



Summer Peace Schools

**May 2017 Péronne / France /
Historial of the Great War / Memorial**

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For who?

The VoCE Summer Peace Schools started in 2014 and gathers young adults (between 18 to 30 years old) from France, Romania, Poland, Germany and Bosnia-Herzegovine. The young participants are already committed in their home place for peace building through environmental projects, social, political, international initiatives, ...

The objective of the Summer Peace Schools is to bring young adults closer to other young Europeans to allow them to meet and to learn to know each other.

When?

From Sunday 21st May to Saturday 27th May 2017 at Péronne/Somme, around the Historial of the Great War.

Next step:

From Wednesday 23rd August to Friday 1st September 2017, in Romania in Viscri and Cluj.

And in 2018:

From 14 – 19 November 2018, International Peace Festival in Berlin

Who is paying?

A financial contribution of 60€ is asked for the Péronne session, France.

A financial contribution of 100€ is asked for the Romanian session + a financial contribution to the travel expenses.

The VoCE Summer Peace Schools are supported since 2014 by **the French-German Youth Office, the German-Polish Youth Office, the European Program Erasmus+ and the Mission for the Centenary** (Paris).

The Program in Péronne?

If you want to better understand the memory of these places, [please have a look](http://www.historial.org) on the following website www.historial.org

The program will be composed of visits and lectures. We will be guided by Mrs Evelyne Damay from the staff of the Historial. We will share our emotions and reflections and translate them by body language thanks to the help of the actress Astrid Rashed.

Sunday 21 May: Arrival

Travel : by TGV Amiens/Picardie then bus.

Installation in the hostel "l'Auberge des Remparts" www.aubergedesremparts.fr

Welcome evening : what are the important events experienced in our country for the past year?

Monday 22 May: On the places of memory

Visits of the sites: Crater Lochnager ; tranches in Beaumont ; Monument Thiepval, cemeteries :

« The soil is soaked with violence. The sensibility becomes the human pain without any difference for nationalities ».

« One must not forget how much efforts some nations have needed to mourn, to discover in order to try to understand ».

Evening :

Collective discussion about the day of visits with Mrs Damay, at the Historial of Péronne : touching of an object of the collection of the museum, starting with some words and continuing with a personal writing at the end of the meeting

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Tuesday 23 May: Discover the Historial of the Great War, Péronne

Visit of the Historial, exhibition and documentation centre : Visit in two groups, every participant will have the opportunity to discover both places:

- ❖ Free visit of the exhibition, Mrs Damay will be there to answer questions
- ❖ Work at the documentation centre

End of the day: internal work for the group: to give movements, sounds and words to our emotion

Wednesday 24 May: Writers and poets during the war: writing in, despite and against violence, suffering, ideal, dream, mourn...

Morning at the Historial: Writers in war: « We are machines to forget »: « Why is it so interesting to discover the literature of the war period » Work in small groups around the texts of the exhibition.

Afternoon: at the hostel l' Auberge des Remparts. Team work: internal production: personal writing, selection of texts to read and discuss with the whole group, work on the movements of the body and the mind

Thursday 25 May: Discovery of the city of Amiens and its area

Guided visits and personal free time in Amiens

On our way back: stop at some cemeteries and a few words of introduction by the German team volunteers on Peace camps with Volksbund

Friday 26 May: Arts production

Morning: Arts creation based on texts of writers and personal writing of the participants of the Summer Peace School

Afternoon: Collective meeting with Mme Damay and evaluation of the session in Péronne

Saturday 27 May: Departures

Departure followed by a visit of Paris for our European partners (Optional)

Each day will have a group meeting: international press review, presentation of one's home country, evaluation of the progress of the group ... with a lot of fun!

How can I register?

Please contact Marie Deverre mariedeverre@gmail.com to learn more about VoCE 2017.

Have a look on the website

www.voce20142018.com

Please also take contact with

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To be ready to commit with an adventure that requires focus. To share one's commitment and to write a motivation letter for participation. Join the movement with others or alone.

To speak English or other European language is a bonus but not a selective criteria.

To think about the opportunity of joining the next sessions of VoCE in order to strengthen the team.

Deadline to register and to pay the session fees : 15 April 2017

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