



Invitation to the Solidarity Academy 2015

The European Solidarity Centre, New Eastern Europe, Eastbook.eu and the Marshal of Pomeranian Voivodeship are pleased to invite young (20-30 years old) journalists to the eleventh edition of the Solidarity Academy which will be held in Gdańsk from **6th to 13th September 2015**.

The Solidarity Academy is an international educational project aimed at maintaining and developing the tradition of the Solidarity Movement. Looking back at the social movement of Solidarity and the peaceful socio-political changes which took place both in Poland and throughout Eastern Europe, we can find an inspiration for solving problems in today's world.

During the project, 16 young journalists will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge and learn skills necessary for the work of any young and ambitious journalist or a commentator/columnist who is not indifferent to issues such as geopolitics or liberation movements on both the global and the European scale.

The aim of this year's Solidarity Academy is to raise awareness among young journalists about aspects of multiculturalism and solidarity with nations fighting for freedom as well as integrating young contributors to *New Eastern Europe and Eastbook.eu*. The Solidarity Academy will help to create a space for journalists from different backgrounds to meet, share and exchange experiences and initiatives.

Workshops will be both theoretical and practical. Participants will have the opportunity to take part in shared activities but they will be also divided into comfy groups and smaller teams during the journalistic task in Kaliningrad. The result of the journalistic workshops will be the final publication and the debate/panel discussion in Kaliningrad - fully prepared by the participants with the support of experts. The working language of the Solidarity Academy is English.

One of the main goals of the project is to create a programme of Solidarity Academy Graduates which will allow the participants to maintain contact and engage together in other projects. That is why, this year, the former participants of previous editions of Solidarity Academy will participate in the workshops as facilitators and assistants.

Organizers cover the costs of travel (up to 400 zł/100 €) and the participants' stay in Gdańsk and all costs connected with the trip to Kaliningrad (including costs of visa).

The agenda of this year's Solidarity Academy is enclosed. The application form is available [here](#). Please note that all applications must be received by **7th June 2015**.

We also invite you to watch the film about [Solidarity Academy 2013](#) and [Solidarity Academy 2014](#).

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the organizational team: academy@solidarity.org.pl. You can also find us on the Facebook profile: <https://www.facebook.com/solidarityacademy?fref=ts>

We are looking forward to meeting you in Gdańsk!

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Organizers: