





Open Call for Participants: Study Session "You(th) in the <3 of Human Rights Education" in Strasbourg, 23 to 27 April 2018

Dear friends,

It is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the Study Session on "You(th) in the <3 of the Human Rights Education" which will be held in Strasbourg on 23-27 April 2018

This five-day Study Session is organized by IFLRY (International Federation of Liberal Youth) in cooperation with the Youth Department of the Council of Europe and will take place in the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg, France.

The purpose of the suggested IFLRY study session is firstly to provide young people with the enabling environment to interact and develop in their understanding of Human Rights and Human Rights Education (HRE) as part of the broader Civic Education and ways of application thereof in local communities. Secondly through the highly interactive intercultural exchange, inter-personal and group communication to assess their own backgrounds and environments, exchange practices and expand their understanding of own and other realities. And finally – to promote cross border international exchange through the interaction, mixed working sessions and most importantly joint planning and implementation of the action plans under the umbrella of IFLRY.

The specific objectives of the study session

- establish a platform for knowledge sharing in relation to Human Rights and particularly Youth Rights with strong reliance of the Council of Europe Youth Work Portfolio
- to explore theoretical concepts of Human Rights, HRE, NFE, life-long learning, Civic Education and such with strong reliance of the Council of Europe Youth Work Portfolio to lay a foundation for a profound understanding of the application and relevance thereof in youth organizations and local communities
- identify entry points for self-organizaed implementation of activities to mainstream human rights into youth work with a view to increase youth participation
- build capacity of the MOs through trainings with a view of further multiplication into local communities and strengthening their advocacy efforts for Human Rights as part of the Civic Education
- to strengthen intercultural dialogue and increase multicultural competency within IFLRY
- ensure continuance and sustainability of IFLRY's HRE and NFE tradition

The process of the study session aims to ensure a smooth learning curve for participants. In the course of the study session besides receiving theoretical knowledge and expertise from the team and external experts, the participants will be engaged in developing action plans to implement in their youth organizations, as well as in the project groups that may have been formed in the study session. The action plans may be short or long term and can include a variety of activities and / or advocacy efforts. The participants of the study session are also expected to develop a set of recommendations to IFLRY on mainstreaming Human Rights and Human Rights Education in its Non-Formal Education activities.

Given the nature of the study session, participants with a background and keen interest in Human Rights and Human Rights Education are highly encouraged to apply.

Below you will find further practical information. Please find here the <u>online form</u> through which you can apply. We are looking forward to receiving your application!

Andrea UGRINOSKA | Executive Director

Application procedure:

The deadline for applying is: 10 February 2018 (23:59 GMT).

Applicants must register through our online form by following this <u>link.</u>

All required fields must be filled in. IFLRY will not accept blank nominations.

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

Date & Venue:

Arrival: Participants are expected to arrive on Sunday 22 April 2018 before 18:00 local time.

Departure: Participants are expected to depart Saturday 28 April 2018 at any time. 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 is the **European Youth Center in Strasbourg**, 30 Rue Pierre de Coubertin.

Funding:

The sponsor for this activity is the Youth Department of the Council of Europe. Meals and accommodation of the participants during the activity will be covered. Travel costs

will be reimbursed upon presentation of all tickets and receipts. Participants are required to travel in the most economical manner that is reasonably possible. The participation fee is 50 Euros and will be deducted from the travel reimbursements.

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

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.