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INTRODUCTION

In 2025, EYFA continued the work of supporting movements and building connections across communities committed to Social and Climate justice Movements. This year, we organized several events that brought together activists, collectives, and communities from Europe and beyond to share ideas, build networks, and strengthen collective action around issues of **decoloniality, anti-racism, and Environmental justice.**

One of the key events this year was the **Network Meeting** - **Black Connected Solidarities** in Brandenburg, held in August. Activists from Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Brussels, Berlin, and other cities gathered to discuss the challenges they face, share strategies, and work together on common struggles and projects. This meeting emphasized the importance of solidarity between movements across borders.

We also held the **Decolonial Queer Ecology** Event in Berlin, which was led by Lama Rod Owens. In this workshop, participants explored embodied tools for resistance, drawing inspiration from nature. The gathering offered a space to reflect on the intersections between decolonial Practice, queer ecology, and the ways we can resist oppressive systems in healthier, more sustainable ways.

In Berlin, we also co-organized Together with Chkoun Collective an Event on Anti-Black Racism in Northern Africa Under the Title: **Anti-Racist Digital Resource Sharing: From Awareness to Action**. With exhibitions and a panel discussion and networking opportunities. The event focused on raising awareness about the experiences of Black migrants, especially women and queers, in Northern Africa and the struggle against anti-Black racism.

Environmental Justice Focus

In 2025, EYFA continued to address environmental justice through a lens that connects **ecological and social struggles.** In the **Decolonial Queer Ecology Workshop** in a green space in Berlin, participants learned to connect to the environment with their senses. The event emphasized the importance of decolonial, queer, and ecological perspectives, **breathwork and nature connection, while organizing for environmental Justice**.

The **Black Connected Solidarities Network Meeting** in Brandenburg also played an important role in linking environmental justice with anti-racist work. Activists from across Europe shared strategies for **resisting exploitative systems**, focusing on the disproportionate impacts of climate change on Black and marginalized communities. All this while Gathering in an **eco-friendly venue** in the countryside with compost toilets and eating fruits and veggies from the garden and surroundings. Having **access to nature For racialized youth** was part of our concept for environmental justice as well.

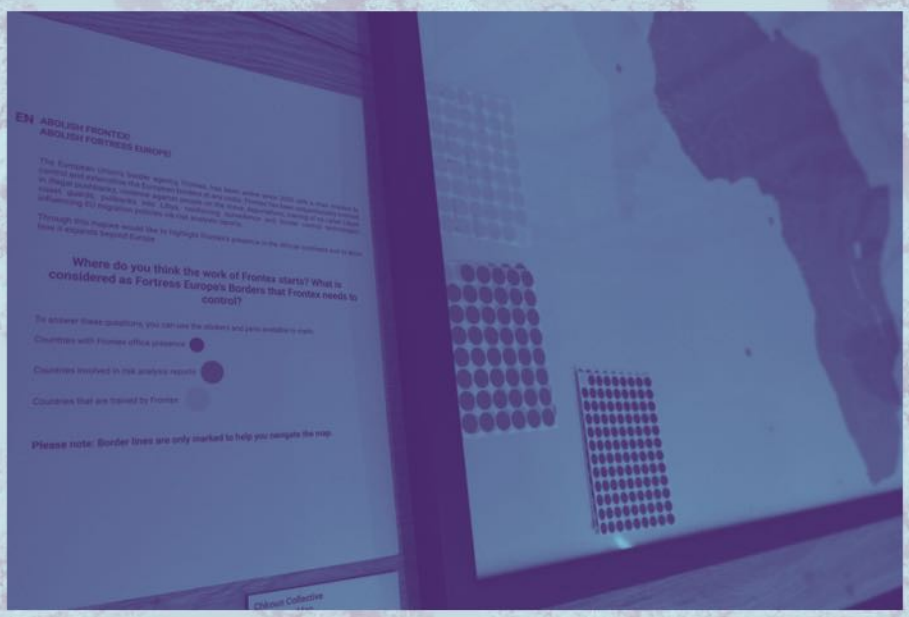


Venue EYFA Network Meeting 2025
(Myzelium project in rural Germany)

Empowering Marginalized Youth

In 2025, EYFA focused on amplifying the voices of marginalized Youth through solidarity-building events and strategic dialogue. The Black Connected Solidarities Network Meeting provided an important **platform for activists** to connect Young People's struggles across borders, particularly focusing on the intersections of racism, sexism, classism, and environmental exploitation. This event highlighted the need for International Youth solidarity and **collective action** in the face of systemic oppression.

