

# Liberal Communicators Network (LCN): Non-Profit Academy

# **LCN Academy: CALL FOR APPLICATION**

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Make a Good Message Better

Online

9 Sessions: 30 April- 6 June 2024, 17.00 CEST -19.00 CEST, Brussels/Time



# **About the Academy**

The LCN-Non-Profit Academy will empower liberal communicators to adapt cutting-edge communication strategies, innovation, and marketing trends for the specific context of the mission-driven sector. By innovating non-profit communications, liberals will be better equipped to win the hearts and minds, influence shifts in values and behaviour, and achieve societal change for a forward-looking Europe.

LCN strives to develop a professional community of non-profit communicators from civil society organizations, foundations, think tanks, change-makers, working on liberal topics. Join the Academy to become a member of this European network of marketing professionals. This LCN Edition focuses on the liberal non-profit actors, not on political parties.

The Academy 'Make a Good Message Better' offers webinars with thought leaders, best-selling authors, world-class trainers, who will bring everybody on the 'same page' with the latest trends in non-profit brand management, communications strategy, digital and content marketing, hopebased communications in democracy promotion and human rights, messaging and more.

The Academy is organised by the European Liberal Forum (ELF) with the support of Projekt: Polska and Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom for East and Southeast Europe (FNF ESEE) for a fourth year now. The Academy is part of an umbrella programme – the Liberal Communicators Network (LCN), between ELF Secretariat, Projekt: Polska, Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF ESEE) and European Liberal Youth (LYMEC).

# **Programme**

9 Online Sessions: 30 April - 6 June 2024

Schedule is in CEST (UTC+2) Brussels time

Lead Facilitator: Sven Gerst, Political Philosopher, Former Secretary General of IFLRY, Experienced Facilitator at The International Academy of Leadership (IAF) of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom and many more

Co-Facilitator: Boryana Atanassova, LCN Project Leader and Co-facilitator; Senior Regional Communications Manager for East and Southeast Europe, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom

# 30 April, Tuesday

Meet & Greet. Mapping Where Do You Stand?

Speaker: Dr. Milosz Hodun, Board Member, European Liberal Forum; President, Projekt Polska Lead Facilitator: Sven Gerst, PhD Student in Political Economy at King's College London; Former Secretary General of IFLRY

Co-Facilitator: Boryana Atanassova, LCN Project Leader and Co-facilitator; Senior Regional Communications Manager for East and Southeast Europe, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom

17:00 - 19:00 CEST

# 7 May, Tuesday

Workshop 1: Hope-based Communication - a Smart Strategy for Promoting Democracy and Human Rights

Trainer: Thomas Coombes (UK), Founder and Director of <u>Hope-based Communications</u>, Communications and Human Rights Strategist, Expert on Strategies for Social Change, <u>TEDx-speaker</u>, Former Head of Brand and Deputy Communications Director of Amnesty International Lead Facilitator: Sven Gerst

17:00 - 19:00 CEST



# 9 May, Thursday

Workshop 2: Hope-based Communication - a Smart Strategy for Promoting Democracy and Human Rights

Trainer: Thomas Coombes (UK), Founder and Director of <u>Hope-based Communications</u>, Communications and Human Rights Strategist, Expert on Strategies for Social Change, <u>TEDx-speaker</u>, Former Head of Brand and Deputy Communications Director of Amnesty International

Lead Facilitator: Sven Gerst

17:00 - 19:00 CEST

### 13 May, Monday

Workshop 3: The Missing Magic in Your Communications Strategy: Choosing the Right Objectives Trainer: Kivi Leroux Miller (USA), Founder and CEO of Nonprofit Marketing Guide. Author "Content Marketing for Nonprofits"

Lead Facilitator: Sven Gerst

17:00 - 19:00 CEST

# 15 May, Wednesday

Workshop 4: Diversifying Your Writing Styles to Reach the Right People

Trainer: Kivi Leroux Miller (USA), Founder and CEO of Nonprofit Marketing Guide. Author "Content

Marketing for Nonprofits" Lead Facilitator: Sven Gerst

17:00 - 19:00 CEST

# 20 May, Monday

Workshop 5: Communications Planning and Workflow Tools That Make Life Easier

Trainer: Kivi Leroux Miller (USA), Founder and CEO of Nonprofit Marketing Guide. Author "Content

Marketing for Nonprofits" Lead Facilitator: Sven Gerst

17:00 - 19:00 CEST

### 22 May, Wednesday

Workshop 6: Why Communicators Need to Set Boundaries and How to Figure Out Your Own Trainer: Kivi Leroux Miller (USA), Founder and CEO of Nonprofit Marketing Guide. Author "Content Marketing for Nonprofits"

Lead Facilitator: Sven Gerst

17:00 - 19:00 CEST

# 27 May, Monday

Inspirational Talk: The Science and Magic of Message Discipline - Secrets from a Spin Doctor Trainer: Nick Clelland (South Africa), Author of <u>'Spin: The Art of Managing the Media'</u>, CEO of Resolve Communications, Trainer at FNF's International Academy for Leadership in Germany; Director of political communications operations on three continents, Former MP for the Democratic Alliance Party, South Africa

Lead Facilitator: Sven Gerst

**15:00 - 17:00 CEST** Mind the different time slot. This session is **also open to all alumni** of the umbrella cooperation programme - Liberal Communicators Network (different edition rans by FNF, LYMEC, ELF Secretariat, Projekt Polska), Tell Me Your Story alumni and all ELF member organizations.



# 6 June, Thursday

Consultations & Graduation

Speaker: Tamás Toplak, Head of Communications, European Liberal Forum

Speaker: Martin Kothee, Regional Director for East and Southeast Europe, Friedrich Naumann

Foundation for Freedom

Speaker: Dimitra Papadopoulou, Communications Officer, LYMEC

Lead Facilitator: Sven Gerst

Co-Facilitator: Boryana Atanassova

17:00 - 19:00 CEST

# In cooperation with:





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