



**The
Europe
Challenge**

The Europe Challenge 2025/26

Programme Overview

**European
Cultural
Foundation**



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There are over 65,000 public libraries in Europe.

Their potential to drive social, green, and digital transformation is immense.





The Europe Challenge is an annual programme that exists since 2020. With the support of...



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...it connects libraries and communities all over Europe to tackle pressing green, digital, and social challenges of our time.



A ***lot*** has been achieved
already:

156 **LIBRARIES PARTICIPATED
IN THE PROGRAMME**

320 **LIBRARIANS &
COMMUNITY ORGANISERS
PARTICIPATED**

32 **COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED**

OVER 230,000
PEOPLE BENEFITTED

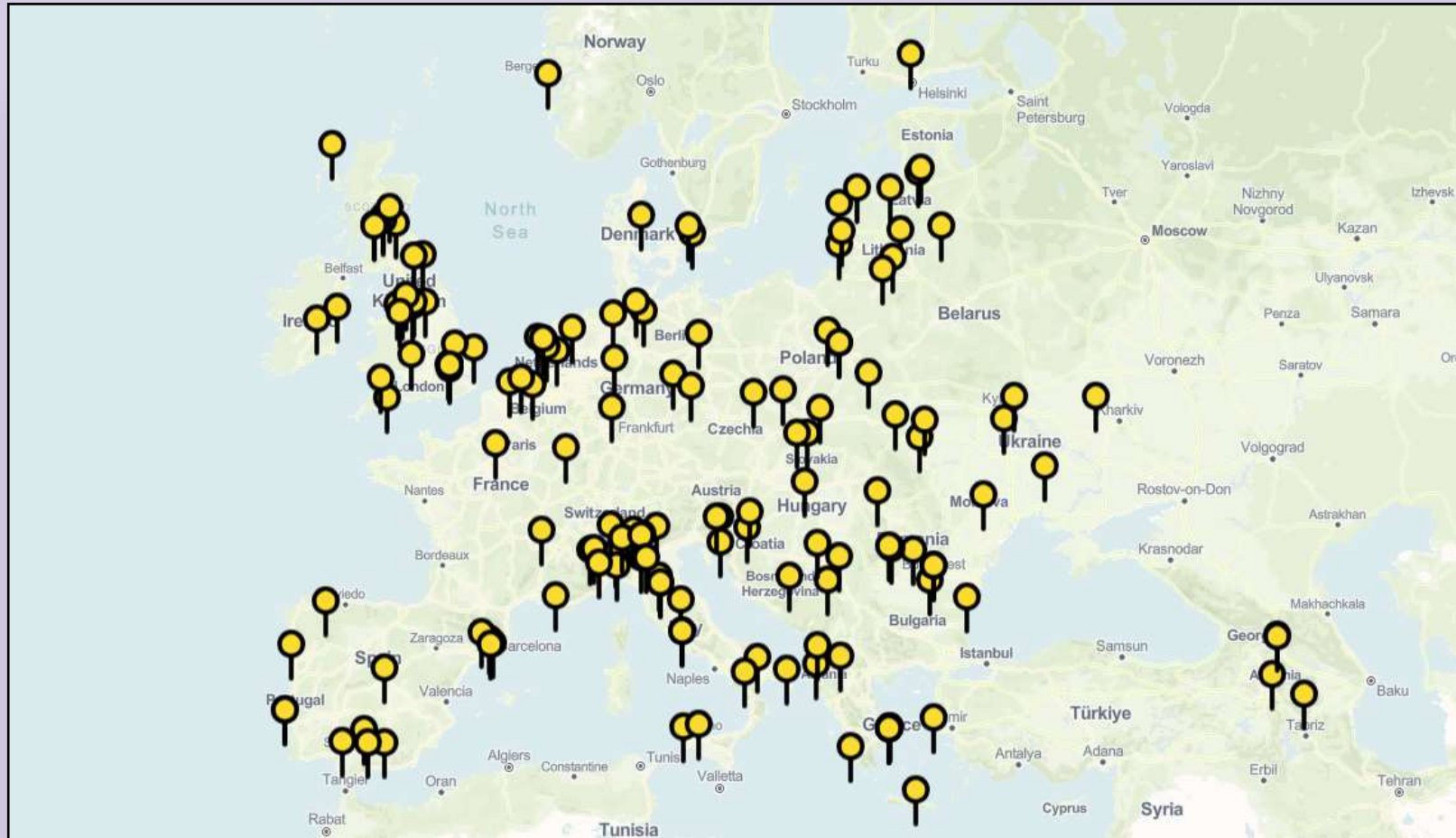
OVER
€1,300,000
AWARDED

**LIBRARIES REPRESENTED:
PRISON, SCHOOL, PUBLIC,
COMMUNITY, VOLUNTEER, SPECIAL
INTEREST, AND MORE.**

CLIMATE **MENTAL HEALTH**
DEMOCRACY
INCLUSION OF DIVERSE COMMUNITIES
AND MORE

YOUNG PEOPLE **REFUGEES**
ELDERLY **PRISONERS**
ISOLATED COMMUNITIES
LGBTQIA+ GROUPS **HOMELESS**
AND MORE

A map of all The Europe Challenge initiatives:



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97%

of participants said that participating in The Europe Challenge had a significant positive impact on their library and community

98%

of participants said that participating in The Europe Challenge provided them with an opportunity for international exchange that they wouldn't normally get

95%

of participants felt that they have become part of, and are contributing further to, a growing European community of practice around their topic and field.