Another key event was about Anti-Black Racism in Northern Africa: **Anti-Racist Digital Resource Sharing: From Awareness to Action**, which also took place in Berlin. It raised awareness about the specific struggles faced by Young Black Migrants in Northern Africa. It also emphasized how these struggles are deeply connected to global movements against anti-Blackness and environmental injustice, reaffirming EYFA's mission to support international efforts for racial and environmental justice. Through the formats of **podcasts, screenings and a hybrid panel discussion voices were amplified and heard,** as a ground for **exchange, empowerment and solidarity.**



Building Resilience and Collective Strength

EYFA remains dedicated to strengthening the resilience of youth grassroots movements. The Decolonial Queer Ecology workshop underscored the importance of self-care, nature connection and emotional resilience as vital components of long-term resistance. Through reflection and embodied practices, participants were encouraged to draw strength from the environment and community in order to sustain their activism over time.

The Black Connected Solidarities Network Meeting also contributed to building resilience by fostering deeper connections and shared learning through a reading circle, Collective games and exchange on how solidarity can strengthen the collective capacity to resist. and When and how to join each others plans for the coming year(s), ensuring that grassroots movements remain strong in the face of rising fascism and climate crisis.



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Homeplace: A Site of Resistance

When I was a young girl the journey across town to my paternal grandmother's house was one of the most energizing realities that lived inside me. I remember that journey not just because of the stories that lived talk, the talk that was usually about the old days, the way life happened then—who owned whom, how and where somebody died, but also how we lived and survived as black people, how that white folks treated us. I remember that journey not just because of the stories I would hear. It was a movement away from the segregated blackness of our community into a place where neighborhood. I remember the gazes we would have to pass that terrifying whiteness—those white faces on the porches staring us down with hate. Even when empty or vacant, those porches seemed to say "danger." you do not belong here." "you are not safe."

Oh! that feeling of safety, of arrival, of homecoming when we finally reached the edges of her yard, when we could see the sure black face of our grandfather, Daddy Cox, sitting in his chair on the porch, smell his cigar, and rest on his lap. Such a contrast that feeling of arrival, of homecoming, that sweetness and the bitterness of that journey, that constant reminder of white power and control.

I speak of that journey as leading to my grandmother's house. Even though our grandfather lived there too. In our young minds houses belonged to women, were their special domain, not as property, but as places where all that truly mattered in life took place—the warmth and comfort of shelter, the feeding of our bodies, the nurturing of our souls. There we learned dignity, integrity of being; there we



Reading circle bell hooks
EYFA Network Meeting 2025

Bonfire after Decolonial queer ecology - Deep Roots Workshop
Local event, 2025



1.ABOUT US

1.1. The EYFA story

EYFA developed from a tour that was initiated by a Swedish/German group in 1986 to save the old-growth forests in Europe: then named European Youth Forest Action. From these beginnings, EYFA has developed into a network of individuals, grassroots organisations and collectives working to transform local and international communities in their approach to environmental and social, political and economic positions. EYFA provides a platform and practical support for new radical ideas to grow into their full potential.

EYFA focuses particularly on intersectional youth-initiated activities and projects. EYFA projects are mainly for young people, giving them the opportunity to act and encouraging them to participate actively on local and international levels. A special focus is put on providing access for groups to take part in international grassroots movements. EYFA always puts effort into including youth from all corners of the continent, with different social, geographical and cultural backgrounds. EYFA's organisational structure consists of a Europe-wide network of grassroots groups, an office, and an advisory board.

1.2. What does EYFA do?

EYFA provides a platform and practical support for new radical ideas to grow into their full potential.
The international office based in Berlin oversees and executes EYFA's projects and activities, coordinating essential administrative, financial and communication tasks. Additionally, it serves as the network's primary contact point for disseminating local information.
EYFA supports and encourages grassroots projects and initiatives in the following ways:

- Organizing various spaces for exchange, forums, trainings, network gatherings, projects and activities;
- Promoting innovative ways of working in the field of social and environmental activism, such as non-formal participatory education, consensus-based decision-making, art and activism, free and open source software;
- Sharing knowledge on essential topics such as meeting facilitation,fundraising, civil society strategizing, conflict management, campaigning, mental health in civil society organizing.
- Networking with and supporting grassroots movements and civil society organizations across Europe committed to similar broad objectives and political priorities;
- Communicating information on environmental and social justice issues, and amplifying the work of groups, communities, movements, and NGOs within our networks, by disseminating their events, publications and call outs;
- Addressing and challenging the structures of systemic inequalities such as racism, colonialism, classism, ableism or anthropocentrism, that our European societies reproduce even within environmental justice and grassroots movements.

