young people under the age of 30 or 39 who are both visually and hearing impaired. The first camp was held in Belgium in 2022, and it was amazing to see how much confidence it gave the deafblind participants. Now the camp is being held again to help more deafblind youth be seen and supported.

Currently, there is an urgent need in all European countries to address different aspects of deafblind youth's lives, such as self-determination, finding identity, mental health, networking and mobility. The camp aims to address these challenges and promotes learning in a relaxed and non-formal setting. By participating in these activities, participants can experience inclusivity and inspiration, which allows them to discover their own strengths and build self-confidence.

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- Create a safe and inclusive environment for deafblind youth, where they feel supported and understood.
 - Offer a wide range of activities, workshops, and events to promote learning, independence, and personal growth.
 - Foster social connections and lasting friendships among deafblind youth who share similar challenges.
 - Advocate for the rights of deafblind youth, ensuring equal opportunities and empowering them to participate in their communities.
 - Support the overall well-being and development of deafblind youth, both during and beyond the camp experience.

! It is important to note that this camp is different from traditional camping trips that focus on outdoor activities such as campfires and wilderness exploration. !



MOTTO

The motto of the event, "Yeah, my identity is Deafblind. What is your excuse?", is all about feeling proud and positive about being deafblind and challenging others to think differently. It aims to create acceptance, strength, and awareness within the community that being deafblind is just a part of who someone is. The motto also prompts others to question their prejudices and see the capabilities of deafblind individuals.

The camp has some important goals that aim to bring positive changes in the lives of young deafblind people. The main goals are to promote their rights, inclusion and empowerment through the European Deafblind Youth Camp. We would also like to take this opportunity to honor and remember our team member Adel, who is sadly no longer with us.

The 2nd EDBY Camp will be a special and memorable experience that brings us together and inspires positive changes in our lives and in society.

CAMP LOGO

The logo of the camp has an important meaning related to the goal of the camp. It is a 2D sketch and consists of three colors: Yellow, Turquoise and White. The color yellow represents the energy and motivation of the deafblind youth campers. Turquoise represents the deaf community and symbolizes the strength and inclusion of deafblind people. The color white as the background or the font (A) represents freshness and the culture of blind and visually impaired people.

The logo shows two intersecting crescent moons in turquoise and yellow, reminiscent of the claws of an eagle from the German national coat of arms (C). For us, these claws symbolize our hands, which we use for tactile communication. Inside the claws are two intersecting circles with diagonal lines, each in turquoise and yellow (D). This reminds us of the limited vision we have as deafblind people, compared to the sharp vision of an eagle.

Above the claws are three turquoise circles of different sizes, reminiscent of water drops (B). They symbolize the growth and expansion of the deafblind community. The more deafblind people join this community, the stronger it becomes and the more prejudices are broken down. Below the claws is the lettering for the European Deafblind Youth Camp 2024, which will now take place in Germany in the summer of 2024 (E).



We would like to thank Nicola from Italy and Steffy from France for their graphic design of the logo.

LOCATION

The camp for Deafblind youth will commence on Sunday 21 July - one week after the final match of the UEFA European men's championship in Germany. The camp will take place in Oer-Erkenschwick at the Ruhr, known for its strong industrial past. In green surroundings, we will be accommodated at the Salvador Allende House.

Ruhr is a region and it includes cities like Essen, Mülheim, Dortmund, and Duisburg. In the past, the Ruhr was a major center for making coal and steel. But now, it has changed and focuses more on technology, services, and creative industries. There are lots of things to do and see there, like visiting museums, theaters, and parks. The region has changed a lot and has become diverse and lively. When you visit, you can explore the unique cities, learn about their history, enjoy the arts, and take in the beautiful landscapes.

The Salvador Allende House belongs to an organization called SJD - Die Falken. Their main goal is to teach young people how to think critically and take responsibility for making positive changes in society. The house promotes democratic ideas, which means they believe in treating everyone equally and not allowing any form of discrimination or bad behavior. It has a lot of space with 212 beds, rooms for learning, places to hang out together, a big hall, and a nice outdoor area. It is located near a natural reserve, so there are beautiful outdoor places to explore. Vegan and gluten-free dishes are also offered in the meal.



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PRE-PROGRAMM

We have learned something here about the needs of deafblind young people. We can focus on the current priorities of the Erasmus+ program and the following points will be addressed in the camp:

Diversity: In the deafblind community there are many different people with their own experiences and discriminations that are ally together.

Digital: Coming from different countries and being a minority within a minority, it is important for us to stay digitally connected to develop for the future.

Environmental: We will do a mindfulness exercise in the forest every morning, which will help us raise our awareness of ourselves and the environment.

