



Open Call for Participants
Local Seminar
"The Tensions of Migration: Finding Solutions"
November 1-4.2018. Brussels, Belgium.

Dear Friends,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to participate in the local seminar on "The Tensions of Migration: Finding Solutions" which will be held in Brussels from 1st to 4th of November 2018.

This four-day international 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 second international seminar shall serve as platform to bring together the ideas and projects from the first international and the three local events. In the four events, participants have devised strategies to tackle the issues of (a) populism and its effect on the integration of young migrants and refugees (Budapest), (b) political and economic integration of young migrants and refugees (Berlin), (c) the effect of sudden uncontrolled forced migration on the integration process (Istanbul), and (d) social exclusion of young migrants and refugees (Belgrade). Now, we are providing a platform to develop these ideas further and for implementation through a rigorous multi-layer process of external testing and peer feedback to ensure an effective multiplier effect in local contexts that go beyond the mere WP activities.

The main aim of the event can therefore be described as taking the already developed projects and ideas to the next level—and make them as polished, as tangible, and as close to realisation as possible. While IFLRY has experienced many events that resulted in concrete follow-ups, one of the major feedback items that we received from our member organisations is the lack of opportunity to give these initiatives the space they deserved—because most seminars naturally cannot accommodate for the research efforts and reflection time that is needed to get many projects "off the ground". With this seminar structure, we would like to tackle this concern.

The specific objectives can therefore be described as follows:

(a) Screening and Developing Projects & Project Skills

- To get a deeper understanding of the relevant actors in youth activism and

change-making (also which role youth plays in decision-making and what rights they have, as well as developing the ability to manage successful projects (e.g. project management, best practices etc.)

- To get an overview of the projects and ideas that have been developed throughout the dynamics of the Work Plan. Some participants (i.e. outstanding ones or project leaders etc.) of past events will be amongst the participants of this events. In addition, the group will be able to contact our participants from former events via Skype during the event.
- To judge ideas and initiatives on their merits and flaws, opportunities and challenges—and so to give honest and directed feedback to their peers. As the new participants will take ownership from past participants, this feedback will be most critical—and thus beneficial.

(b) Testing Ideas in a Real World Environment & With Peers

- To develop these initiatives even further and give them one's own spin—and make them ready to pitch them to actual decision-makers and/or activists in a real world setting. Through its international network, IFLRY looks into the possibility to bring experts from UNHCR's Brussels office and/or Amnesty International (IFLRY's former Executive Director Sarah Wong works as Director of Organizational Development at Amnesty International's Brussels office) to this session.
- To polish project ideas, initiatives, and the like to a degree of presentability in front of decision-makers (here we have MEPs and European NGOs in mind), and to get valuable feedback about the impact and further enhancement.
- To implement changes arising from the discussions with experts and get another round of feedback from peers. This will ensure that the output will be as tangible and realistic as possible.

(c) Leaving with Change-making Projects at Hand

- To revise the project proposals so that they can be pitched (ideally immediately) after the event (or during the event) to the relevant stakeholders or implemented directly.
- To experience (and being inspired by) the power of being able to develop a change-making initiative undisturbed for a longer period of time alongside skills workshops and multi-layer feedback system.

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. Participants who attended our local seminars are also welcome 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: 30th of September 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: Belgium, Hungary, Serbia, Germany, Turkey, Netherlands, Ukraine, Denmark, Norway, Spain, Poland, Finland, UK, Macedonia/FYROM, Sweden, Belarus, France, Croatia, Portugal.

Any late cancellations upon acceptance would be fined with 50 EUR.

For any questions, please contact the office by e-mail: office@iflry.org

Date & Venue:

Arrival: Participants are expected to arrive at the venue on the 1st of November, as early as possible.

Departure: Participants are expected to depart on the 4th of November 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, and with the support of the ALDE group in the European Parliament.

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 eligible for 80% of reimbursement from the total expenses of their travels, up to 250 euros for CoE, and 500 euros for non-CoE participants. 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.

A participation fee of 60 euros is required in order to attend this event.

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.

The Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe group (ALDE) is the liberal-centrist political group of the European Parliament. It is made up of MEPs from two European political parties, the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Party (formerly the European Liberal Democrat and Reform Party) and the European Democratic Party, which collectively form the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe.

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.