1.3. Who does EYFA support? EYFA

- EYFA is dedicated to supporting the following grassroots groups:
- 1. **Youth**: We aim to empower youth organizing who are often at the forefront of social change. Our initiatives focus on providing them with the tools, knowledge, and resources to become active participants in social and environmental justice movements.
- 2. **BIPoC Communities**: We prioritize the engagement and support of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPoC) communities in Europe. This includes recognizing their unique experiences and challenges within the broader context of social, environmental and climate justice.
- 3. **Queer and Gendered Minorities**: We actively seek to support Queer grassroots groups or groups organized by and for gendered minorities, acknowledging their diverse experiences, challenges, but also their unique knowledge, in community organizing for socio-ecological justice.
- 4. **Marginalized Communities**: Our efforts are directed towards all communities that face societal or institutional barriers to access resources, formal education, and democratic institutions. Those include, but are not limited to, communities in mobility (e.g. migrants, refugees,or forcibly displaced communities), communities subjected to class discrimination, or groups organized by and for disabled communities. We strive to amplify these groups and communities' perspectives, and to ensure they have the necessary support to engage in socio-ecological advocacy.
- By focusing on the intersections of these identities and experiences, we aim to create a holistic approach that recognizes and addresses the multifaceted nature of structural inequalities. This intersectional lens is crucial for fostering inclusive and equitable participation in social and environmental justice movements.

Our Vision

EYFA's main aim is to encourage young people's initiative and autonomy. We strive for a world where youth from all backgrounds have access to resources that allow them to gain knowledge, skills and to raise their voices to advocate for change in their communities. A just world where they are empowered to exercise their activism and rights, while developing new ways of organizing communities based on environmental and social sustainability.

We believe that only through an intersectional and anticolonial approach we can achieve social justice for all. This approach to organizing recognizes how oppressive systems of power affect different groups differently. To identify solutions, we find it important to understand the historical factors from which problems arose.

We dream of and act on changing the current society we live in into a society based on social, environmental, racial and economic justice, advocating for lasting political changes in all its shapes and levels, including disabled youth, Black youth, queer&trans* youth, Indigenous youth, neurodiverse youth & each and all groups and identities of youth European-wide.

Towards this we have four core objectives (Capacity Building; Civic Engagement and Participatory Processes; Cross-regional; Intersectional Cooperation) and two priority areas (Social and Environmental Justice; Accessibility & Inclusion) to guide us.



1.4 EYFA's Objectives

EYFA has four core objectives at the center of everything we do:

- **Capacity Building:** EYFA strives to empower individuals and grassroots initiatives to organize against injustice and structural inequality at multiple levels, by equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed to access funding and optimize the use of our common resources. Additionally, EYFA encourages and supports movement-level solidarity initiative among youth initiatives that share common goals.

- **Civic Engagement and Participatory Processes:** EYFA supports grassroots movements in creating horizontal and participatory structures, enabling communities to develop and share their own educational resources. Thanks to its long experience in civil engagement paired with the diversity of its staff and board members, EYFA also facilitates critical engagement with issues of systemic inequalities within environmental and social justice movements, such as racism, classism or ableism.

- **Cross-Regional Cooperation:** EYFA promotes collaboration among grassroots groups across Europe by initiating joint projects and encouraging the exchange of ideas, histories, and experiences, tailored to diverse political and social contexts.

- **Intersectionality**: Recognizing the inherent interconnectedness of structural injustices is central to EYFA's logical frameworks. Therefore, we adopt an intersectional approach in every aspect of our work, because we believe to be a fundamental framework through which to approach socio-ecological issues as well as community civic engagement. By addressing the multiple axes of power and oppression, EYFA aims to foster transformative social justice and inclusivity within our initiatives.

1.5 EYFA's Priorities

Over the course of EYFA's existence, the network has focused its energy on a wide variety of projects all across Europe. Out of these projects, patterns have emerged that point to some of EYFA's priorities. Developed by the network, office and Board, and re-evaluated each year at network strategy meetings, these priorities provide focus for EYFA's work.

a)Non-formal youth education

At EYFA, we prioritise Non-Formal Education (NFE) in Youth Work as an approach to political education and community organising among the youth, an approach emphasised throughout our activities, publications and communication. Throughout the years of organising these youth initiatives, we have gained significant experience in NFE that informs the planning of our activities. The pillars of NFE that EYFA has always followed and will continue to follow are active participation and cooperative learning processes, processes that centre non-hierarchical experiential and interactive learning. In order to foster active participation and encourage young participants from marginalized backgrounds to take ownership over the learning process, EYFA's activities are always accompanied by the continuous facilitation of sessions for self-reflection to insure the creation of safer spaces where the participants are empowered to give as well as receive feedback in a constructive manner throughout the gathering. EYFA also encourages horizontal decision-making as well as dissemination of information and knowledge. As a result of their experience with EYFA, groups and individuals participating in our activities should feel empowered to organize and facilitate their own workshops, mobilize consensus-based organizational tools, and share their new acquired skills with their peers, encouraging and supporting them to do the same. It is particularly important for youth groups positioning at the intersection of various marginalized identities (Queerness, racialization, disability, mobility, etc.) to take active roles in teaching, facilitating and mentoring, in order for our societies to become increasingly inclusive and peaceful.