Participation: Our disabilities should not be considered as deficits, but as important factors that contribute to the formation of political and demographic opinion in society and participation.

The table presents a rough non-formal educational program. All activities are designed to be deafblind-friendly, such as each session lasting a max. of one hour, followed by a short break of at least 15 minutes.

1. DAY - 21.July	Arrival & Open Ceremony
2. DAY - 22.July	Ice-Breaking & Culture Night
3. DAY - 23.July	Lecture & Night Activity
4. DAY - 24.July	Games & Night Impulse
5. DAY - 25.July	Lecture & Night Activity
6. DAY - 26.July	Reflection & Discussion
7. DAY - 27.July	Lecture & Night Activity
8. DAY - 28.July	Creativity & Night Impulse
9. DAY - 29.July	Lecture & Night Activity
10. DAY - 30.July	Feedback & Close Ceremony
11. DAY - 31.July	Departure & See you again

PARTICIPANT FEE

















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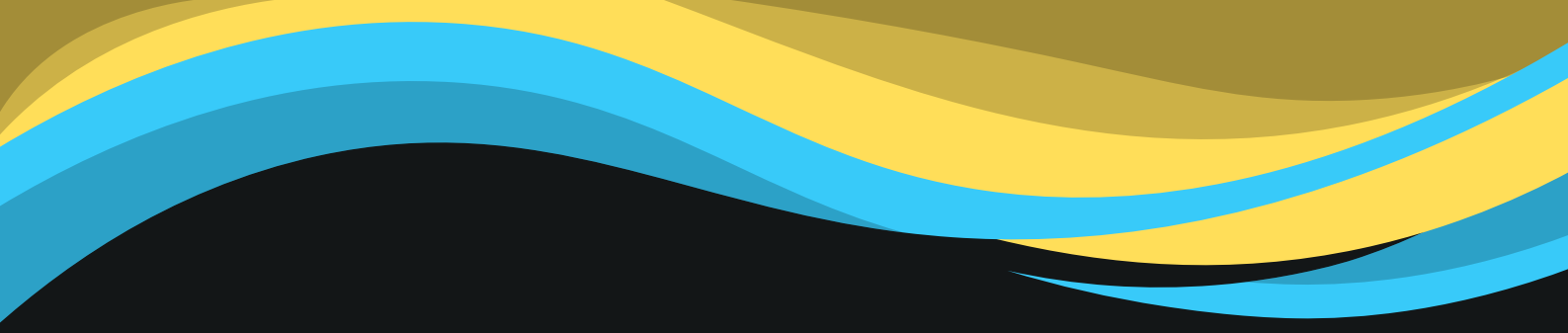
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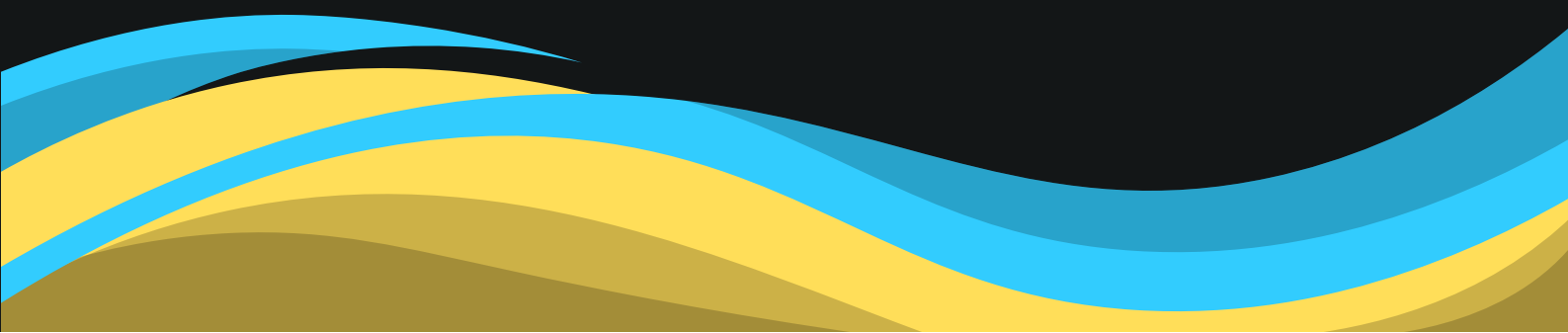
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 Czechia,  Estonia,  Hungary,
 Kosovo,  Latvia,  Lithuania,
 North Macedonia,  Poland,
 Romania,  Serbia,  Slovakia,
 Slovenia,  Türkiye



Around 60 deafblind participants between 18 and 30 or 39 years old from across Europe can join the camp with the assistance of Deafblind Support. The costs for the 11-day camp are primarily covered by the Erasmus+ program and other grant programs. Participation fees are subsidized and cover accommodation, meals, shuttle service from the airport or main train station to the camp, and the entire educational program. Transportation costs are also determined based on the distance traveled from the participants' home.

