

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	2 - Agorà Società Cooperativa Sociale (Agorà)
PIC number:	[918449254]
Project name and acronym:	Actions Supporting the Participation of Youth through Relevant Education in Europe — ASPYRE Europe

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	10		
Event name:	Civic Cafés Italy		
Type:	Training		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Italy, Liguria, Genoa Rapallo		
Date(s):	23/04/2026 19/05/2024		
Website(s) (if any):			
Participants			
Female:	57		
Male:	69		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 Italy:	125		
From country 2 [name]:			
From country 3 [name]:			
...			
Total number of participants:	136	From total number of countries:	1
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
The Civic Cafès Event was held in April and May 2026 in three different locations: Centro Giovani Fuoridaibinari” located in the municipality of Rapallo, Genova; “Parco and Public Square Reimondin”			

in Genova. The Event aimed to **train and mentor young people to engage meaningfully in democratic decision-making processes (SO3) and to facilitate dialogue and engagement between youth and relevant decision-makers (SO4)**

The event focused on:

- Discussions and focus on the Italian political scenario, to help young people identify **key figures in the** decision-making processes at Regional and Municipal level who could help and support their causes and ideas.
- Inclusion of youth from **diverse backgrounds** (urban and rural, gender-diverse, second generation migrants youth, youth who showed deviant behaviours and disengaged youth).
- Strengthen the work of the **Youth Advocacy Groups (YAGs)** to create policy recommendations to be presented to local decision-makers and key stakeholders in each local context.

Two Civic Cafés Event were held:

- 23rd of April 2026
- 19th of May 2025 .

The young people were engaged in the event through the youth workers at the “Fuoridabinari” youth centre in Rapallo, as well as through outreach workers active in the outskirts of Genoa since the previous Active Youth Forum event. Following this initial phase, a shared interest emerged in developing a more structured initiative capable of providing a concrete response to the needs and priorities expressed by the young people themselves.

Participants per target group

- TG1 (youth aged 16-24 yo): 66
- TG2 (youth workers): 21
- TG3 (decision-makers): 10
- TG4 (General Public): 40

Overview of activities

Activity 1 - CIVIC CAFE'S IN RAPALLO - Advocacy Groups N1 and N2 “Rapallo Fuori” and “Dentro il Centro”

- **Held on 23 April 2026 from 4.30 pm to 9.00 pm.**
- **At Piazza del Chiosco della Musica in Rapallo (GE), Italy**

The Civic Cafés in Rapallo marked the culmination of a process undertaken by two distinct advocacy groups formed during the previous ‘AYF Italy’ event: the first focused on the dynamics and needs within the youth centre itself, whilst the second concentrated on issues relating to life in the city and youth participation in the urban context and local policy-making and politics. In this way, the groups served as a platform through which young people could voice their concerns, exchange views and propose targeted actions on the issues they deemed most significant. The division of tasks and roles within the groups took place spontaneously and collaboratively, drawing on the skills, inclinations and interests of each participant, with the aim of making the work of the two advocacy groups as functional and effective as possible. Whilst maintaining a clear distinction between the two groups, the young people often collaborated and supported one another in the various activities, fostering a climate of cooperation and continuous exchange. Throughout the project, there were no changes to the composition of the groups, thanks to the initial spontaneous and agreed division which allowed for continuity and consistency in the process

As part of the organisation of the Civic Café, the young people requested a meeting in the council chamber on 26 March 2026 at Rapallo Town Hall. On that occasion, they met with the Mayor, Elisabetta Ricci, together with the Councillor for Youth Policy, Dorotea Giavina, and the technical officer, Claudia Mozzi, to present the work carried out, share the ideas and requests they had developed, and propose the organisation of a public event as an opportunity to give something back