b) Young people's access to rights through Social and Environmental Justice organizing:

In a world where social and environmental injustices are increasingly prevalent, it is crucial to focus on young people's access to rights as a central theme in our efforts. At EYFA, we recognize that communities are diverse, shaped by various backgrounds, experiences, and needs related to class, gender, sexual orientation, and race (should we add body-ableness/ability status?. To advance social justice, we prioritize racial justice as a vital component of our approach, emphasizing the need to confront systemic and internalized racism within our movements. Furthermore, as environmental injustices disproportionately impact marginalized communities, their access to essential resources and basic needs becomes increasingly challenging in the face of worsening climate and environmental crises. We therefore prioritize the perspectives of marginalized communities in engaging with environmental justice, as they possess a unique perspective on the interconnectedness of various socio-ecological struggles the world is facing today, highlighting the wide gaps in social inequalities that influence the global fight against climate change and environmental destruction. By fostering an intersectional perspective, we aim to highlight the connections between social and environmental issues, advocating for the rights of those most affected. Through our various projects, we strive to illuminate the links between economic exploitation and the denial of fundamental rights. Ultimately, we empower young people to take action, aiming for a future where all individuals can enjoy safety and abundance.

c) Accessibility and Inclusion

It is important to highlight and acknowledge how different gender identities navigate the world and how systems of oppression are meant to enforce gendered,racialized or ableist biases. It is just as important to center the knowledge of these intersectional experiences in order to rethink our global structures through systems that benefit the most to the least privileged positionalities among us.

In this respect, EYFA embraces an intersectional feminist approach to acknowledge and address the complexities of gender and racial dynamics throughout all our projects and activities, where we see gender as a transversal category. While several EYFA projects focus on empowering young Women, Lesbian, Trans*, Intersex, Non-Binary & Gender Non-Confirming activists and groups in particular, we strongly believe that when it comes to the intersection of migration and race, it is particularly important to include the perspectives of masculine (be those trans*, cis or non-binary) identities as well.

Therefore, Queer migrant youth of all genders are centered in our collaborations, as a way to create inclusive, aware, strong and respectful and free societies.

In addition to these positionalities, we also acknowledge the impacts of various other layers of discrimination, such as legal status, access to basic needs, language barriers, access to formal education, etc. We are therefore always striving to find innovative ways to address these structural inequalities within our structure and our activities. Examples of such efforts include centering methods of "Non-Formal Education in Youth Work" as one of our priorities, providing interpretation and translation in as many languages as possible, making our events as accessible as we can (financially, physically, sensorily) or collaborating with facilitators, moderators and trainers whose backgrounds and experiences align with the topics they address. Bringing special attention to these processes represents a crucial aspect in EYFA's work in order to facilitate effective and fruitful intersectional, cross-regional and intercultural learning exchange.





1.6 OUR STRUCTURE

EYFA is a collective based in Amsterdam with an office in Berlin, working through a collaborative and community-led structure. The organization is supported by board members from different European countries and is connected to a broad network of members across Europe. This transnational structure allows EYFA to bring diverse perspectives together, strengthen cross-border solidarity, and engage youth in collective action.

1.7 DECISION-MAKING

Decisions are made during different meetings throughout the year. During these meetings the following is discussed: old and new projects, focus of the network, strategies and future cooperation plans. Though we do often make use of on-line meetings and decision making tools, face-to-face yearly network meetings are crucial for our work, and informal network discussions take place alongside all EYFA events. EYFA board meetings are organized once a year at the EYFA office in Berlin. The board has better insight in the works of the office this way and with everything at hand it heightens practicality.

All organizational decisions are made through reaching consensus. Consensus is a decision-making process that fully utilizes the resources of a group, seeks the agreement of most participants, and resolves or mitigates the objections of the minority to achieve the most agreeable decision. Consensus is also used during all EYFA meetings, projects and events. EYFA functions on the belief that people in a group will relate to each other in a much more fair and productive way if everyone's contribution is considered and is equal to everyone else. Consensus requires use of communication hand signals during meetings and decision making processes, and, sometimes, presence of trained facilitators and mediators.

1.8 EYFA OFFICE

EYFA has one international office, located in Berlin. The office coordinates EYFA's activities, including administrative and financial tasks, as well as big part of the communication functions of the network. This includes producing the EYFA newsletter, acting as an information and support point for organisations in the network and as a communication liaison between local and international projects.

The office is organised collectively and non-hierarchically, meaning that all staff and volunteers are expected to take an equitable role in day-to-day tasks and decision-making processes. From watering the plants to writing applications, tasks are shared and rotated among all of those in the office.