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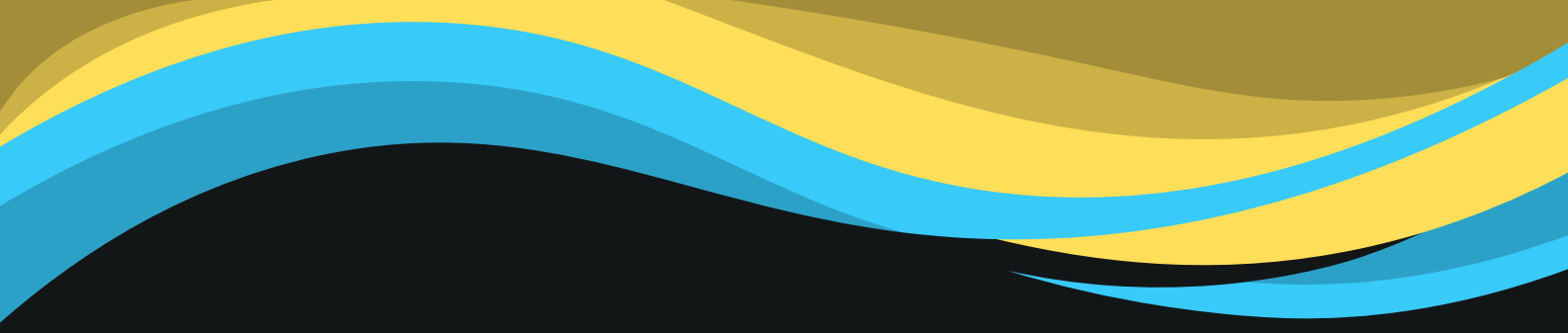


CAMP TEAM

The organizing team consists of 16 deafblind team members, each with their own main tasks. All team members are between the ages of 25 and 40 and come from 10 different countries. They can use sign language, and they will work together with enthusiasm and passion for the camp for a period of 2 years. In addition to the team, there are also 8 volunteers and 4 safeguards (1x Black, 1x Rainbow, 1x DBA, 1x First Aid). The team is divided into four groups, and we will introduce them to you.

GROUPS

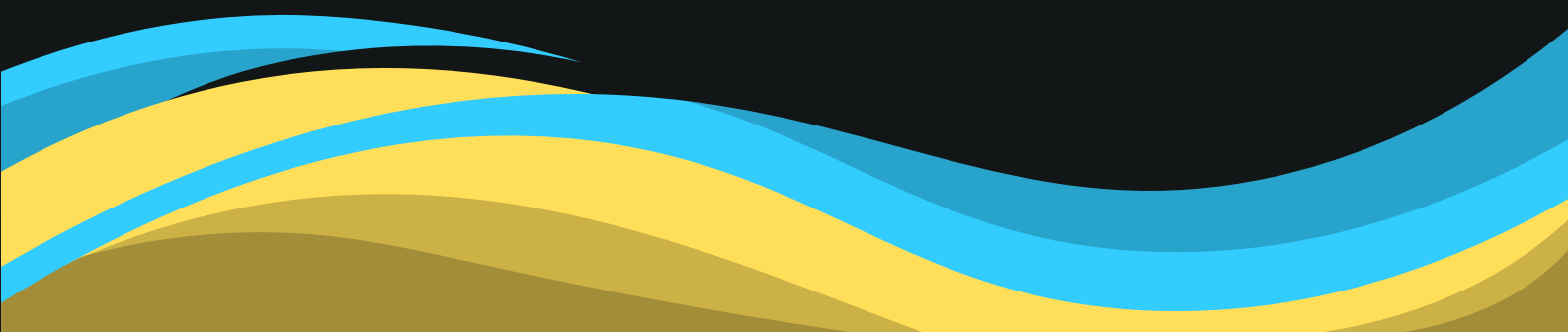
The **Admin** Group is responsible for managing and organizing the camp, including tasks such as ensuring smooth operations, handling information and documents, managing finances, and maintaining order, safety, and participant well-being.



The **Education** Group's main goal is to oversee and enhance the educational aspects of the camp, providing inclusive and engaging activities and workshops that cater to the diverse needs of the participants, ultimately creating a positive and enriching learning experience for all.

The **Media** Group at the camp manages and creates media content to communicate and showcase what happens at the camp, making information easily understandable through photos, videos, and social media, with the a camp movie and social media engagement and photography.