to the community. After receiving the Mayor's approval, the young people went on to plan and organise the event, which was open to the public. They first arranged the venue, recreating a convivial and informal atmosphere consistent with the social dynamics typically experienced at the youth centre. A table football table, a small table for distributing leaflets, and a refreshment area were set up, dividing the space into several functional micro-zones: a more playful area for games and socialising; one dedicated to discussion and the exchange of ideas; and a third designed for breaks and informal sharing. At a later stage, participants had the opportunity to engage with several local institutional representatives, including the Chairman of the Municipal Council, Mentore Campodonico, the Councillor for Youth Policy, Dorotea Giavina, and the technical officer, Claudia Mozzi. The dialogue took place in an atmosphere of mutual listening and openness, with the proposals put forward by the young people being positively received and formal expressions of support signed by the institutional representatives. The Chairman of the City Council also expressed a willingness to consider, in the future, a possible increase in funding for youth projects. The young people then moved on to publicising the initiative, actively engaging members of the public present at the event. They approached passers-by and positioned themselves in familiar local settings, such as bars and other venues, explaining the nature of the project, its objectives, and the proposals developed, thereby fostering opportunities for discussion and raising awareness. On this occasion, they engaged with a diverse range of people, including teachers, educators not previously involved in the project, and elderly residents, thus broadening the dialogue beyond their usual social networks.

The day concluded in a convivial and informal atmosphere, with a shared dinner of takeaway pizza, reflecting the group's cohesion and the strong sense of community developed throughout the experience.

Activity 2: Civic Cafés & Public Space

- **Held on 19 May 2026 from 5.30 pm to 9.00 pm.**
- **At Piazza Reimondini in Genova (GE), Italy**

The second activity involved young people engaged using street worker techniques. In particular, the initiative focused on young people who meet informally in 'public' places and community spaces. The event was intentionally held in the public square to give visibility to a participatory process that young people had been engaged in over the preceding weeks, and to create a moment of collective, civic dialogue. The square, already a meaningful point of encounter and aggregation for diverse groups - families, elderly residents, young people, and bar customers - became a space for advocacy and exchange.

Two guiding questions were posed to the adult and institutional guests as starting prompts for reflection and discussion: 'What difficulties do you face in making decisions for young people?' and 'Do you know what their needs are?' These questions framed an open and personal conversation in which participants introduced themselves, shared their relationship to the space, and engaged with the proposals developed by the youth groups. Three Councillors - Luca Rinaldi, Angiola Bavoso and Leonardo Parodi - and one Social Services Area Coordinator participated in the discussions,

The event concluded with a musical and convivial moment aimed at further attracting the interest of passers-by, continuing informal dialogues, and celebrating the participatory process undertaken by the young people.

Communication and Dissemination

To publicise the initiative and engage a wider audience, the young people initially reached out to their friends and families, promoting the project and gathering initial support for the ideas that had emerged within the advocacy groups. This initial phase helped to build a support base and raise the initiative's profile within the participants' local community.

Subsequently, during the Civic Café, the young people took direct and active action, engaging people in the vicinity of the event venue. The young people approached passers-by, explaining the project, the aims of the initiative and the needs that had emerged during the process, encouraging discussion and participation. On this occasion too, in addition to engaging passers-by, the friends and family

networks of the Advocacy Group participants were once again mobilised; they took part in the event to provide concrete support for the project by collecting signatures.

At the same time, some young people spent the afternoon manning strategic locations frequently visited by young people, such as venues and meeting places they were familiar with, thereby managing to further increase the number of signatures collected. The strategies adopted were therefore based primarily on the direct involvement of local networks, informal peer-to-peer communication and an active presence within the local social scene.

Social Media Presence and key indicators

Facebook: [link](#) (27/03/2026)

Indicators:

- Like : 18
- Views: 1082
- Share: 1

Facebook: [link](#) (27/03/2026)

Indicators:

- Like : 14
- Views: 738
- Share: 1

Facebook: [link](#) (22/04/2026)

Indicators:

- Like : 6
- Views: 388
- Share: 1

Facebook: [link](#) (28/04/2026)

Indicators:

- Like : 14
- Views: 862
- Share: 1

Facebook: [link](#) (25/05/2026)

Indicators:

- Like : 9
- Views: 913
- Share: 0

Gender sensitivity and non-discrimination

The Civic Cafès were organised to ensure that young people from a wide range of social, cultural, and personal backgrounds could participate meaningfully in the Forums. For instance,, 37% of participants were second-generation migrants, reflecting the project's objectives to include youth from disadvantaged backgrounds and often excluded in participation and civic life. The decentralized approach adopted by Agorà—spanning schools, youth centers, and public spaces—proved instrumental in reaching both urban and rural youth, including those from marginalized neighborhoods and socio-economically disadvantaged contexts.