The office also acts as a 'training ground' for young people to develop various skills, such as project coordination, fund-raising and bookkeeping. EYFA does not require office staff to arrive already equipped with all the necessary knowledge and experience to carry out their tasks. Rather, the goal is to be a place where young people can work to develop skills in a supportive environment, learning-by-doing. It is normal for staff and volunteers to work in the office from 2 to 5 years, before moving on to share their new skills with other groups and projects.

1.9 EYFA ADVISORY BOARD

The 'Advisory Board' oversees the work of the office. The Board provides support and advice to the office – particularly in terms of strategy and finances. Currently, there are three Board members – they are ex-EYFAs, friends and members from our Network. In both the office and the Board, effort is made to maintain balanced representation among the different corners of Europe - our board is composed by activists with very different background and identities. But, just like us, they are committed create stronger communities for a more just world.



2. Network

EYFA is a network that consists of individuals, collectives and organisations from all around Europe. There are no membership rules or fees required to join the EYFA network – EYFA is open to all current grassroots and alternative youth movements focusing on environmental, social justice and alternative economics and related issues.

The EYFA network is primarily used to share information, skills and resources. It connects groups working on similar topics around Europe, and groups wanting to share experiences or gain training from one another. The network acts as a way to connect local issues and struggles trans-nationally. In particular, the network works to connect groups in east and west Europe, building solidarity among different regions.

The EYFA Network has two permanent working groups, Network Strategy and Cross-Border Collaboration, which help the international office in Berlin identify the needs of groups in the network and decide where and on what issues upcoming gatherings should focus. This ensures that EYFA consistently works towards its aims of capacity building, participatory processes and East-West networking. For each EYFA project a temporary working group is also created to support the logistics and develop the content of the project. Sometimes these groups continue working together after the project's completion.

Typically, the network has one meeting each year where the priorities and strategy of the network are decided upon and projects and activities are developed. Between meetings, members can stay in touch via mailing lists and online calls. Like all EYFA meetings, decisions are made on a consensus basis.

EYFA's work is also possible due to all kinds of support (informational, infrastructural, technical and organizational) of our allies, friendly and partner organizations, collaborators & our dear network members:

Network-members & collaborators.

- Activestills (Palestine)
- Ancestral Gardens (Germany)
- Anti-oppression Circle (UK)
- Alternativna Kulturna Organizacija (Serbia)
- Arruda – Collective (Germany)
- ASEED (Netherlands)
- Associazione di Promozione Soziale YARD (Italy)
- Atem e.V. (Germany)
- Auto*Mat (Czech Republic)
- Belarus Freedom of Speech (Belarus)
- Bla (Portugal, France, Germany)
- Black History Month (Belgium)
- Black Liberation Collective(Germany)
- Casa Kuà (Germany)
- Campaign to Protect Pont Valley (United Kingdom)
- Carbon Trade Watch (Spain)
- Chkoun collective (Germany, North Africa)
- Cinelogue (Germany)
- DAM Bookclub (Netherlands)
- Emántes (Greece)
- Gaia (Portugal)
- Gluaiseacht (Ireland)
- Gyenjam (Austria)
- Institute for Democracy and Human Rights (Armenia)
- Justice for Rooble Warsame (Germany, UK)
- Klimakollektivet (Denmark)
- Kommunikationskollektiv (Germany)
- La Bassa Mar (Spain)
- Myzelium (Germany)
- Palestine Speaks (Germany)
- Queer in Colour (Germany)
- Raíces Negras (Spain)
- Re.Generation (Romania)
- Rhythm of Resistance Istanbul (Turkey)
- Sickness Affinity Group (Germany)
- Skills for Action (Germany)
- Stop Xenophobia Youth Federation (Ukraine)
- Silvestres (France)
- Together! (Sweden)
- Tools for Action (Germany)
- Tripod (United Kingdom)
- UKE (Croatia)
- Ulex Project (Catalunya)
- Vedegylet (Hungary)
- VOID Network (Greece)
- Vredesactie (Belgium)
- Xart Splitta (Germany)
- Zali.LT (Lituania)
- Zelena Akcija (Croatia)
- We are the resistance (Spain)



3. PROJECTS

This year we were able to implement activities that served as platforms for discussion, learning, and collaboration among various collectives and individuals, specially, those directly impacted by migration, displacement and the climate crisis.

We are very thankful for each one of the team members, workshop leaders, facilitators, participants, funders and, of course, our support network. None of it would be possible without them.

We hope you will enjoying getting to know a little bit about each activity.
And maybe we meet each other on the next one!

3.1. HELP DESK

1ST JANUARY - 31ST DECEMBER. BERLIN, GERMANY.

The HelpDesk has been a long running EYFA project providing support to young activists and grassroots organizations by offering tailored counseling and advice on project management, fundraising, and navigating EU project opportunities like Erasmus+. In 2025, and according to the needs of our immediate network, we organized a training on project management tools that enabled participants to learn about a variety of software options that addressed the respective needs of different groups. We considered aspects such as usability, security, size of teams, progress tracking, etc.

