

# A Guide for Mentors

## Young European #HeritageMakers Competition



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### ● What is it?

Young European Heritage Makers is a competition for children and young people to encourage exploration, discovery and expression of their heritage!

Children are the future of heritage protection and promotion, and we want to learn how they understand cultural heritage, collect and highlight their work, and connect future Heritage Makers with each other. After taking part in activities and mentoring, groups of young people can enter the competition by creating a video or visualisation showing their interpretation and articulation of an aspect of heritage which is important to them.

The competition asks:

“What does heritage mean to you?”

“What’s unique to your local heritage; what’s shared across Europe?”

“How can we present our heritage stories in pictures and words?”

The competition is being run by European Heritage Days – the largest celebration of cultural events in Europe – and will culminate in special exhibition at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg.

### ● Who can take part?

Any young people in the participating countries who are interested in the heritage which surrounds them can take part, split into those aged 6-11 and 11-17. Submissions should be made between 1st September – 11th October 2021, with the winners announced in December.



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## ● Mentors needed!

We need mentors with heritage, education, youth services or community experience to be involved in overseeing groups of young people.

From identifying relevant groups, creating heritage-based activities, and guiding the young people through the process, mentors are hugely important across all stages of this project. They will encourage heritage exploration and facilitate the exchange of knowledge and ideas amongst the participants, always with the goal of hearing how children think about heritage, rather than defining it from an adult perspective.

Mentors should not only support and encourage participants, but also ensure all activities meet the Council of Europe's standards. Find out more about the formal approval, safeguarding and other guidelines required to be a mentor at

[www.europeanheritagedays.com/Young-European-Heritage-Makers](http://www.europeanheritagedays.com/Young-European-Heritage-Makers)

## ● How to participate

Taking part as a mentor is simple.

- 1) Get in contact with your National coordinator and organise an activity for one of the age groups focussing on the question 'What is your European heritage?'
- 2) Present outcomes of the activity with a visual and text description, or a 5 min video
- 3) Upload your group's submission to the European Heritage Days website

Submissions can focus on tangible places like a building or natural landscape, or intangible aspects of heritage such as the creative arts or local cultural traditions. We're particularly inviting projects based on [this year's European Heritage Days theme](#), [Heritage: All Inclusive](#).

How did people used to live? What special stories are there in your town? What shared traditions do we have with other European countries?

You might want to:

Hold a workshop or discussion group  
Create a quest or treasure hunt  
Organise visits to local heritage sites  
Encourage intergenerational learning

We're looking for original and creative interpretations!

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