

IFRLY Belarus and Ukraine Programme



Training on Political Ideology and Theory for Youth Activists

Place: Vilnius

Time: 5th December - 8th December 2019

Dear Liberal Friends, dear Youth Activists,

we would hereby like to invite you to apply for the upcoming IFRLY Belarus and Ukraine Programme event: “Training on Political Ideology and Theory for Youth Activists”.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Democraten 66 of the Netherlands as the main sponsor for this training.

Information on the Topic and Methodology

Knowledge about political ideologies and theory is a mostly invisible but important factor in political day-to-day work. This knowledge and the adoption of basic principals in the form of a political program belong to the foundation of modern political- parties and youth organizations.

Unfortunately, knowledge of these important fundamentals is still low among young political activists in Belarus and Ukraine. Therefore the “Training on Political Ideology and Theory for Youth Activists” by IFRLY and Democraten 66 is primarily aiming at educating young Belarusians and Ukrainians active in political youth work in the programmatical and theoretical basics of political activism. The main focus will be on liberal ideology, but the participants shall also be given concise information about other political ideologies and how they compare to Liberalism. The training will also give a detailed overview over the fundamentals of “liberal democracy” as a model of organizing state and society as this is strongly affiliated with the roots of Liberalism.

Secondly the training will also provide activists from different liberal- and democratic youth organizations as well as individual activists with the possibility to exchange their views on ideology, political youth work and the democratic future of Belarus and Ukraine and to prove their social skills by working, interacting and socializing with each other.

In terms of methodology the event is following a strong participatory approach by stimulating creative thinking and creativity of the participants’ rather than concentrating on didactic lecturing. To facilitate this approach the training will include extensive group-sessions with textual work. The participants will be asked to study different text-excerpts by political thinkers and discuss the essentials of the excerpts in their groups. In conclusion the groups should come up with concise presentations of these essentials in the plenum to compare and discuss their findings with other participants. These group-sessions will be framed by several lectures, trainings and panels on the subject. The lecturers and trainers will give brief input on the different subjects and enable the participants to understand basic models and ideas that are essential for the success of the group sessions.

Accommodation

Accommodation for participants will be at Old Town Trio Hotel in Vilnius.

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Information about Application

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

<https://tinyurl.com/yyad6rbh>

Deadline for applications is the 10th of November 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 22 participants.
- In the selection IFLRY will spend special attention to activists with a regional background.
- Participants should be under 35 years of age. No exceptions!
- The event is primarily for activists without much experience in the mentioned topic.
- An understanding knowledge of English is a plus but not a prerequisite to attend the event.

IFLRY will select the participants on a rolling base! 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.
- Travel refund is limited to 20 Euros for Belarusian and 50 Euros for Ukrainian participants.
- We will ask you to present a valid travel-booking to confirm your participation.
- IFLRY will cover full accommodation, conference material and food during the 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.

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) at any time.

With best liberal regards,



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