



European Arts Forum 2017

The World Youth Alliance is a global coalition of young people, committed to promoting the dignity of the person through culture, education and advocacy and building solidarity among youth from developed and developing nations. WYA's cultural and arts-focused initiatives examine the relationship between art and the human condition and highlight the possibility of intercultural dialog and solidarity.

The World Youth Alliance affirms the transformative power of art, which encourages the individual to move beyond oneself, to connect with a greater community, and to contribute to society and culture. Art provides a window into the complexity, integrity, and beauty of human nature and the natural world. Art is an expression of human dignity and is an important part of the individual's desire for self-expression in the world. Artists play a crucial role in understanding human life. In art and its transcendent journey, we experience the depth of our human freedom.

About the European Arts Forum

After the two successful editions of the European Arts Forum held in Brussels, WYA Europe is delighted to announce its third edition. The EAF will gather together young artists, art critics, scholars, European decision-makers and participants from across Europe for an annual exhibition, workshops and conferences that will show the powerful relationship between Art and Culture in connecting people from different cultures and developing their mutual understanding.

The theme of this year's conference is **'Unity in Diversity: Connecting Europe through Culture'** and will take place in Brussels **from the 24th to the 26th of June 2017**. The European Arts Forum will simultaneously exhibit the diverse work of young artists from across Europe and equip the youth with the tools necessary to fully accept, support and promote diversity through intercultural and inter-religious dialogue, common European values of human dignity, freedom, tolerance and respect of human rights. It will also provide knowledge and skills to better respond to the contemporary realities of youth in a changing Europe. Artwork selected for exhibition at the event ranges from sculpture, to painting, to jewelry making, to coffee bean mosaics.

Schedule of the event

The European Arts Forum is a three-days long gathering that features a wide range of events, including an exhibition of the selected artworks in the European institutions, lectures by expert speakers, small group discussions, musical performances, presentations led by the participating young artists, an award ceremony, as well as meeting with decision-makers on the European level.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at europe@wya.net. To find out more about the European Arts Forum visit our [webpage](#).



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