Inclusion & Diversity

The Civic Cafès were organised to ensure that young people from a wide range of social, cultural, and personal backgrounds could participate meaningfully in the Forums. For instance, 27% of participants were second-generation migrants - Albania, Morocco, Egypt, Romania, Moldova, Ukraine - reflecting

the project's objectives to include youth from disadvantaged backgrounds and often excluded in participation and civic life.

Outcomes and Impact

Two surveys were conducted after each event:

- EU Survey on Justice, Rights, and Values
- Anonymous Feedback Survey

Main results from the feedback survey:

- **Improved understanding of political systems**
Increased from ~3.27 (Active Youth Forum) to ~3.50 (Civic Café)
- **Stronger sense of active role in the community** (*most significant increase*)
From ~3.58 to ~3.90 → shift from awareness to concrete self-perception
- **Higher perceived ability to participate in civic/political life**
From ~3.48 to ~3.63 → participation seen as more accessible
- **Increased motivation for future engagement**
From ~3.40 to ~3.67 → direct experience boosted willingness to act
- **Overall outcome**
Clear transition from **theoretical awareness (AYF)** to **practical engagement (Civic Café)**, with stronger confidence and activation among young people

Final Reflections

The participants embarked on a gradual journey of self-awareness, learning to identify their needs, describe them more clearly and place them within a broader context that also took into account how other young people might benefit from them. During this phase, the work carried out within the two distinct yet complementary advocacy groups took on particular significance; these groups focused respectively on the centre's internal needs and on issues related to life in the city. This structure facilitated a process of discussion, shared development and the translation of needs into concrete proposals.

In parallel, the programme included training sessions, both classroom-based and workshop-based, dedicated to understanding institutional practices, decision-making dynamics and the organisation of public administration. This enabled participants to gain greater awareness of the fundamental steps required to formulate effective proposals and to engage appropriately with policy-makers, helping to reduce the perceived distance from institutions and to understand their roles and functions more thoroughly.

Subsequently, the young people had the opportunity to meet political representatives, gaining practical experience of how to engage with the public administration, the communication practices and the formalities that characterise such occasions. The meeting served as a recognition of the work carried out and an opening towards possible future developments, including the prospect of increased support for youth projects.

A further significant element of the programme was the engagement with the public. This phase made it possible to significantly broaden the pool of participants, bringing to light supporters not initially anticipated and, at the same time, offering an opportunity to reflect on the effectiveness of the communication strategies adopted. Dialogue with different audiences, including teachers, external educators and older people in the local area, further enriched the participants' perspective, highlighting the strengths and weaknesses of the engagement methods used.

Overall, the experience fostered the development of transferable skills related to civic participation, public communication and the ability to design and support grassroots initiatives, whilst strengthening the sense of belonging and awareness of one's role within the community.

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EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	[number]		
Event name:	CIVIC CAFE: "STREET DIALOGUE – spaces, territories and languages for a minority politics"		
Type:	[insert, e.g. workshop, seminar, training, conference, etc]		
In situ/online:	[in-situ]/[online]		
Location:	Italy, Genoa		
Date(s):	19th May 2026		
Website(s) (if any):			
Participants			
Female:			
Male:			
Non-binary:			
From country 1 [name]:			
From country 2 [name]:			
From country 3 [name]:			
...			
Total number of participants:		From total number of countries:	
Description			
Provide a short description of the event and its activities.			
Intro On 19 May 2025, a public advocacy and dialogue event was held in Piazza Remondini in the San Martino neighbourhood of Genoa. The event brought together young people from two Youth Advocacy Groups – both formed within the same community around Piazza Remondini, one focusing on proposals for the youth centre and the other on opportunities for young people in the wider neighbourhood – alongside local decision-makers, youth workers, educators, and community members. The event was intentionally held in the public square to give visibility to a participatory process that young people had been engaged in over the preceding weeks, and to create a moment of collective,			

civic dialogue. The square, already a meaningful point of encounter and aggregation for diverse groups - families, elderly residents, young people, and bar customers - became a space for advocacy and exchange.

