



# EYCE Alumni Meeting & 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations

Berlin, Germany  
18-20 October 2019

The Ecumenical Youth Council in Europe is turning 50 in 2019!

We want to celebrate that at the General Meeting in October 2019 and also invite all our Alumni for the weekend.

There will be celebrations, old and new friends, ecumenical service, stories and pictures from 5 decades of EYCE, food and drinks, memories, and so much more...



## Preliminary programme

### Friday, 18 October 2019

- **Early arrivers** will meet at EYCE's former offices in downtown Berlin. Light lunch will be provided between 12 and 1pm.
- In the **afternoon**, there will be a cultural/ sightseeing activity (luggage storage will be arranged for).
- Afterwards, we will travel together to Schwanenwerder for dinner.
- Those arriving in Berlin in the afternoon or evening are invited to travel directly to Schwanenwerder.
- In the **evening**, we will have dinner together (around 6.30pm). Later, there will be space at Schwanenwerder for informal meetings of Alumni but also the delegates and other participants of the General Meeting.

### Saturday, 19 October 2019

- **During the day**, there will be sessions on the past, present and future of EYCE. There will also be a joint session with the General Meeting, in order to provide a space to discuss challenges and opportunities for EYCE's future.
- In the **evening**, there will be a banquet for the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of EYCE.

### Sunday, 20 October 2019

- The Alumni meeting will end with an **ecumenical service** on Sunday morning.
- **Lunch will be provided** for those who leave in the afternoon. In the afternoon, there is time to explore Berlin in groups or on your own.



## Who is invited?

We openly invite **everybody who was active in the EYCE** some time **between October 1969 and today**.

Whether you were a participant in an EYCE event, volunteer at a workcamp, member of the Executive Committee, serving as a National Correspondent, as General Secretary or volunteer at the office- you are warmly welcome!

If you want to catch up with EYCE's work and meet others who were or are active within EYCE, join us for the Alumni meeting!

## Date & venue

**18-20 October 2019**

**Gästehaus Schwanenwerder**, Inselstraße 20-22, 14129 Berlin, Germany ([www.schwanenwerder.gfbm.de](http://www.schwanenwerder.gfbm.de))

The venue is located on a small island in Berlin. The island can be reached over a bridge. The closest train stop is "Nikolassee", which is a 40 min walk from the venue. Shuttles will be arranged for.

We have booked the entire venue for EYCE. This comprises 120 beds in total. Some of them will be required for the Executive Committee, the delegates and guests of the General Meeting.

## Accommodation

You are kindly invited to stay at Schwanenwerder overnight. Please note that depending on the number of participants, **accommodation may be in shared rooms**, and not all rooms are en suite.

We understand if you wish for some more privacy and will provide assistance in finding accommodation for you nearby.

Please indicate in the registration whether you want to stay at Schwanenwerder and whether you have any special wishes regarding accommodation (friends you would like to share a room with, children coming with you etc.).

## Costs

The **registration fee** for the Alumni Meeting will cover board and lodging at Schwanenwerder as well as the programme activities.

In order to allow as many Alumni as possible to participate, we request that you **choose a contribution between 50 and 150 Euros** (the approximate cost per person will be around 100 Euros). Please note that there is no funding available to reimburse travel expenses.

## Travels

Please note that you will be expected to travel to train station "Nikolassee" in Berlin.

Nikolassee can be reached from the city centre by suburban railway (S-Bahn), which is frequently served during the day. **Approximate travel times** are: 30 minutes from Hauptbahnhof (Berlin Hbf, main train station); 45 minutes from Tegel airport (TXL); 70 minutes from Schönefeld airport (SXF).

From Nikolassee station, we will arrange shuttles to the venue. It is also possible to walk, which takes about 40 minutes (2.8 km).

Those who arrive early on Friday are kindly invited to meet at EYCE's former offices in Auguststraße 80, 10117 Berlin, which is located in the city centre of Berlin. Approximate travel times are: 20 minutes from Hauptbahnhof; 40 minutes from TXL; 50 minutes from SXF.

## Support

All Alumni are kindly invited to **get involved** and we appreciate any kind of support. Reach out to [alumni@eyce.org](mailto:alumni@eyce.org) if you want to contribute your ideas.

In any event, please spread the word and invite at least one friend from your time in EYCE to join the Alumni meeting.

There will be a preparation meeting in mid-May 2019, so let us know ahead when you have great ideas for the programme or want to make a contribution.

## Registration

Please **register online** via EYCE's website: [www.eyce.org/alumni-meeting/registration/](http://www.eyce.org/alumni-meeting/registration/)

We encourage you to register as early as possible, as this facilitates our planning a lot. A deadline for registration will be communicated later on.

You are kindly requested to **confirm your attendance by paying the registration fee in advance** to EYCE's German member organisation, AEJ. Please note that the registration fee is not refundable should you decide not to participate or be unable to come.

## Questions

For questions related to the **programme**, please contact the planning team via [alumni@eyce.org](mailto:alumni@eyce.org).

For questions related to **registration and travels**, please contact [felix.beck@eyce.org](mailto:felix.beck@eyce.org).

For **updates**, see [www.eyce.org/alumni-meeting/](http://www.eyce.org/alumni-meeting/).