We also focused on regular grant application support that provided participants with essential skills and strategies in designing and writing applications, identifying funders and budget management, empowering them to initiate and sustain impactful projects.

By addressing the diverse needs of youth, the HelpDesk fostered an inclusive environment for collaboration and capacity-building, nurturing a network of empowered young leaders prepared to drive change in their communities.

The HelpDesk also connected youth from various groups, creating an extensive local exchange of knowledge. The focus on Erasmus+ opportunities further enhanced the European dimension by encouraging mobility and cooperation across borders. This project amplified youth voices, showcasing the strength of collective action in tackling shared challenges.

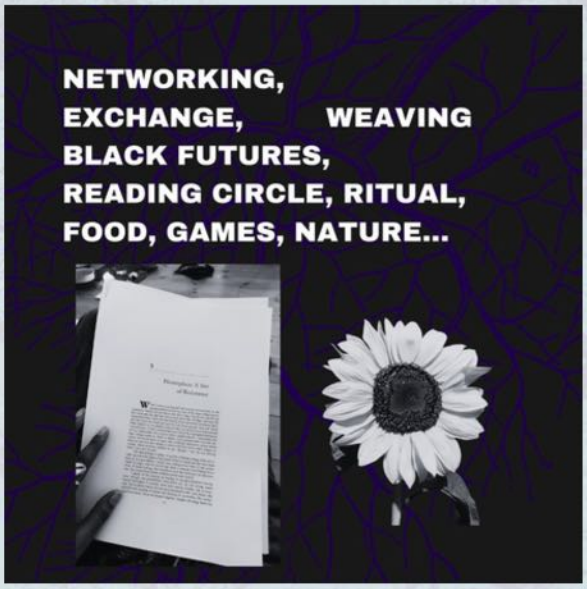
3.2. NETWORK MEETING - BLACK CONNECTED SOLIDARITIES

In August 2025, EYFA hosted a network meeting at the **Myzelium Projekt near Berlin**, bringing together youth from Brussels, Berlin, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, London, and beyond. The weekend was centered around empowering young activists to connect, share, and learn from each other's struggles. Around 21 young persons attended the network gathering.

Participants took part in activities like a **reading circle, informal learning**, and discussions focused on envisioning and building stronger Black futures. Groups like the Book club Rotterdam and the campaign against police violence from Schweinfurth shared their work, while others, such as the garden/farming group and representatives from Black History Month Belgium, contributed to conversations on **food sovereignty, community building,** and the importance of recognizing Black histories in Europe.

Throughout the weekend, the group came together in a calm environment, with time for nature, food, and informal conversations. These moments of connection helped build a stronger sense of solidarity and peer youth empowerment.





3.3 DECOLONIAL QUEER ECOLOGY - DEEP ROOTS

Workshop Exchange Discussion

September 18th, 2025 Berlin, GERMANY
Target group: racialized youth, youth with fewer opportunities, activists, community organizers interested in issues of sustainable organizing, queer and feminist justice, and decolonial practice

Attendees: 35 participants

EYFA held the Decolonial Queer Ecology Workshop in Berlin, with contributions from Lama Rod Owens. The workshop brought together youth to explore how decolonial embodied practices and queer ecology can inform resistance. Participants engaged with nature as a source of strength and learning, while challenging traditional binaries in both society and the natural world.

Through practical exercises, meditations and group discussions, the workshop empowered participants to connect ecological justice with decolonial somatic practices, encouraging them to use these perspectives in their activism. By embracing fluid, non-binary approaches to both nature and resistance, youth were given concrete tools to build more inclusive, sustainable futures.

The venue ‘Kreuzberger Kinderstiftung Berlin’ is close to water, the workshop included moments for reflection around a bonfire, shared meals, and time in the garden, providing a grounded space for personal and collective growth. This was an ideal setting for keeping the workshop’s focus on integrating ecology, empowerment, and community into everyday activism.



