



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION
OF LIBERAL YOUTH

Dear member organizations,

The times since our last statutory meeting has been hectic but exciting. IFLRY has continued developing and I have continued working to make us more visible, more connected and tried to represent you as well as I can.

General notes

Most parts of the world are at a crossroad between globalization and isolation, between liberalism and nationalism. Nationalists and populists are on the rise, but so are liberals. The situation is different in different countries but the patterns are similar. This is one of those defining moments in history and due to globalization we are all connected, and all affected. From IFLRY's perspective, this means that we have to work hard to make sure that we find platforms where people can connect and share best practices, that we are represented at important events and that the programmes are sufficient. Since our last major event, in Amman, we have two new bureau members, there has been leadership changes in several programmes, we have been working hard to plan events, improve our social media channels and much more. Much of the work has been internal but the bureau and programmes has also arranged seminars in France, Ukraine, Greece, been represented at ALN congress in Kenya, Liberal International congress in Andorra, The Climate conference in Bonn and many other places.

My work

For my part, much of the work has been focused on the day-to-day challenges of IFLRY. I have continued working with Ahmad on the website, worked together with Nickolas and Tone to start and manage IFLRY Online, as well as continued working with social media in general and Facebook in particular. This also means working with our statements, and social media campaigns. I have also participated in recruiting new manager and a new team for the Free trade programme. The programme is still in the beginning phase and I look forward to continue working with them as we are getting started. I have also taken upon myself to support Sven as programme manager for the Ukraine and Belarus programme. Another thing that has taken much of my time throughout the winter/spring has been an application for a seminar that will be arranged in Stockholm this autumn - stay tuned!

Together with Tone I have also been working extensively with expanding IFLRY, meaning that I have initiated and kept contact with several organization who has applied and considers applying.

I have also continued working with the Swedish foundation SILC, and more. As mentioned before, much of the work has been day-to-day activities so I won't write them all here. However, if you have any questions: never hesitate to ask. Below you can also find information on the times that I have represented IFLRY and physically met with member organizations and others since December.

Representation

- **Zanzibar** - In February I visited Tanzania/Zanzibar where I met with members (including the party leader) of the liberal party CUF, as well as representatives of the Youth Wing JUVICUF who are

working on applying for IFLRY membership.



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- **Cyprus** - In March I participated in a joint study trip to Cyprus together with representatives from several other party political youth organizations to learn about the peace process. This has also resulted in, among other things, a joint statement on the issue.
- **France** - In April I was in France to follow the Presidential election, when there I also took the chance to meet with Yanis Mallion, the President of Jeunes Radical de Gauche.
- **Sweden** - Surprisingly, I have been in Sweden. But what I want to point out is that I will be visiting the LYMEC congress which is held there between 12th and 14th of May. In the end of May I will also visit the congress of our member organization, Centerparty Youth of Sweden.

Yours sincerely,
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