The role of the **Service** Group is to ensure a comfortable and harmonious environment for everyone, providing support regarding meetings, accommodation, meals, communication, and addressing any concerns or questions to ensure a welcoming and enjoyable experience for all participants.



ADMIN



Pere
Catalonia
Administrative Officer



Til
Germany
Camp Leader



Benjamin
Germany
Financial Officer



Lisa
Netherlands
Awareness Officer

EDUCATION



Raz
Denmark
Education Officer



Léa
France
Lecture Director



Roberta
Finland
Activities Director



Sarah
France
Ceremonial Director

MEDIA



Loran
Malta
Media Officer



Clarisse
France
Film Director



Tonya
Italy
Photo Director



Colaço
Portugual
Software Technician

SERVICE



Harriet

Germany-Romania
Accommodation Officer



Elisa

Germany
Welfare Officer



Dominik

Austria
Services Officer



Antonio

Italy
Materials Officer



COOPERATION AGREEMENT

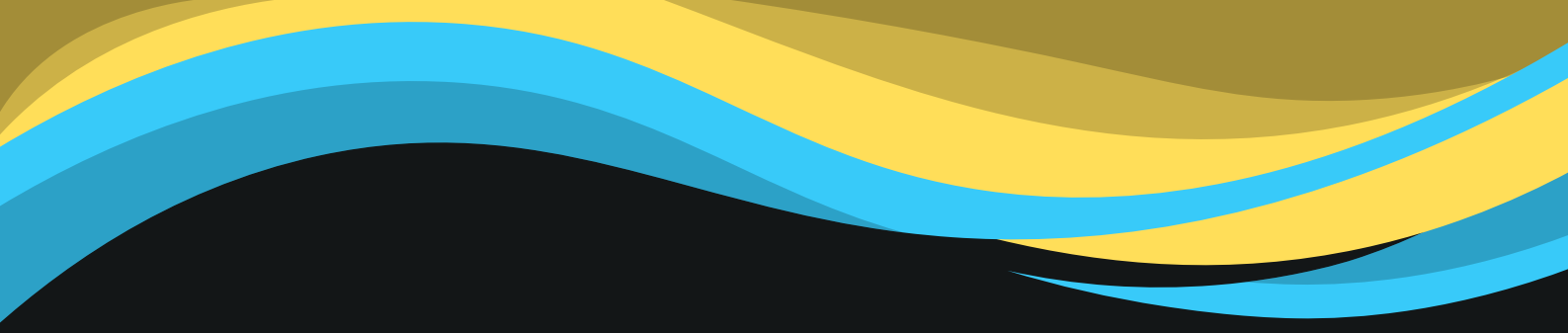
We invite you to join us in a cooperation agreement to support the European Deafblind Youth Camp 2024 and enable young deafblind individuals from your country to participate. By working together, we can combine our resources and improve the lives of deafblind youth.

The cooperation agreement includes various aspects, such as promoting the camp in your country, selecting suitable participants, providing information and support for travel arrangements, and potentially offering financial contributions or other resources.

Deadline

1st September 2023, 23:59 CET





Please note that participants must be between 18 and 30 years old during the camp, with exceptions possible until the age of 39 in special cases. Each country can send 2 delegates and have 4 people on the waiting list. Please prioritize marginalized deafblind individuals, considering factors as black, indigenous and people of color, gender queer, or more disability.

We believe that our collaboration will benefit both of us by promoting inclusivity and creating more opportunities for deafblind youth. We look forward to your positive response and further discussions about the cooperation agreement.

If you agree to cooperate, please fill out the separate form in block letters and send it to us in PDF version before the deadline. If you have any questions or are interested in working together, please don't hesitate to contact us at the provided address: [**camp24@edbyouth.org**](mailto:camp24@edbyouth.org)



SUMMARY

Here you will find the most important overview of the European Deafblind Youth Camp in 2024.

Date	Sun 21 - Wed 31 July 2024
Location	Oer-Erkenschwick, Ruhr (Germany)
Building	Salvador Allende House
Motto	Yeah, my identity is Deafblind. What is your excuse?
Objectives	self-determination, finding identity, mental health, networking, mobility
Team member	16 members from 10 countries (plus 8 volunteers)
Team groups	Admin, Education, Media and Service (4 groups)



Cooperation Agreement	Public relations, selection of participants, provision of information and finance
Fee	€300 / €350 / €400 (depending on the country)
Delegates	2 people per country
Delegates Age	18 to 30 years old (exceptional cases up to 39 years)
Prioritize	black, indigenous and people of color, gender queer
Waiting list	4 people per country
Deadline	1st September 2023, 23:59 CET
Contact	camp24@edbyyouth.org