

IFLRY Belarus Programme



Seminar: "Towards a Local Youth Agenda - How can Youth influence Politics on the Local Level?"

Place: Vilnius

Time: 24th - 27th of October 2013

Dear Liberal Friends, dear Youth Activists,

we would hereby like to invite you to apply for the upcoming IFLRY Belarus Programme event: "Towards a Local Youth Agenda - How can Youth influence Politics on the Local Level".

The event will take place in Vilnius between the 24th and 27th of August 2013. We would like to extend our gratitude to the Volkspartij voor Vrijheid en Democratie (VVD) of the Netherlands as the main sponsor for this training. Furthermore, we are thankful for additional support from the National Democratic Institute (NDI).

Information on the Topic and Methodology

The Belarus Programme of the International Federation of Liberal Youth (IFLRY) plans to facilitate a series of events to analyse, define and promote the interests of young people and students. Possibilities to influence modernization processes on the local level are often neglected or underestimated in the political process. To the contrary, the local level is the primary base for successful and visible steps that have a huge influence on the political process as a whole. Sometimes these steps are only small, but through the possibility of direct feedback and short-term solutions active commitment can be very rewarding. This is especially true for young people and their demands as they usually have few possibilities to make their voice heard on a regional or national level.

To achieve this the event will focus on contextual learning and best-practice transfer but also on the active input of the Belarusian participants. International trainers will introduce the participants to tools that can help to increase the outreach of youth work in the regions and on the local level and provide information about effective local self-government structures and youth involvement in European countries.

Approaching the topic from the Belarusian reality experienced facilitators will encourage the participants to actively analyze the special needs for youth and students in Belarus and assist in the development of campaign tools for promoting a Local Youth Agenda.

The seminar will be organized in an interactive style, where short lectures and trainings will be accompanied by extended work-group sessions, brain-stormings and discussions. IFLRY is planning to follow-up on the results of the event through further activities, seminars and campaigns on the topic during the next 12 months and beyond.

Accommodation

Accommodation for participants will be at Hotel Europa City in Vilnius, Lithuania:

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Information about Application

To apply for the event please fill out the the online application form here:

<http://www.tinyurl.com/mmq4xnn>

or send the attached application form to belarus@iflry.org by the 16th of September.

Please also make sure that you have answered all needed questions in the application form!

The following points will be considered in the process of choosing participants:

- The event is limited to 22 participants.
- In the selection IFLRY will spend special attention to activists with a regional or local background.
- Activists who are playing or planning to play an active role on local level will have priority.
- Participants should be under 35 years of age. No exceptions!
- An understanding-knowledge of English is a plus but not absolutely necessary.

IFLRY will select the participants shortly after the deadline and send out confirmations!

Rules of Participation

The following rules are set for participation in the event:

- There is participation fee of 10 Euros for the event which will be deducted from the travel-refund!
- IFLRY will provide an invitation and support documents for obtaining the VISA to Lithuania free of charge.
- IFLRY will cover full accommodation, conference material and food during the event.
- The travel costs for a second-class train ticket (return) to Vilnius will be refunded by IFLRY.
- Please only apply, if you are planning to attend the event!
- Participants are expected to attend the session in full. Exceptions can only be made based on an agreement reached before the beginning of the event.

We are looking forward to your applications! If you have any questions you can contact the IFLRY Belarus Programme Manager Daniel George (daniel.george@iflry.org) at any time.

With best liberal regards,

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