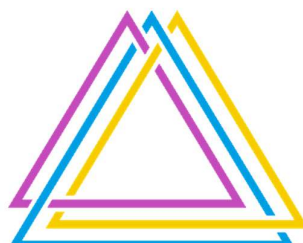




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**TRIANGULAR
SUMMIT 26**

RAY TRIANGULAR SUMMIT

PROGRAMME

12 OCTOBER 2026

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Please note, the programme remains subject to change.

WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2026	
During the day	Arrival of participants
From 17:30 onwards	Registration for Summit is open in the conference lobby
19:00	WELCOME DINNER We invite you to an informal welcome dinner.
20:30	NETWORKING RECEPTION Join the informal networking reception. We provide a relaxed space for exchanging with other participants and getting ready for the Summit.
THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2026	
09:00	OFFICIAL WELCOME & OPENING - Official welcome (<i>Aidan Farrelly, Member of Irish Parliament, Spokesperson on Children, Equality and Youth</i>) - Welcome by the organisers (<i>Suzanne Kavanagh, Acting Head of Youth, ESC and Sport, Léargas & Carmen Teubl-Kiviniemi, RAY Network Manager</i>) - Reconnecting to previous Summit 24' & setting the stage for Summit 26' - Building the framework of the Summit - Connecting with other stakeholders
10:00	KEY FINDINGS FROM RAY I <i>European youth programmes: What is working well?</i> Evidence-based input: Key findings from the most recent RAY monitoring surveys and RAY thematic research as well as essential insights from other European

	studies related to youth, <i>by Andreas Karsten, RAY transnational research coordinator</i>
10:45	BREAK
11:15	YOUTH PANEL <i>Comments and reflections on the findings</i> With five young panelists coming from different European countries, representing various roles in national decision-making: ▪ <i>Makbule Temel, ESC ambassador, AT</i> ▪ <i>Wendla Schaper, German NA Youth Advisory Board, DE</i> ▪ <i>Emma van Straten, Dutch Youth Council, NL</i> ▪ <i>Ángel Pérez Contreras, Spanish Youth Council, ES</i> ▪ <i>Raphael Olympio, artist, creative practitioner, IE</i>
12:30	LUNCH
14:30	KEY FINDINGS FROM RAY II <i>European youth programmes: Challenges and Shortcomings</i> ▪ Evidence-based input: Key findings from the most recent RAY monitoring surveys and RAY thematic research as well as essential insights from other European studies related to youth, <i>by Andreas Karsten, RAY transnational research coordinator</i>
15:15	STAKEHOLDER GROUPS <i>Reflections</i> ▪ Reflection on main challenges emerging from the research findings ▪ Exchange on how policy, practice, research (national and European contexts) should respond to these challenges

	Ideas for policy, practice, European youth programmes and strategies
16:00	BREAK
16:3	POLICY PANEL Comments and reflections on the findings With five European policy and decision makers representing different institutions in the youth field - Aisling Maloney, Board member, European Youth Forum - Marcos Ros Sempere, Member of European Parliament, Spain - Jadranka Vukovic Johnsson, Senior Expert – Youth policy, European Commission, Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture - Tobias Flessenkemper, Head of the Youth Department, Directorate for Democracy, Council of Europe - Aidan Farrelly, Member of Irish Parliament, Spokesperson on Children, Equality and Youth
17:30	NATIONAL DELEGATIONS Time to reflect on sessions and outcomes of the day, to explore first takeaways and to discuss next steps for the national contexts
18	FREE TIME
19:15	Gathering for dinner-out & travelling to venue together
20:00	DINNER OUT & SPECIAL PROGRAMME at Johnnie Fox's, the highest pub in Ireland
	FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2026
09:15	STARTING THE DAY Reporting from the rapporteur by Gisele Evrard

	Status quo: European Youth Programme post-2027 and EU Youth Strategy by <i>European Commission, DG EAC</i>
10:00	BREAK
10:30	DISCUSSION GROUPS I <i>Future of European Youth Programme and EU Youth Strategy</i> - Exchange on & contextualisation of research results, panel discussions and reflections from previous day - Working on main challenges and topics emerging from the research findings for the future of the European Youth Programme and policy frameworks - Exchange on how policy, practice, research (national and European contexts) should respond to these challenges - Drafting concrete ideas and recommendations for the future European Youth Programme and EU Youth Strategy THEMES <i>Youth Participation and Democracy</i> <i>Diversity and Inclusion of Participants</i> <i>Safety of Young People</i> <i>Supporting Current and Potential Beneficiaries</i> <i>Access, Recognition and Quality of Youth Work</i>
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15:30	<i>BREAK</i>
16:00	HARVESTING AND CLOSING <i>Including National Delegations</i> ▪ Individual reflections and evaluation ▪ Time for national delegations: Discussions on takeaways & follow-up for national contexts ▪ Next steps ▪ Musical recap of the Summit <i>by Raphael Olympio</i>
17:30	YOUTH-LED WALKING TOURS ▪ Youth-led walking tours of inner-city Dublin. The tours are co-designed and delivered by young people from the inner-city Youth Services that are part of Erasmus+ projects, showcasing local spaces, landmarks, street art, and community life through their own lived experience and perspectives.
19:00	<i>DINNER</i>
	SATURDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2026
	<i>Departure of participants</i>