100%

of participants said that they feel an increased sense of European belonging as a result of participating in the programme

75%

of participants said that participating in The Europe Challenge has increased their local stakeholders' (e.g. municipalities, policy makers, businesses, funders) engagement and interest in their library



Through The Europe Challenge 2025/26, libraries and communities receive:



**Funding
of up to
€ 10,000**



**Skills and
knowledge-
development
sessions**



**Travel to live
meetings
across Europe**



**Mentoring by
programme
alumni**

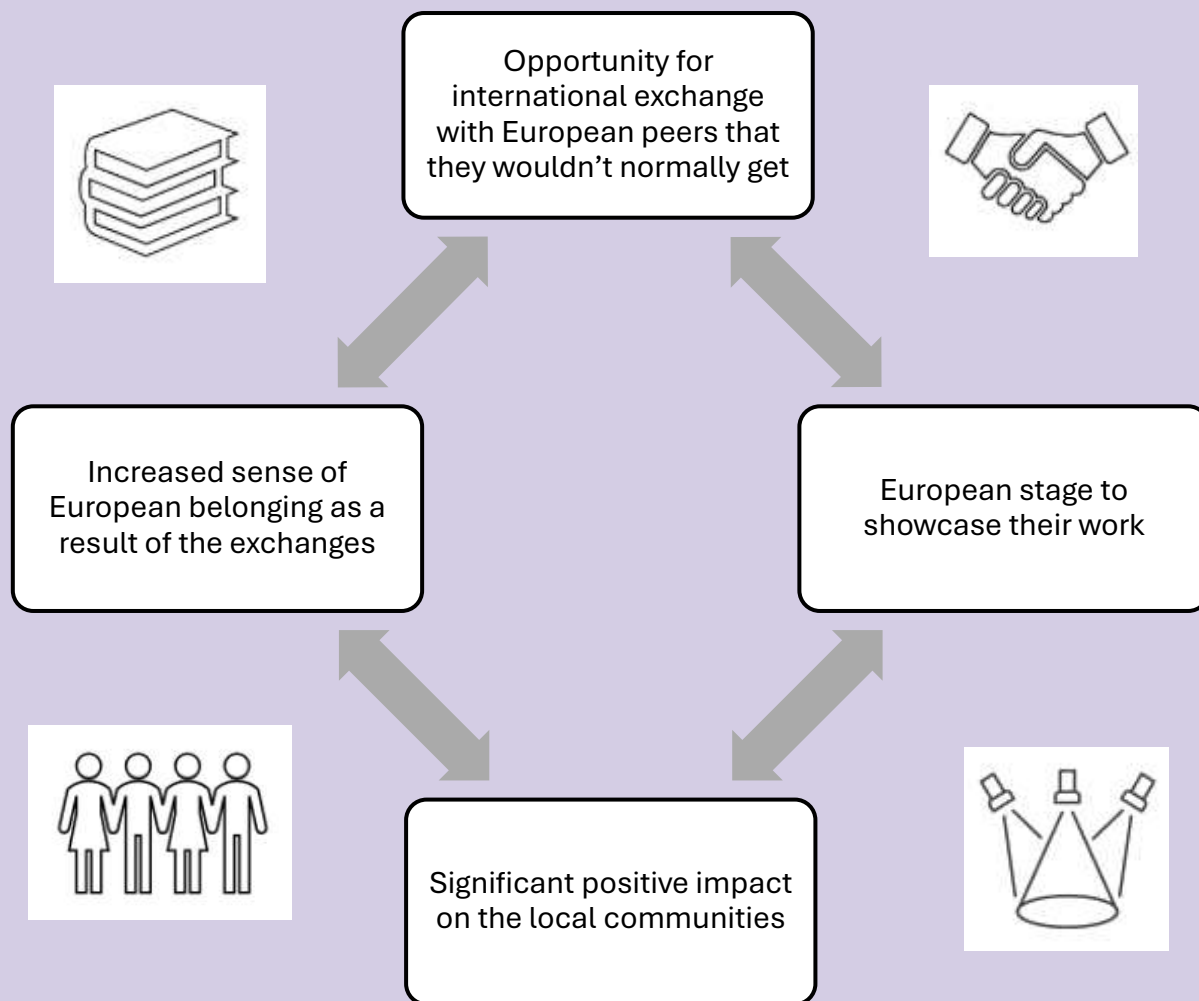


**Networking
and exchange
opportunities**



**Showcasing
the final
outcomes**

This offers them:





