

Call for Participation: Sensing the City, Sensing Water 2016!

Youth river action camp in Berlin (6.7.-12.7.)

You are interested in water conservation? Or already active for it? Then join us for the 2016 Youth River action camp in Berlin. The camp will consist of a combination of thematic inputs, group work, public discussion and much time together.

Invited guests will provide lectures on various aspects of urban water: The privatization controversy & the human right to water, new architectural projects for swimming in the city, smart ways of measuring water quality, the role of youth and youth participation in EU water policy, water philosophy . . .

Teams will work together on various aspects of mapping urban water in a new key: from water quality measures to stories, from river walks to a joint Big Jump – to celebrate and participate in the European Swimming Day (10.12.2016)! There will also be discussions with politicians and NGO-representatives.

How can I participate? Get active for your river, lake or coastal area! Do to so, we recommend that you draw from the river action tool box (<http://www.bigjumpchallenge.net/toolbox.html>). It offers you free online modules to learn about water conservation and what you can do. You are of course also welcome to plan your own creative actions. Once you are ready, contact your national coordinator and tell them about your actions and ideas. Deadline: 30.5.2016. The national coordinator will then select the participants. For the contact addresses see the list below.

What does it cost? The Berlin camp is covered via an Erasmus+ grant that allows us to pay for travel and accommodation costs in Berlin. Some lunches and dinners will also be provided, for the rest tasty and affordable food is available in the lively neighborhood of Kreuzberg, where the camp will take place.

A short history: The idea of this summer camp originates with the big jump challenge – youth campaign for water conservation 2015. In summer 2015, young people between 17 and 25 years came together in Brussels to share their actions and creatively present their ideas in the European capital. Read the Youth Manifesto here: <http://en.bigjumpchallenge.net/news-details/youth-water-manifesto.html>. The Berlin camp builds on this legacy – as much still remains to be done for our water. It seeks to contribute to a European youth river action network. With a next camp planned in 2017 in Slovenia and focused on wild rivers. Due to this history, “old” Brussels participants are also invited to apply!

We look forward to hearing from you! & do not hesitate to share this invitation with your friends.

Further Information:

Updates: Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/BigJumpChallenge>; Blog (as of mid-May): berlinrivercamp2016.net

Sign up for newsletter: <http://en.bigjumpchallenge.net/> [scroll to bottom of the page]

General contact for the camp: info@bigjumpchallenge.net

Country-specific contacts (see next page).

Photo material: see the attachments to this email with photos in various formats. Feel free to use them, and add as credit: Big Jump Challenge, and Justus Lodemann for the “Big Jump Berlin Postcard”.

Country	National Contact	Website	Email
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