

## Summer School “Liberal Democracy under Pressure”

**Location:** Moshchun, Kyiv Region

**Time:** 28th August - 1st September 2019

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### Dear Liberal Friends, dear Youth Activists,

we would hereby like to invite you to apply for the upcoming IFLRY Summer School: “Liberal Democracy under Pressure”.

The event will take place in Moshchun, Kyiv region between the 28th August and 1st September 20189. We would like to extend our gratitude to the D66 Party of the Netherlands as the sponsor for this event.

### Information on the Topic and Methodology

The Summer School is a follow-up to our yearly training on the basics of “Political Ideology and Theory” to further improve the knowledge of political youth activists on liberal ideology and liberal values and put these ideas into practical scenarios for Belarus and Ukraine. This event will focus on subjects that can be only touched briefly during the introductory trainings, such as (1) the values of an Open Society and Liberal Democracy as its base, (2) how these values are endangered by phenomena’s like modern populism, extreme nationalism as well as right or left wing extremism, (3) the problems internet propaganda and hate-speech in social media cause for the political discourse, (4) practical issues such as the role of the aforementioned topics in campaigning and political programs. The general aim of the event is to give young Belarusian and Ukrainian activists a detailed insight on liberal values and ideas in a modern democratic society and compare them to the actual situation in Belarus and Ukraine. As a specific outcome we would like to develop concise suggestions for policies that introduce and / or strengthen the Open Society and Liberal Democracy together with the participants.

To achieve this the event will focus on contextual learning and best-practice transfer but also on the active input of the participants. International trainers will introduce to the topics by using practical examples from the European Union or their home countries and help the participants to analyze the situation in their own countries to find suitable solutions and policies towards a more liberal state.

The learning sessions will be organized in an interactive style, where short lectures and trainings will be accompanied by extended work-group sessions, brain-storming’s and discussions. As of this our Summer School differs from the usual academical event as it focuses more on the stimulation of critical thinking a political discourse than on extensive lectures and pure consumption of information. Of course, as it is normal for a real Summer School, the topic-related sessions will be accompanied by team-building and sport activities.

The event is not only open to former participants of our introductory trainings or political activists. If you have a strong interest in forming a liberal society and economy in Belarus or Ukraine you are more than welcome to apply for this event, no matter if you are an independent individual or active in a political organization or an NGO.

### Accommodation

**Accommodation for participants will be at Hotel / Resort Puscha Lesnaya in Moshchun (near Kyiv).**

#### Puscha Lesnaya

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### Information about Application

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

<https://tinyurl.com/yydqbnpm>

**Deadline is the 4th of August 2019!**

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 28 participants.
- In the selection IFLRY will spend special attention to activists with an interest in political work.
- Participants should be under 35 years of age. No exceptions!
- The event is primarily for activists with prior experience in political activism and youth-work.
- An understanding knowledge of English is a plus but not a prerequisite to attend the event.

**IFLRY will select the participants after the deadline has passed and send out confirmations within 2-3 days.**

### Rules of Participation

The following rules are set for participation in the event:

- There is no participation fee, however a contribution of 20€ (600 UAH) will be deducted from any travel-refund.
- We will ask you to present a valid travel-booking to confirm your participation.
- Local participants (from Kyiv or Kyiv region) will be asked to leave a refundable security-deposit.
- IFLRY will cover full accommodation, conference material and food during the event.
- Any travel costs over the contribution (see above) for a second-class train ticket (return) will be refunded.
- Please only apply, if you are really planning to attend the event!
- Participants are expected to attend the sessions in full to qualify for the travel refund. 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 and Ukraine Programme ([belarus.ukraine@iflry.org](mailto:belarus.ukraine@iflry.org)) at any time.**

With best liberal regards,

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**(IFLRY Belarus and Ukraine Programme Managers)**