



Open Call for Participants  
Local Seminar

*"The Tensions of Migration: Political and Economic Intergration"*  
September 27 - 30.09. 2018. Berlin, Germany.

Dear Friends,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to participate in the local seminar on "The Tensions of Migration: POLitical and Economic Integration" which will be held in Berlin from 27th to 30th September 2018.

This four-day local seminar is the fourth and last one 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.

The last local event of the work plan in Berlin will focus on one specific aspect of migration: political and economic integration in the context of the "refugee crisis" in Europe—and forced migration in general. The event will therefore be giving a space to some of the most prominent considerations that have been triggered after the massive influx of asylum seekers to the European Union in the aftermath of the Syrian Civil War (the so-called "Refugee Crisis): political and economic integration. We will accept applications from the following countries to keep our focus on the local issues regarding the tensions of migration: Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, France, Poland, Luxemburg, Czech Republic, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Austria and Denmark.

The major aim of this event can therefore be best described as mapping and understanding the challenges that the various stakeholders in the migration process currently face with a particular focus on irregular and forced migrant flows from diverse cultural and institutional backgrounds. Next, the event will move beyond mapping and look at devising strategies to initiate political and social reform that make host societies more adaptable and inclusive. Despite the fact that there are many potential fields of inquiry, we are focusing here on the political tools (with a particular focus on youth involvement and local decision-making) and economic integration.

The specific objectives can therefore be described as follows:

(a) Establish a Firm Understanding of the Relevant Concepts

- To carve out the importance of the differences between the normative demands that come along with the moral obligation to help refugees, and the more pragmatic need for creating an inclusive long-term social environment.
- To recognise that initiatives of economic and political inclusion are crucial for the success of long-term success to establish not only a tolerant and inclusive community; but also a well-ordered and stable society.
- To acknowledge the different integrative tools that societies have used and benefited from

(b) Share and Analyse Best-Practices and

- To exchange best-practices from different countries - directly by the participants; but also with external experts.
- To critically evaluate the effect of certain initiatives. Participants will have sufficient space to do research (e.g. on data on the effectiveness and efficiency of a policy proposal) and discuss already established initiatives. Participants will spot relevant differences between the best-practices that will help them to evaluate whether they "could work" in their home country or not.

(c) Create Policy Solutions

- To develop a policy book that encompasses the flow of the seminar (i.e. showing the need for political and economic integration, share best-practices, give a manual for their applicability) that is sensitive to the different demands of different societies and their cultural, political, and socioeconomic realities.

Given the nature of the topic, participants with a background and keen interest in migration and integration processes, 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!

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#### Application procedure:

The deadline for applying is: 12th of August 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.  
Participants from the following countries are encouraged to apply: Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, France, Poland, Luxemburg, Czech Republic, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Austria and Denmark.  
For any questions, please contact the office by e-mail: [office@iflry.org](mailto:office@iflry.org)

#### Date & Venue:

Arrival: Participants are expected to arrive at the venue on the 27th of September, as early as possible.  
Departure: Participants are expected to depart on the 30th of September in the afternoon.  
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 - and will need to check their preferred travel options with the office before booking them due to travel reimbursement limitations. 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.