CPU 2018:

Building the World

We Want to Live In

Citizen Participation University

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AT THE CIVIL COLLEGE
Kunbábony, Hungary

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The world we currently live in is scarred by racism and social and economic exclusion. It reflects deep imbalances of power.

We remain committed to changing this world.

But what is our vision of the world we want to live in? It is a deceptively simple question, but it goes to the heart of what the community organizer Gary Delgado asked in his essay The Last Stop Sign:

> *"We must not be afraid to use analytical and ideological tools to develop political vision. By political vision, I mean a vision that takes us past the strategies of a campaign, a power analysis of key players, or the tactics of a good accountability session. In order to be a critical element in future change efforts, we must work with our constituents to develop our vision of a future society."*

The CPU weaves together a popular education-based curriculum that recognizes there is no one "right way" to achieve the world we want to live in. Rather the CPU is, in the words of one participant, an "open-air, open-sourced, peer-to-peer university; it can be described as an important space for solidarity, learning and knowledge-sharing in times of shrinking civic space." In this open environment, CPU 2018 will build on methods and community interventions ranging from anti-racist organizing to youth work; from community development to community organizing; from social work to public sector administration, from media literacy to theater and art...and so much more! Join us!

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What is the CPU?

The Citizen Participation University (CPU) is a multi-day, intensive residential training and strategic planning gathering that is equal parts theory, practice, and networking for people trying to make the world a more just and democratic place. It is a fun event held in an informal setting at the Civil College in Kunbábony, Hungary during the first week of July.

I'm intrigued. Tell me more.

Now in its 9th year, the CPU is designed to provide a space to nurture the "grassroots" and the "grasstops" of our movement. We bring together community organizers and activists, emerging movement leaders, adult educational professionals, community development workers and trainers, social service providers, local authorities, and others. Every year 50 - 70 people attend from anywhere between 8 - 20 countries.

We have a clear goal: engage in deep critical reflection and catalyze on-the-ground action. Apart from providing space for sharing and learning, the CPU acts as a laboratory for European-level networking and effective cross-border organizing and innovation. While we present important theoretical and practical knowledge, a large focus of the week is put towards hands-on participatory education and group discussions.

Who organizes the CPU?

Planning of the CPU it is led by the Central and Eastern European Citizens Network and the Civil College Foundation. We are joined by our partners: The European Community Development Network (EuCDN) and the European Community Organizing Network (ECON). A volunteer planning committee develops the themes and agenda for the week-long gathering.

NIGHTLY PRICE:

The full program runs from Monday to Friday and involves four overnight stays. The nightly rate is:

€50/night – shared room with bed and bathroom, meals
€30/night – tent camping with access to shower and restroom facilities, meals.

FULL-WEEK DISCOUNT:

We highly encourage participants to attend the full program and therefore offer a weekly rate (4 nights):

€150/week – shared room with bed and bathroom, meals
€90/week – tent camping with access to shower and restroom facilities, meals.

EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT:

We encourage early registration, and offer a discount of **20%** on the above stated rates if your registration is received by **June 1, 2018**.

Note: Some scholarships may be available. There are a very limited number of off-site, single rooms available. Contact us.

Register in advance at www.cpu.camp.