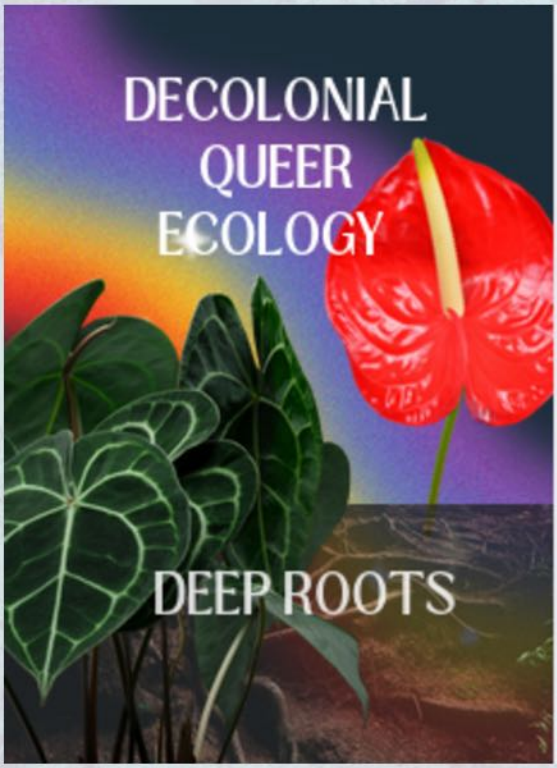
Context of the Event

In the context of a global climate and environmental crisis, alongside widespread activist burnout and political uncertainty, the workshop responded to an urgent need for sustainable forms of resistance. Many young activists face ongoing structural violence while being asked to continuously mobilize and perform care for others. This event offered space for reconnection, reflection, and hope supporting youth in cultivating practices that nurture resilience, imagination, and long-term commitment to justice in uncertain times.

Objectives addressed, impacts and outreach

The workshop aimed to equip racialized and queer youth with embodied, decolonial tools for more sustainable and inclusive forms of organizing, grounding ecological justice in lived experience. Its impact lay in offering participants concrete practices, shared language, and collective reflection that strengthened long-term resilience and connection within activist work. With 35 participants from activist, community, and organizing contexts in Berlin, the workshop fostered meaningful outreach by creating a supportive space for exchange, relationship-building, and the circulation of decolonial queer ecological approaches beyond the event itself.

> Follow the link for more about our new publications:
https://eyfa.org/category/projects/publications-zines/
The Zine "Decolonial Queer Ecology - Deep Roots" is also attached as annex 2 to this report





3.4. ANTI-RACIST DIGITAL RESOURCE SHARING: FROM AWARENESS TO ACTION

Exhibition · Discussion · Networking

November 1st, 2025 Berlin, GERMANY

Target group: BIPoC youth, activists, community organizers, researchers, and/or journalists interested in issues of anti-racism, migration, queer and feminist justice, and decolonial solidarity

Attendees: ~40 visitors

Context of the Event

Recent developments across Northern Africa underscore the urgency of addressing racial discrimination, social exclusion, and protection risks affecting Black populations, including Black Northern Africans as well as migrants and refugees, particularly in border and transit contexts in countries such as Tunisia, Libya, and Morocco. These dynamics are closely linked to European migration governance frameworks and external border management arrangements, which, while aimed at strengthening border control and internal security, raise important questions regarding human rights compliance and the protection of vulnerable groups. At the same time, shrinking civic space in parts of the region has limited access to reliable, community-based information, allowing misinformation and simplified narratives on migration to proliferate. In this context, anti-racist digital resource sharing plays a key role in fostering informed public debate, strengthening social cohesion, and supporting more inclusive, sustainable, and evidence-based approaches to migration governance and protection across the Euro-Mediterranean space.

Format:

The Exhibition "From Awareness to Action: Echoes of Resistance"

The event focused on anti-racist digital resource sharing as a practical strategy to increase access to existing but fragmented knowledge on systemic anti-Black racism across the Euro-Mediterranean region. Through a collaboration between EYFA Berlin and the Berlin-based Chkoun Collective, and a variety of civil society actors in Europe advocating for human rights, digital resources such as podcasts, videos, testimonies, and activist archives were curated into an itinerant exhibition supported by online access tools (QR codes, audio players, video projections, etc.). The initiative aimed to expand outreach, promote the reuse of grassroots knowledge, engage young people through accessible formats, and generate a durable output through the publication of a shareable zine.

The Moderated Discussion "Racism is a Crime; Solidarity is Not: Possibilities & Challenges in Enacting Pan-African Solidarities across Europe and the Mediterranean."

In addition to the digital exhibition, the event ended with a discussion between Black feminist activists based in Germany and France, giving life to the content absorbed by visitors throughout the day. The central message that emerged from both the exhibition and the discussion was clear: knowledge-sharing is political; it can either reproduce harm or become a tool for liberation. Participants emphasized that effective and ethical solidarity requires moving beyond awareness toward community-led action, where affected communities define priorities, share decision-making power, and shape how digital resources are produced, translated, credited, and mobilized in order to avoid extractive practices and build sustainable solidarities.

Objectives addressed, impacts and outreach

The event directly contributed to this year's objectives by engaging racialised and queer youth in a non-formal learning space focused on anti-racist digital resource sharing, civic engagement, and cross-regional cooperation. By welcoming around 40 visitors, surpassing the 25 we initially aimed for, and more than 200 who engaged with our event on Instagram only, this event had echoes within our communities and networks in Europe beyond our expectations. Further outreach is expected when we publish and disseminate the event-related zine we co-produced with our main partner in December 2025, based on our average digital outreach of approximately 7000 individuals and organisations across platforms (Social media; website; mailing lists; newsletter). Additionally, we have already received collaboration requests to replicate the Exhibition in other European cities and countries during the coming months.

