

Introducing the 2019 Cordoba Forum Youth Seminar

The 2019 Cordoba Forum will take place in the historic capital of Cordoba 15th-17th May 2019. In celebration of the occasion of the United Nations International Day of Living Together in Peace, the Forum will gather diverse leaders and young people together to network, inspire, and create change for a better world: a world of greater convivance.

Before the Forum, there will be a two-day Youth Seminar that will bring together young people from all around the world. Participants will be given the unique opportunity to practice how to dialogue and to facilitate different types of dialogue.

Giving Youth a Chance to Dialogue

The Youth Seminar aims to equip participants with practical skills and competencies for dialogue activism and peacebuilding to create positive changes within their own lives and communities. Over the span of the full two-day Seminar, participants will be given practical education and experience on the principles of dialogue.

Dialogue was selected as the theme of the Seminar as dialogue is an important means to building peace and convivance. Gaining such skills and practicing dialogue supports better teamwork, speaking and listening skills. Increased empathy is also a result of practicing and having dialogues, as it supports a better understanding of other people's points of views; the aim is not about agreeing, instead about mutual respect and understanding. It is all about "Living Together in Peace"

The Seminar's team of experts will lead the participants through workshops on culture, identities and worldview, conflict and peacebuilding, and perceptions and misperceptions. These Seminar training topics will support young people in dispelling stereotypes, as well as critically thinking about ways to bring different people and groups together to build peaceful communities and share common values.

Upon completion of the Seminar, these future leaders will all receive a certificate of completion, and more importantly, will be given the necessary tools to share their dialogical knowledge with their communities and beyond. At the same time, participants will have the practical knowledge on how to plan and implement a dialogue-related or inspired activity within their communities.

The selected youth will also be invited to take part in the Cordoba Forum where they will have the chance to apply their newly learned dialogical skills and contribute significantly to the success of the Forum by bringing a youth perspective to creating solutions to the challenges faced by their generation and beyond.