TechTalk: an Inter-generational Discussion and Book Group

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The Culture Library

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Stories from our Patch

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It Only Takes One Seed

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North Paddington Nature Pilgrimage

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Community Histories, Shared Stories

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Library Littles Without Walls: Cultural Play for Connection

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Inside Out

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Space to Breathe

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Camden Connects

📍 London 🇬🇧 United Kingdom

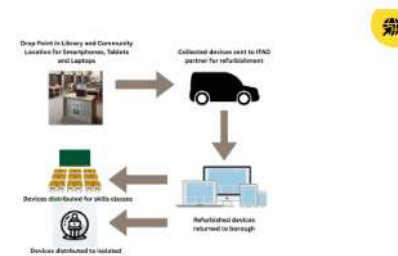
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Circular Technology: From Waste to Bridging Digital and Social Divides

📍 North Kensington, London 🇬🇧 United Kingdom

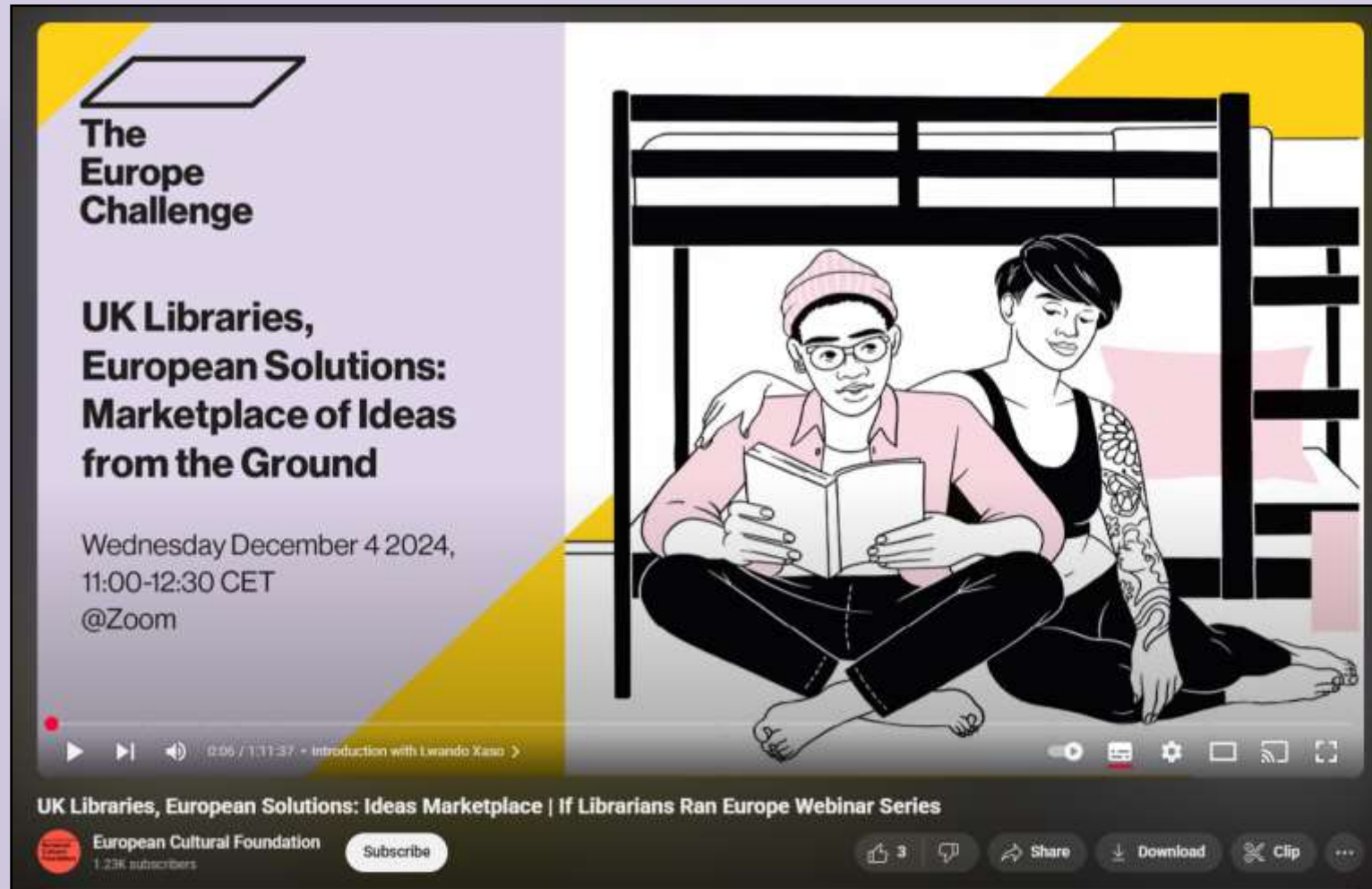
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Programme alumni from the United Kingdom:



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Thank you!

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