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Participants per target group

Young people (primary participants): Adolescents from the community around Piazza Remondini, involved in the two Youth Advocacy Groups - one focused on the youth centre, one on the wider neighbourhood. Male and female participants in equal measure.

Youth workers & educators: Street educators and teachers who facilitated the advocacy process and co-organised the event.

Political representatives: Majority and minority elected representatives from the San Martino Municipal District.

Representative of the Social Territorial Area (Ambito Territoriale Sociale) of the Municipality of Genoa

Community (informal participants): Passers-by, families with children, elderly residents, and bar customers who were naturally present in the square and whose curiosity was drawn to the event.

- Evento REMONDINI *"STREET DIALOGUE – spaces, territories and languages for a minority politics"*

Svolto il 19/05/2026 dalle ore 17.30 alle 20.00.

Presso piazza Remondini (GE), Italy

Phase 1 - Opening and introductions

The event opened with the two guiding questions posed to the institutional guests: 'What difficulties do you face in making decisions for young people?' and 'Do you know what their needs are?' These prompts set the tone for a reflective and open exchange. Each participant introduced themselves and shared their connection to the Piazza Remondini space and the broader neighbourhood context.

Phase 2 - Sharing the space and the community

Young people and educators shared personal accounts of what Piazza Remondini and the nearby educational centre represent in their lives: a welcoming, informal, and meaningful place for daily encounters. Participants described the community they form, the educational work carried out by street educators, and the challenges they face in the present and future of their context.

Phase 3 - Presentation of the Advocacy Groups' work

Participants presented the work carried out within the two Youth Advocacy Groups, describing the participatory reflection and discussion process. The concrete proposals developed by both groups were shared with institutional guests:

Giovani per gli spazi condivisi - Riflettere sugli spazi pubblici - proposals to strengthen the youth space through participatory improvements (including recreational tools such as a table football game and a music production station), develop creative and cultural opportunities, and promote shared responsibility and generational continuity.

Radici Urbane - Sport e spazi sicuri nei quartieri periferici - proposals to support youth-led public events and neighbourhood initiatives (such as football tournaments and music events), create

accessible spaces for youth aggregation and sport, and develop structured dialogue with institutions on youth needs.

Phase 4 - Open dialogue

A broad discussion followed on what it means to be a minor today in terms of agency, decision-making, and the complexity of identifying and meeting the needs of new generations – especially in the absence of sustained and substantive dialogue between young people and institutions. Speaking time was widely distributed among all participants.

Phase 5 - Musical and convivial moment

The event concluded with a musical performance and informal gathering. This moment attracted the attention of additional passers-by, encouraged further informal dialogues, and served as a celebration of the participatory process undertaken by the young people.

Phase 6 - Informal feedback collection

At the close of the event, informal feedback was gathered from the young participants. Responses were generally positive, with participants expressing genuine interest in having maintained a dialogue with policy-makers whom they had not previously had the opportunity to meet.

Communication and Dissemination

A dedicated flyer was produced to present the event to the public. The flyer described the street education work carried out in the neighbourhood, introduced the community of young people involved, and summarised the proposals developed by the two Youth Advocacy Groups. The flyer served both as an invitation to the event and as a communication tool to make the advocacy work visible to a wider audience.

The choice to hold the event in a public square was itself a deliberate communication and dissemination strategy. Piazza Remondini is a lively and well-frequented space, populated at the time of the event by diverse community members – families with children, elderly residents, and bar customers. The public format allowed the advocacy process to reach an audience beyond those directly involved, generating curiosity and informal engagement from passers-by during the event itself.

