



Seminar “Youth Councils for Ukraine – Discovering Youth Participation in a Simulation Exercise”

Place: Dnipro

Time: 28th October - 1st November 2017

Dear Liberal Friends, dear Youth Activists,

we would hereby like to invite you to apply for the upcoming European Youth of Ukraine & IFLRY Belarus and Ukraine Programme event: “Youth Councils for Ukraine – Discovering Youth Participation in a Simulation Exercise”.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe as the main sponsor for this training.

Information on the Topic and Methodology

With the project the organizers want to systematize prior efforts in the field of local youth participation by implementing the achieved knowledge and insight in an event that focuses specifically on the establishment of local advisory youth councils. An extensive simulation game will be framed by organizational workshops and best-practice. By this the the project follows successful implementation strategies that the organizers have adopted from western partners, such as the Unions of Youth Councils in Germany. In summary the activity will help to advance local youth participation in Ukraine from ineffective consultations that often result in ignorance or even tokenism in local authorities to self-organized structures that are able to represent young people democratically and effectively.

The specific and direct aim of the project is to strengthen the involvement of youth CSO's in the local decision making process by introducing local multipliers to the specific framework of local advisory youth-councils. The long-term and indirect aim of the project is to help in the implementation of local advisory youth-councils in Ukrainian cities and communities by prototyping the process of their establishment and providing guidance within this process. Furthermore, the project can be seen as a starting point to achieve the institutionalization of youth participation in local decision making.

In general strong a participatory approach will be advocated, guided and facilitated by the team members. In general the trainers will not use elements of formal learning or frontal teaching but combine concise and short input sessions with participatory elements that will always strive to achieve active involvement, critical thinking and an ongoing contribution by the participants. The core part of the project will be the extensive simulation game on the work of local advisory youth councils. Sharing of best practices is also an important part of the project, and we will try to offer the participants diverse examples, both from Ukraine and Eastern Europe as well as Western Europe. This will provide added diversity and offer opportunity for constructive debate.

Accommodation

Accommodation for participants will be at Hotel Ukraina in Kyiv.

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Information about Application

To apply for the event please fill out the attached online Nomination Form:

<https://tinyurl.com/y8kuunvy>

Deadline for applications is the 6th of October 2017!

Please also make sure that you have answered the questions concerning your motivation.

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

- The event is limited to 26 participants.
- In the selection IFLRY will spend special attention to activists with a local political background.
- Participants should be under 35 years of age. No exceptions!
- This event is primarily for young people active in local youth organizations and / or with proven experience or interest in local youth participation.
- An understanding knowledge of English is a plus but not a prerequisite to attend the event.

The organizers will select the participants on a rolling basis and send out confirmations after the deadline! If you apply early your chances to be selected are increased.

Rules of Participation

The following rules are set for participation in the event:

- There is no participation fee for the event.
- We will ask you to present a valid travel-booking to confirm your participation.
- Participants who don't have a need for travel will be asked for a refundable deposit.
- IFLRY will cover full accommodation, conference material and food during the event.
- Travel costs will generally not be refunded for this event.
- Please only apply, if you are planning to attend the event.
- Participants are expected to attend the session in full to qualify for the travel refund. Exceptions can only be made based on an agreement reached before the beginning of the event.
- IFLRY does not accept liability or responsibility for damages or injuries. Responsibility is to the participants of the training.

We are looking forward to your applications! If you have any questions you can contact the course director Julia George (julia-george@gmx.de) at any time.

With best liberal regards,

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(President of European Youth of Ukraine)

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