



Organisers: LLLP

Day and time: Monday 2 December 17.00
(Reception at 18.30)

Room: TownHall Europe, Square de Meeûs 5-6,
1000 Brussels, Belgium

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LLL Civil Society Forum and LLLWeek Reception
“The role of civil society and education institutions in shaping our democracies”

Concept

To kick-start the LLLWeek 2019, we invite you to discover the Lifelong Learning Platform and our initiatives in an all-around event. This year, the LLLWeek Reception will offer two distinct moments: the LLL Civil Society Forum, as well as the actual reception.

The Lifelong Learning Civil Society Forum has now become a solid *rendez-vous* and will engage stakeholders and civil society organisations active in the fields of education. In a dynamic format, speakers will address the burning issues of European funding, and they will also assess the role of civil society and education institutions in promoting a learning democracy within the context of citizenship education. A diverse panel will kick-start the discussion, that will then open up to the public for wider contributions.

The speakers will represent the various and multiple stakeholders profiles in the fields of education. To truly engage in sustainable democracies, we need a variety of actors willing to commit: because of this, we would like to bring both civil society organisations and educational institutions, as well as EU representatives, on the spotlight.

While the definition of common objectives is important, CSOs demand empowerment and it is crucial that decision-makers remain aware of the opportunities to seize through the engagement of non-governmental actors. As such, the policy talk will finish with a short and dynamic presentation of civil society initiatives focusing on the role of education and culture in fostering a sense of belonging to Europe.

After the round of talks, the Reception will take place: a joyful occasion to round up the year in LLLP, with insights on the work of the EU institutions in the field of choice. Experts, academics, civil society organisations and MEPs will talk about their past and upcoming

activities, share a drink and enjoy a light meal. During the Reception, the award ceremony of the LLLAwards will celebrate outstanding practices in education and lifelong learning. This year's edition, bearing the official theme 'Learning Democracy, Values and Participation', was the most eclectic: who will win?

Agenda

Lifelong Learning Civil Society Forum

17.00 - Policy Talk ('Fishbowl' debate)

Moderator: David Lopez, LLLP Pool of Experts and former President

18.15 - Elevator pitch: Civil society initiatives in "Learning Democracy"

LLLWeek Reception

18.30 - Words of welcome

MEP Dace Melbārde, Vice-Chair of the CULT Committee and host of the LLLWeek

Luis Costa, President of the Lifelong Learning Platform

Ms Themis Christophidou, Director-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture

18.45 - Announcement of the LLLAward winners

Presenter: Oonagh Aitken, VicePresident of the Lifelong Learning Platform

19.00 - Networking cocktail