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Call for Participants

Study Session “Youth as Conflict Transformers: Building a Peaceful Europe Together”

July 1 - 5, 2014 in Budapest, Hungary

Arrival 30 June – Departure 6 July

To: Member Organisations of IFLRY

Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2014

Dear friends,

It's our pleasure to invite you to the IFLRY study session “*Youth as Conflict Transformers: Building a Peaceful Europe Together*”. The study session will be held at the European Youth Centre in Budapest (Hungary) from 1 to 5 July 2014. This study session is organized by the International Federation of Liberal Youth in co-operation with the Council of Europe.

Aims of the study session: The aim of the study session is to strengthen young people in becoming actors and multipliers in the process of conflict transformation in Europe. It aims to create an environment where each participant will be able to share feelings about the conflicts they or their countries have been through. The focus will be to explain what has been the outcome of those conflicts from their own perspective. An important part will be to listen to each other's stories and thus see the conflict from all sides.

Objectives:

- To offer a safe space for participants to speak about conflict and how it has impacted their lives, and to state freely ways how the conflicts can be transcended; to secure an open-minded and constructive debate that will allow each participant to reflect on their own conflict as well as the others;
- To get a better understanding of conflict transformation as a concept, the difficulties that come with it, and how it fits in the wider context of conflict management, peace education, peace-building, etc;
- To specifically address the importance of young people in being actors of change in a national, regional and European context; to learn more about tools and skills that exist, how they can be utilized and adapted most effectively, and how the Council of Europe helps youth in this field.

The educational approach will be centered on teamwork and a hands-on focus on output.

Below you will find further practical information on the study session. The application for the event will be possible through an online form, to be found [here](#). Additional information regarding the seminar can be found in the [IFLRY Document Centre](#). If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the IFLRY office at office@iflry.org.

We look forward to seeing you in Budapest!

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Conditions for participation in the Study Session

- * The enrolment fee is € 50. This amount will be deducted from the travel refund.
- * Travel cost to and from Budapest will be reimbursed at 100 % if the least expensive route is taken.
- * Visa costs will be reimbursed at 100 % if the application has been submitted before the deadline.
- * For participants from outside the Council of Europe area, prior approval of the ticket price is required.
- * Travel costs will only be reimbursed if all associated receipts and boarding passes are provided.
- * Please do not book any travel until your application has been approved.
- * Only those who can fully attend the study session will qualify for a travel refund.
- * IFLRY or the Council of Europe do not accept liability or responsibility for damages or injuries.

Study Session: “Youth as Conflict Transformers: Building a Peaceful Europe Together”

LANGUAGE: English and Russian will be the working languages for this Study Session.

FORMAT: Non Formal Education

Non Formal Education is participant-centered, action-oriented and value-based approaches. Non formal education is instruction that is not obligatory and structured and is learned outside the context of a formal school. With other words - methods outside the traditional school (educational) setting but that are more structured than just learning from a conversation (informal). The non-formal approach to education and interaction in IFLRY means that the entire experience of a study session is a learning experience – such as interactive lectures, workshops, working groups, simulations, cafes, and peer to peer learning.

PROGRAMME: The first day will introduce the participants to each other and to the topic. With the help of a guest speaker, on the second day, the concept of conflict will be explored. We will then discuss what experiences the participants have themselves, the lessons they learned from it and the obstacles they see. The main theories behind conflict transformation and the differences with conflict management, settlement, resolution and transformation will be outlined. On the third day, we want to confront the participants with existing initiatives, such as the Youth Peace Ambassadors Project and other initiatives the Council of Europe has undertaken. In order to encourage the participants to develop their action plans, on the fourth day, various methods and tools will be assessed as to their usefulness. On the fifth day, participants will be expected to continue to work on their personal action plans, either individually or through a coordinated group effort. The group effort will especially be important for how their perspective on their conflict has changed.

ORGANISATION DISPLAY: There will be opportunities for IFLRY member organisations to display material and literature from their organisation. It is encouraged for participations to bring material to distribute.

CULTURAL EVENT: The seminar will include a cultural evening. For this, IFLRY asks each participant to bring a small sampling of food and drink from their country.



Date: July 1 - 5, 2014

Arrival: Participants are expected to arrive **Monday, June 30th**.

The full programme will start on Tuesday, July 1st and will run until the evening of Saturday, July 5th.

Departure: Participants are expected to depart **Sunday, July 6th**.

The programme will finish Saturday evening. It is not possible to depart Saturday evening unless after 19:00h. There is no programme set for Sunday.

Please note that the programme is **100% mandatory** to qualify for a refund. There can be **no late arrivals or early departures**. If you wish to see Budapest, please consider staying a few extra days prior or after the study session, as there will be little time during the programme to visit places.

Registration: Deadline and Procedure

Registration for the seminar must be done online: <http://bit.do/iflry-budapest-2014>

The application must be supported by the responsible officer in the member organization (e.g. President, International Officer).

Deadline: Thursday, May 15th. Deadline for participants requiring visa is **Wednesday April 30th**.

Costs: € 50 fee to be deducted from the travel refund

The fee includes accommodations, food, a travel subsidy, and costs associated with the study session during the course of the event. Costs which are not included are social evening events, non receipted travels, and travel within free time. Cost attributed to arrivals or departures outside the study session time frame are at your own accord.

Travel Costs: To be refunded by the Council of Europe

The Council of Europe will calculate and refund travels. Refunds will be based on the cheapest method and route of travel. The participants should be present for the entire session. Participants attending less than 100% of the total duration of the session will not be reimbursed. Expenses will be calculated and reimbursed in Euro. Note: If you take extra routes, the cheapest direct cost will be calculated, if it is less than your altered journey.

Visas: Visa costs will be refunded in addition to the travel refund

The Council of Europe will facilitate the visa procedures if the participant provides all passport details required in the application form within the deadline. It is the responsibility of the participant to contact the embassy and follow the procedures. The cost of the visa is reimbursed upon presentation of a receipt and copy of the visa. If the participant has to travel to get visa, the cost of the travel or agency fee can only be reimbursed if the participant has contacted the IFLRY secretariat in advance and it has been approved. In any other cases the travel for the visa or the agency fee will not be reimbursed.