



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBERAL YOUTH

Dear members,

Since Amman, we have been busy expanding our reach, working on grants applications and making IFLRY more available to our members.

I started the year with a few intensive months working on a big grant application from Erasmus+. Here, I got the privilege to continue working with important partners such as the Africa Liberal Network, FNF in Sub-Saharan Africa and Liberal Democrats International Office. Currently, we do not yet know if we will receive the grant, but the whole process was important to create bonds between IFLRY and partners working in Africa and expand IFLRY's experience with grant applications. This led to my participation at the first meeting of the Africa Liberal Youth (ALY) meeting, followed by the Africa Liberal Network General Assembly, in Nairobi, Kenya from March 20-24. It was a great opportunity to get to know the new ALY executive, and discuss further cooperation between ALY and IFLRY. At this General Assembly, I think we can already see some of the results, and I look forward to continue this in the next year.

Communication has always been an important part of my work, both internally and externally. From a day-to-day basis, I'm managing our Twitter and Instagram account, and helping Anders with Facebook when needed. The Instagram account, which we started during our last meeting in Amman, has been updated on a regular basis, and has a loyal base of followers I wish to grow even further. This is also linked to the new IFLRY Visuals team initiated this spring, which I hope will help IFLRY enhance its online presence. As most of us are volunteers, and most of us also lack the competence to create quality content for social media, I think a team of people who are experienced and motivated will be able to help us reach a larger audience in a better way. I'm excited to start working with the team, and to see what they can do! We have also done more work to engage our members by creating the IFLRY Online group, where I've worked with Anders and Nickolas to create the concept, meetings and group. Earlier, we have only had a group for official representatives of member organisations, and the idea with this group is to reach out to all of the individual members as well, so it's easier for them to individually follow the work of IFLRY, attend the new online meetings, be aware of the opportunities we have as well as to discuss among each other. The online meetings are a great way for people to also meet virtually, in-between physical meetings such as the General Assembly, and make it easier to stay in touch and stay updated on recent events.

As the Climate Change Programme Bureau buddy, I have also had a coordinating role for the UNFCCC Climate change conference in Bonn in May, where IFLRY is represented by six delegates (although only five made it to Bonn, as one unfortunately got refused a visa, a challenge when we are working internationally). I'm very happy that we now have a new Climate Change Programme Manager in Kenza El Hadj Saïd, and I look forward to working with her during the coming period. She already showed leadership as a team member of the programme, and I think she will truly make the CCP great again!



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This year, IFLRY is turning 70 years, and we are trying to celebrate it as best as possible with the resources we have available. Mostly, it will be online, where I'm gathering stories and photos from our past. I'm also coordinating with LIBEL, which is doing a great job to gather and share information and updates related to the anniversary. Big thanks to Krijn for traveling to the Liberal archives in Gummersbach to dig up some amazing files from the archives!

On a more administrative side, I have continued to update the membership list and email lists. To help us stay updated, I encourage you all to get in touch when something in your MO is changing, such as International officer etc. I have also worked with and supported the office, which I think has come a long way since this fall, with its big changes. Thanks to Andrea for being a proactive and supportive leader of the office! Thanks to Pauline for continuing to work endlessly for IFLRY and to adapt to each and every one of the Bureau members, to help IFLRY succeed and improve.

I hope you will get in touch if you have questions or input for me, the Bureau or for IFLRY. Lastly, I look forward to celebrate our 70th anniversary throughout the year with you all!

Events attended:

- Africa Liberal Youth meeting, Nairobi, Kenya. March 20 – March 22
- Africa Liberal Network General Assembly, Nairobi, Kenya, March 22 – March 25
- IFLRY Online meetings, March 1, April 26,
- UNFCCC, SB45, Bonn, Germany – meetings with the IFLRY delegation, May 7 – May 12