



Open Call for Participants
Local Seminar

"The Tensions of Migration: Diversity, Social Inclusion and NFE"

June 28 - July 1 2018. Belgrade, Serbia

Dear Friends,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to participate in the seminar on "The Tensions of Migration: Diversity, Social Inclusion and NFE" which will be held in Belgrade from 29 June to 1 July 2018.

This four-day local seminar is the second of the work plan series organized by the International Federation of Liberal Youth (IFLRY) in cooperation with the Youth Department of the Council of Europe.

This event will focus on an important but often neglected aspect of migration: social discrimination of particular minority groups—and subsequent political and social exclusion. This phenomenon has been most often observed in the more traditional social environments, including that of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe and parts of the Mediterranean. Uncontrolled refugee streams pose additional severe challenges for those societies that already struggle with the inclusion of ethnic, religious, sexual, and other minorities.

This seminar will adapt the broader perspective of the overall work plan "The Tensions of Migration" to its particular local manifestation of these tensions and directly apply to the challenges that immigrants face in South Eastern Europe offering insights into a longer history of internal migration flows, local tensions and existing discrimination. This broadened perspective will offer participants the engagement with the local historical perspective and thus help them to develop a more profound understanding how to deal with situations of social, ethnic, and religious discrimination and exclusion. We will also introduce, promote, and actively use the concept of Non-Formal Education to display its power and applicability in conflict transformation and social inclusion

The main aim of the event will be to identify and map existing challenges in order to work out specific solutions that focus on advancing the social inclusion of minorities (core attention on youth) in the participant's' home countries.

From this aim the specific objectives of this event will be:

To Establish a Firm Understanding of the Relevant Concepts

- gain a better understanding of the social realities of the local contexts in regards to minority treatment, stigma and discrimination, and migration. This includes a social analysis of socioeconomic factors such as general (moral) attitudes, religion as well as political information
- discuss the features of an open society—and the virtues of a diverse composition of social life

To Map Barriers to Social, Political, and Economic Inclusion

- identify existing barriers to social life, map and cluster them by distinguishing between (a) institutionally and (b) socially constructed dimension of stigma and discrimination
- raise awareness of existing tools and mechanisms (in particular look to co-management principle, youth exchange and social support programmes, youth entrepreneurship support etc.) for young people to actively work to fight stigma and discrimination.

To Get a Deeper Understanding of the Use of Non-Formal Education in Conflict Transformation

- map the potential areas of application for NFE and human rights education in respect to anti-discrimination, conflict transformation, LGBT rights, and peacebuilding.

To Develop an Awareness Campaign and/or Policy Solutions

- create concrete follow-up activities that (a) raise awareness and thus initiate social change and/or (b) promote political/institutional change that reduces political/social/economic barriers. This can also include the use of NFE in anti-discrimination and/or anti-hate-speech campaigns, conflict transformation, and/or peacebuilding.

The seminar is open for the participants from South-Eastern and Eastern Europe. Given the nature of the topic, participants with a background and keen interest in migration, minority rights and discrimination, and Non-Formal Education (NFE) are highly encouraged to apply.

Below you will find further practical information. Please find here the [Online Form](#) through which you can apply. We are looking forward to receiving your application!

Andrea UGRINOSKA | Executive Director

Application procedure:

The deadline for applying is: 6 May 2018 (23:59 GMT).
Applicants must register through our online form by following this [link](#)
All required fields must be filled in. IFLRY will not accept blank nominations.
For any questions, please contact the office by e-mail: office@iflry.org

Date & Venue:

Arrival: Participants are expected to arrive at the venue before noon on Thursday, 28 June 2018

Departure: Participants are expected to depart after 14:00 on Sunday, 1 July 2018

Please note that full completion of the program is mandatory to qualify for a reimbursement of travel expenses. There can be no late arrivals or early departures.
The venue will be announced.

Funding:

This activity is implemented with the support of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe. Meals and accommodation of the participants during the activity will be covered. Visa costs will be covered upon presentation of the visa copy and receipt from the embassy. Travel costs will be reimbursed upon presentation of all tickets and receipts. Participants are required to travel in the most economical manner that is reasonably possible. An official acceptance and confirmation from IFLRY office is required to start booking the tickets.

Organizers:

The International Federation of Liberal Youth (IFLRY) is the global umbrella organisation of liberal youth and students organisations from all around the world. Its central mission is to globalise freedom.

The Youth Department of the Council of Europe is part of the Directorate of Democratic Citizenship and Participation. The Department elaborates guidelines, programmes and legal instruments for the development of coherent and effective youth policies at local, national and European levels. It provides funding and educational support for international youth activities aiming at the promotion of youth citizenship, youth mobility and the value of human rights, democracy and cultural pluralism. It seeks to bring together and disseminate expertise and knowledge about the life situations, aspirations and ways of expression of young Europeans.

Language and Format

English is the working language of this study session.

The study session will be held using Non-Formal Education format and methodology. Non-Formal Education is participant-centred, action-oriented and value-based. It is instruction that is not obligatory and structured and is learned outside the context of a formal school. IFLRY has been an ardent advocate of Non-Formal Education and is using it as a leading approach in its events and activities.