



Call for Participants

Study Session “You(th) in Decision Making: Re-inventing/enforcing the Co-management procedure”

June 8 - 12, 2015 in Budapest, Hungary

Arrival 7 June – Departure 13 June

To: Member Organisations of IFLRY

Date: Monday, April 13, 2015

Dear friends,

It's our pleasure to invite you to the IFLRY study session “*You(th) in Decision Making: Re-inventing/enforcing the Co-management procedure*”. The study session will be held at the European Youth Centre in Budapest (Hungary) from 8 to 12 June 2015. This study session is organized by the International Federation of Liberal Youth in co-operation with the Council of Europe.

Goal of the study session: To develop a general understanding of active citizenship and human rights education.

Aims of the study session: To develop capacities of IFLRY MOs to promote youth participation in decision making processes on various levels. As a result to this the participants will come up with innovative ideas to improve the status quo.

Objectives:

- Reflect on the current state of youth involvement in order to indicate needs, obstacles, and potential challenges;
- Equip participants with competences and tools in enhancing youth participation in decision making;
- Motivate participants to share best practices and come up with new approaches on youth involvement in decision making processes;
- Encourage them to come up with follow up initiatives on local and European level;
- Create a platform where knowledge on democratic citizenship is continuously exchanged among our members (the results of the IFLRY study session on local politics will be referred back to and be used when appropriate). The educational approach will be centred 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](#). 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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Executive Director



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.
- * 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.

Reimbursement to participants is normally made at the end of a session. Participants will be asked to present their tickets and other supporting material on the first day of the study session (original invoices, original receipts, in the case of e-tickets documentary evidence of the sum actually paid e.g. copy of credit card slip, copies of visas) and will only be reimbursed travel costs calculated on the basis of the financial arrangements outlined in the document participants will receive upon selection, as part of the preparatory material for the study session

Study Session: “You(th) in Decision Making: Re-inventing/enforcing the Co-management procedure”

LANGUAGE: English 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:

Day 1: The participants will get to know each other and explore the programme and the topic of the study session. The team will organize icebreakers and team-building activities possibly related to the topic. The participants will be challenged on the importance of youth right to have a ‘say’. The participants will be required to present the results of the first part of their homework research on challenges and barriers of the youth participation in the decision making process today. The central question will be to identify challenges that young people face today when attempting to participate in the decision making process. On this day we will



openly discuss the challenges in the way of youth participation in the decision making processes. Participants will be also introduced to the work of IFLRY, CoE.

Day 2: On the second day participants will be brainstorming on the importance of Youth Rights. The floor will be given to participants to brainstorm about the skills which they need to promote democratic citizenship, in particular during the electoral process. The team will introduce participants to the principles of Youth Participation. Following concepts will be explored by the participants: ladder of youth participation, available resources among others.

Day 3: The third day will have a presentation of the CoE Youth sector co-management system as best practice, in order to understand how it can be promoted in other areas and levels of decision making. The challenges/threats of the system will also be discussed in order for the IFLRY MOs to be aware of the support that they can show in order to keep it running. Other best practices will be introduced to the participants. IFLRY would like to invite a speaker from a non-political background (from another international organisation working with CoE) to share his/her experience on youth engagement in democratic processes.

Day 4: On the fourth day, participants will have the chance to explore best/worst practices from different international/national institutions/bodies with regards to youth mobilization. Based on the previous discussions the participants will start developing ideas for the democratic citizenship innovation. In order to do this, they will refer back to the work done during the past two days and brainstorm on possible tools that can create and use in their respective settings. As multipliers the participants will think of methods and assess their ability to train and motivate others. Some tips and suggestions as well as publications from the CoE will be made available for the participants in their daily work trying to encourage youth participation.

Day 5: On the fifth day, the participants will have the chance to present the outcomes of their work. The team will give constructive feedback on the outcomes. With the help of the team members they will discuss the ways to use the created tools/outcomes in their organisations. The event will use several levels of evaluation to finalize the session. There will be both individual (written) and plenary evaluations to underline where we started from and how far we have reached.

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.

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.

Date: June 7 - 13, 2015

Arrival: Participants are expected to arrive **Sunday, June 7th.**

The full programme will start on Monday, June 8th and will run until the evening of Friday, June 12th.

Departure: Participants are expected to depart **Saturday, June 13th.**



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

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 [here](#).

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

Deadline: Thursday, April 23rd.

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. You need to confirm your travel route and price with the IFLRY office before booking. 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.