



## Becoming part of IFLRY

IFLRY is an association of liberal youth organisations. There is no individual membership. Every youth or student organisation in agreement with the aims of IFLRY and its principles expressed in the Manifesto and the resolutions has the right to apply for membership in IFLRY.

The admission of new members is subject to the following conditions:

### **Full members:**

Every organization wishing to become a member of IFLRY can apply for full membership after at least one year associate member status, and can be admitted by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at the General Assembly.

### **Associate members:**

Associate membership status can be granted by the General Assembly by simple majority and gives organization partial rights inside IFLRY. Associate Members pay only 50% of the respective budget amount of the Membership Fee. Associate members have the right to vote, nominate officers, the right to put forward proposals and the right to submit amendments to all proposals except when it concerns the Manifesto, Statutes, the Rules of Procedure or financial documents. Associate Membership can be permanent, or temporary.

### **Observing members:**

Organizations wishing to cooperate closely with IFLRY without fulfilling the criteria for membership may be granted observer status. The observer status is to be granted by the General Assembly by simple majority, and gives the organization rights inside IFLRY to be decided by the Bureau.

## Criteria for IFLRY Membership Applications

### **Full Membership and Associate Membership**

- The applicant organization must provide copies of its Statutes/Constitution in their original form and in at least one of IFLRY's official languages.
- The applicant organization must provide copies of its Policy Programme/Ideological standpoint in at least one of IFLRY's official languages and in its original form if that is not in one of IFLRY's official languages.
- The applicant must commit itself to agreement with the principles of the current



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### IFLRY Manifesto.

- The applicant organization must have attended at least one IFLRY event prior to making the application.
- All membership applications must be received at the IFLRY secretariat at least Three weeks prior to the start of the General Assembly at which the applicant organization wishes their application to be considered. All required written materials must also be provided by this deadline. It is the responsibility of the applicant organization to ensure that all materials reach the IFLRY Office on time.
- At least one event or activity organised by the applicant organization must have been visited by an IFLRY bureau member or an appointee of the IFLRY bureau prior to their application being discussed.
- The applicant organization must provide details of its activities & campaigns which have taken place during the year prior to the application and anything so far planned for the future.
- The applicant organization must provide information of its sources of finance, for instance if it receives state funding, party funds and membership fees. The applicant organization must provide information about its financial turnover and its budget.
- The applicant organization must provide details of its membership figures and also how it defines membership.
- The applicant organization must state whether it is directly or indirectly linked to or dependent on any other organization, party or foundation and what form that link takes.
- In the case of an application for Full Membership the applicant organization must have been a Associate Member for at least one year. The applicant organization must also have been represented at a minimum of one General Assembly. These must be additional to those meeting where the Associate Membership application was accepted.

### **Observer Status**

- Observer status is not a stepping stone towards Associate Membership. It should be specifically for organizations who wish to have a close relationship with IFLRY but do not have any immediate intention to become Member Organizations.
- Observers do not necessarily need to be youth organizations nor do they need to be so closely associated with the ideological or political standpoints of IFLRY.
- Observer Status should not normally be given to an organization who is simply considering a Associate Membership application but have not yet fulfilled the criteria or time/ meeting attendance, etc. Organizations can and will be invited to



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attend IFLRY activities without needing to have Observer Status.

- The applicant organization must provide copies of its Statutes/Constitution in their original form and in at least one of IFLRY's official languages.
- The applicant organization must provide copies of its Policy Programme/Ideological standpoint in at least one of IFLRY's official languages and in its original form if that is not in one of IFLRY's official languages.
- The applicant organization must provide a full written application in one of IFLRY's official languages detailing exactly why it wishes to become an Observer in IFLRY.
- The applicant organization must have attended at least one IFLRY event prior to making the application. For purposes of defining such an event, a seminar linked to a General Assembly is to be considered the same event. Therefore the application cannot be made at that General Assembly.
- All Observer Status applications must be received at the IFLRY secretariat at least eight weeks prior to the start of the General Assembly meeting at which the applicant organization wishes their application to be considered. All required written material must also be provided by this deadline.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant organization to ensure that all material reach the IFLRY secretariat on time.
- Any clause above may only be overruled for an Observer Status Application by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at an IFLRY General Assembly.