The event thus served as a form of community outreach, making visible the existence of a structured youth participation process and the capacity of young people to engage as active civic actors within their neighbourhood.

Gender sensitivity and non-discrimination

Speaking time and participation during the event were balanced between male and female participants among the young people. Active contributions from young women and men were equally encouraged and welcomed throughout the discussion. The event created a space in which diverse voices could be heard without hierarchy based on gender.

Inclusion & Diversity

The event was designed to be accessible and inclusive for all participants. The public square format ensured that the event was open to the broader community, including groups not directly involved in the advocacy process. The presence of diverse publics in the square – across generations, backgrounds, and social groups – reflected the inclusive spirit of the initiative.

The facilitation approach used during the preceding participatory process, and continued during the event, created a safe and welcoming environment for open dialogue, self-expression, and collective reflection. Young people were explicitly recognised and legitimised as active political actors, in their own modes of expression and communication.

The event brought together participants from a range of backgrounds and roles: adolescents and adult decision-makers, majority and minority political representatives, municipal administrators, street educators, teachers, and community members. This diversity enriched the dialogue and contributed to a more complete understanding of youth needs from multiple perspectives.

The cross-generational and cross-institutional nature of the event was particularly significant in a local context characterised by demographic ageing and the marginalisation of youth voices in public life.

Outcomes and Impact

Direct outcomes

- First direct encounter between young people and local decision-makers: for many participants on both sides, this was the first opportunity to meet, listen to, and engage with each other directly.
- Concrete presentation of youth-developed proposals to policy-makers: the advocacy work produced by the two groups was formally shared with institutional representatives, creating an official record of youth perspectives and needs.
- Positive informal feedback from young participants, who expressed strong interest in continuing a dialogue with policy-makers they had not previously known or met.
- Increased visibility of youth participation work and street education in the neighbourhood, both for institutional guests and for the broader community present in the square.
- Broader community engagement through the public format, with the event attracting the attention and curiosity of passers-by.

Medium and longer-term expected impact

- Legitimation of young people as active political actors within their community, with their own languages, modes of expression, and legitimate capacity to contribute to public dialogue.
- Creation of a foundation for continued dialogue between young people, educators, and institutions, with participants expressing willingness to maintain ongoing engagement.
- Strengthened relationships between street education services and local institutional actors, supporting a more collaborative approach to youth policy in the neighbourhood.
- Greater awareness among decision-makers of the needs, perspectives, and capacities of young people in the San Martino area and the Remondini space.

Final Reflections

The Civic Café “*STREET DIALOGUE - spaces, territories and languages for a minority politics*” in Piazza Remondini demonstrated the value of creating meaningful, accessible, and public opportunities for youth advocacy and intergenerational dialogue. The event was notable not only for the quality of the exchanges between young people and decision-makers, but also for the format itself: by bringing the dialogue into a living public square, the initiative communicated a clear civic message about the importance of young people's voices in community life.

The discussion on what it means to be a minor in today's context - with limited formal agency but a strong capacity for reflection, creativity, and responsibility - was one of the most significant moments of the event. Participants engaged honestly with the complexity of translating youth needs into institutional decisions, and with the risks of making assumptions about those needs in the absence of genuine, continuous dialogue.

The widely distributed speaking time, with contributions from adolescents and adults, from majority and minority political representatives, and from both young men and young women, reflected the participatory and non-hierarchical spirit of the event. The convivial and musical conclusion underlined the importance of combining advocacy with cultural expression and informal connection - approaches that are consistent with the values and languages of the communities involved.

The positive response from young participants, and the genuine interest expressed by institutional guests in continuing the dialogue, suggest a promising foundation for future co-design processes and participatory governance initiatives between young people and local authorities in Genoa. The event demonstrated that when meaningful opportunities for discussion and imagination are created, young people respond with creativity, responsibility, and concrete proposals - and that institutions, when they show up and listen, can build the trust and understanding necessary for more effective and responsive youth policy.

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