By connecting youth, activists, and civil society actors across different European contexts, the event strengthened participants' roles as multipliers and contributed to local, regional, and European-level impacts aligned with EYFA's long-term strategy on inclusion, youth participation, and democratic engagement.

> Follow the link for more about our new publications:

https://eyfa.org/category/projects/publications-zines/

The Zine "Anti-Racist Digital Resource Sharing" is also attached as annex 3 to this report







4.STATUTORY MEETINGS

4.1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April and November 2025

The EYFA Board of Directors provide regular support and oversight in key decision making to ensure accountability and the organization's sustainability.
The board and office met twice this year to review the annual workflow, discuss long-term strategic and financial plans and to address existing challenges. Around seven people joined each board meeting.

4.2 NETWORK MEETING

August 2025

This year around 21 network members gathered near in Brandenburg near Berlin for the network meeting. We focused on further strengthening the network of empowerment for youth with fewer opportunities in Europe. Through gathering in the countryside it opened topics of Environmental Justice and various intersections. We had the chance to get to know young activists in the field of non-formal education for youth, with emphasis on Anti-racism.



5.Media & Publications

5.1. EYFA NEWSLETER

Our Newsletter is published twice per year. The idea is to connect with new folks and collectives, building a solidarity network and sharing all kinds of events occurring all over Europe.

Since we also use Instagram, the Newsletters are now becoming a secondary channel. However, we still have many 'old school' friends in our circles and they do appreciate getting our emails every now and then. Our main target are young people, interested in radical education and keen on fighting for a more equal and sustainable world.

We are glad for having the opportunity to get to know more about other initiatives, sharing knowledge, exchanging their resources and encourage our readers to participate in the gatherings, camps, skill-shares and workshops, protests and actions across Europe and beyond.

The Newsletters that we shared with our network and partners is attached as annex 1 to this report.

5.2. WEBSITE

We have started tidying up the website and are planning to renew the layout and content in 2026 with professional support. We want to add more information on the current structure, team and goals so people who want to collaborate and look at the website can get a better idea of who we are and what we are doing.

What else will you find there?

On the tab more resources, we we have compiled a list of links to learning materials, tools and websites of collectives and people that teach about accessibility and solidarity, two subjects that play an important role in the process of learning and unlearning towards the creation of a more accessible society.

On the tab **sharing is caring** you will find all of the resources and materials that we have created or collaborated with through out the years. There are various publications, articles, podcast, resource guides, etc.

On media you will have the chance to access the material used and developed during our 'Learning documentation' project.

On **freedom of movement** you will find a **resource guide** with useful links on how to navigate the never ending European bureaucracies that prevent refugees, asylum seekers, new comers and migrants to move freely within European's unfair immigration politics.

This is a collaborative tool, we keep on updating all our resources. So don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to add a resource to our website.

By the end of 2025 we are also adding the **Decolonial Queer ecology - Deep Roots Zine** and the **Zine 'Anti-Racist Digital Resource Sharing: From Awareness to Action.'**

5.3 SOCIAL MEDIA?

We are have been using Instagram for a little over than 3 years now and we are very thankful for the connections we have been making through this platform. We want to clarify that we share the rightful critiques of Instagram, including its association with promoting superficiality, mental health challenges, and concerns about algorithmic bias. We are mindful of these issues and strive to use the platform responsibly. Despite its shortcomings, Instagram remains a powerful tool for us to connect with diverse audiences, amplify our message, and mobilize support for our cause. By leveraging its reach potential, we can inspire meaningful action while consciously promoting authenticity, inclusivity, and positive impact through our content.



5.4 NEW PUBLICATIONS IN 2025

- Zine: Decolonial Queer Ecology - Deep Roots
- Zine: Anti-Racist Digital Resource Sharing: From Awareness to Action

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> See our annexes (below) to know more about our work:

- Annex 1: Newsletters
- Annex 2: Zine "Decolonial Queer Ecology - Deep Roots"
- Annex 3: Zine "Anti-Racist Digital Resource Sharing"

HOW CAN YOU FIND US?

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SPECIAL THANKS

We are deeply grateful to everyone who has been part of our journey this year—friends, colleagues, network members, board members, donors, collaborators, and every individual who crossed our path. This year has been intense and really nice, and it's all because of you! As we move forward, we remain committed to learning, unlearning, sharing, supporting one another, resting, resisting, loving, and spreading the kindness (and passion!) that have defined this transformative process. Thank you for being an essential part of this ongoing adventure.

Kind greetings, The EYFA Team

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