



#ProgressivesSpeakUp #UpToYouth #ChildUnion

Summer School for young local and regional leaders

7 - 9 July 2022

Reggio Emilia, Emilia-Romagna, Italy
Loris Malaguzzi International Centre*

**The Loris Malaguzzi International Centre works as a "democratic piazza", a public space where new ideas of childhood, education and knowledge can be offered and discussed. It is a space open to every age, to ideas, to diverse cultures; a space that produces research, experimentation and innovation on the content and processes of education for 0-99 years old.*

Wednesday, 6 July

For early-comers, informal get-together at 7 p.m. for dinner. Let us know whether you are joining! Place to be communicated at a later stage via the WhatsApp Group. [Join it!](#)

Thursday, 7 July

AUDITORIUM A

- 12:30 – 13:30 **Arrival and registration of participants**
Sandwiches and beverages at disposal upon arrival at the Café
- 13:00 – 14:00 Open **YEPs' Speed Dating Tables**
- 14:00 – 14:15 **Opening - Progressives Speak Up School 2022**
Christophe Rouillon, President of the PES Group in the European Committee of the Regions, Mayor of Coulaines
- 14:15 – 14:30 **Welcome message by the Mayor**
Early childhood as a political and identity trait of the City
Luca Vecchi, Mayor of Reggio Emilia
- 14:30 – 14:45 *Reggio Emilia, an example for a diffused education*
Raffaella Curioni, Commissioner for Education and Sport of the Municipality of Reggio Emilia
- 14:45 – 15:00 **Session on the Reggio Emilia Approach**
Introducing the Reggio Emilia educational system
Cristian Fabbi, President of Reggio Children
- 15:00 - 16:30 **Session on the Reggio Emilia Approach**
The educational project of Reggio Emilia
Maddalena Tedeschi, Pedagogue of the of Reggio Emilia's municipal infant-toddler and preschools
Exchange of views with the participants
- 16:30 **Bus departure**
- 17:00 – 18:45 **#UpToYouth on the move**
Inspiration from Guastalla
Study visit led and hosted by YEP participant **Alessandra Medici** in her town of Guastalla to a child facility centre which was built after

the earthquake in 2012. It has been nicknamed the "Whale", for the shape of its large arches that resemble those of the belly of the cetacean protagonist of "Pinocchio". The building is eco-sustainable, according to the highest anti-seismic standards. It produces 45% of electricity thanks to photovoltaic panels and saves 55% of water thanks to a rainwater reuse system.

Matteo Artoni, Councillor for welfare, school and youth policies and Vice-Mayor of Guastalla

Tania Bertacchi, pedagogue Azienda Bassa Reggiana

Alexia Salati, Association Progettiinfanzia

Monica Lasagni, Association Progettiinfanzia

18:45

Bus departure

19:15 – 20:30

Experience the Festa de l'Unità in Correggio

Festa de l'Unità is a social-democratic and inter-generational festival around several happenings, involving political conferences, low-price typical foods, live music. Local Festa de l'Unità starts in July until September.

Dinner at the Festa dell'Unità restaurant run by volunteers of the Democratic Party

21:00

Work, Rights & Sustainability: A Stronger Europe for All

Welcome message by the Mayor of Correggio, Ilaria Malavasi

Debate at the Festa (*Italian only*)

Brando Benifei, Member of the European Parliament and Head of the Italian delegation to the Socialist & Democrats

Ana Pirtskhalava, Secretary-General of the Young European Socialists (YES) Group

Luca Vecchi, Mayor of Reggio Emilia

Laura Sparavigna, President of the committee on social policies of the City of Florence

Conclusions by Massimo Gazza, Secretary of the Partito Democratico of the Province of Reggio Emilia

Moderator: **David Rinaldi**, Director of Studies and Policies (FEPS) or local PD activist or local journalist

Friday, 8 July

AUDITORIUM A

- 09:15- 09:30 ***The making of a European Child Guarantee***
Brando Benifei, Head of the Italian delegation of Partito Democratico in the European Parliament
- 09:30 - 09:45 ***Preschools and infant-toddler centres as historical and political heritage of the city***
Nando Rinaldi, Director of Reggio Emilia's municipal infant-toddler and preschools
- 09:45 - 11:00 **Session on the Reggio Emilia Approach**
Introduction to the Culture of the atelier and 100 languages of Children
Marco Spaggiari, atelierista, Reggio Children
Lorella Trancossi, pedagogist, Reggio Children
- 11:00 – 11:15 ***Food Lab of the Foundation Reggio Children***
For a healthy and seasonal nutrition for children
Alessandro Tagliavini, Chef Atelierista
- 11:15 – 11:30 **Coffee break**
- 11:30 – 13:00 ***Atelier at the Loris Malaguzzi Centre***
Reggio Children Atelieristas
- 13:00 – 14:15 **Lunch at the Reggio Children**
- 14:15 – 14:30 **Introduction to the EU Child Guarantee and Child Union**
Christian Morabito, international researcher and FEPS expert on inequalities, social policies and early childhood education
- 14:30 – 16:00 **Panel discussion – The European Child Guarantee**
Raquel Corval, ProChild CoLAB and University of Minho
Claudia Giudici, Guarantor for the rights of children and adolescents of the Region Emilia Romagna
Stefano Rimini, Social Policy Expert, UNICEF ECARO

Anna Serafini, National coordinator for Italy of the Plan for the Child Guarantee

Exchange of views with the participants

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00

The call for inclusive child policy

Helin Yildiz, City Councillor of Varese for multiculturalism

Maria Herczog, Senior Lecturer at Eötvös Loránd University and Director of the Family Child Youth Association, Hungary

Donatella Porzi, Councillor of the region Umbria and former special needs teacher

Exchange of views with the participants

18:30

Bus departure to Chalet Lido Po

At the confluence of the Crostolo stream with the Po River, we will spend the night together to share ideas in a characteristic Chalet now turned into a restaurant.

19:00 – 21:30

#UpToYouth Aperi-Debate on the po River

PES and YES campaign

Yonnec Polet, Deputy Secretary-General of the PES and Member of the PES Group in the European Committee of the Regions

Ana Pirtskhalava, Secretary-General of the Young European Socialists (YES)

#LoveWhereLive | Campaign for LGBTIQ Freedom Cities

José Santoro, Secretary General of Rainbow Rose and LGTBIQ advisor

Rita Monticelli, coordinator of the gender and Women Studies for the University of Bologna, Mayor's Delegate for Human Rights, interreligious and intercultural dialogue of the City of Bologna, executive member of the PD Emilia Romagna

Simona Lembi, responsible for the Gender Equality Plan of the Metropolitan City of Bologna, executive member of the PD Emilia Romagna



Saturday, 9 July

AUDITORIUM A

9:45 – 11:00

Panel discussion – Children, the war and us

Anastasiia Nesterova, City councillor of Nikopol, Dnipropetrovsk region, Ukraine

Carla Rinaldi, President of Reggio Children Loris Malaguzzi Foundation

Raffaella Curioni, City Councillor for Education of Reggio Emilia
Exchange of views with the participants

11:00 – 12:00

World Café

Set-up of working groups amongst participants to develop ideas around city on **how to transform their communities into child-friendly spaces.**

How to apply what you have learnt in your local community?

How to use this in a campaign?

12:00 – 12:45

Presentation of the proposals by the rapporteurs of the working groups

12:45 – 13:00

Closing remarks

Cristian Fabbi, President of Reggio Children

Luca Vecchi, Mayor of Reggio Emilia

13:00

Lunch at the Reggio Children

Good Bye!

Arrivederci!