

IYNF at the EYE 2018

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European Youth Event - Strasbourg 1- 2 June 2018 Call for Participants

After the success of the first and second European Youth Event in 2014 and 2016, the European Parliament will open its doors to nearly eight thousand of young people from all over Europe on 1 – 2 June 2018.

The event aims to engage young people in political and societal debate, giving highlight to important key issues such as Digital Revolution, Inequality, Peace, Environment and Future of Europe.

The YO!Fest - a political youth-led festival organised by European Youth Forum - will take place next to the premises of the European Parliament. The festival combines high-level political debates, thematic workshops, educational activities, cultural animations and live music into a unique political and festive mix creating a meaningful and memorable experience.

The EYE is a huge opportunity to meet young Europeans from all possible corners of Europe and to make youth and our ideas visible to politicians, to the media and the European Union in general. **IYNF is calling for 20 young people** to become part of the group attending this event on behalf of the young Naturefriends in Europe, representing our views and ways – for youth work, participation, environment and the future of Europe.

- **JOIN IYNF at the EYE and YO!fest**

IYNF is one of the partner organizations of the YO!Fest event, which allows us to co-create the programme and space of the YO!Fest together with other European



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organizations. Furthermore, IYNF as an official partner of the event will have its own area at the YO!Fest - we will stay at the **Protecting our planet HUB*** (more info below) - where we will prepare some unique activities, based on our experiences and topics of our work in recent years, in cooperation with other youth organisation with a similar focus.

At the moment of this call, we are still working on the programme of each HUB with other partners and European Youth Forum, but we can already foresee a few workshop sessions and some ongoing activities.

Be ready to help us leaving a significant impact on the event through:

1. **ECOMaps game:** *30 citizens of a fictitious town have a simple mission: to purchase ingredients for their dinner. They can choose from cheap, local or organic-sourced produce; each of them with a specific impact on the environment, health and economy. The citizens will be advised to make conscious choices, however, they will realize that their economic and social status will affect their decisions and impact the rest of the community. How will they save their town from the threats of their destructive economic system?*
2. **Green toolbox presents Green events:** *International youth events open minds, stir discussion and unite young Europeans. But they also come at a price, less obvious than money: carbon footprints, human rights, cultural resources. Learn how to make better choices for your organization and create more sustainable events through this simulation game. Come over to sit down, play a bit and learn a lot!*
3. **Borderland interactive exhibition:** *Macedonia played an essential part in the refugee crisis due to its geographical position as a transit country towards Western Europe. From 2014 to 2016, more than a million refugees passed through the country. In April 2016, the Balkan route was officially closed leaving around 1500 refugees stranded in the Macedonian territory without*



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*legal status and without a possibility to go back, stay or continue their journey. The interactive exhibition 'Borderland' conveys - through the eyes of professional photographs - scenes of the daily life of refugees. Through these photos, the viewer will be called to interact by means of simple questions and contribute to the artwork creation. *This exhibition will be most likely placed in different HUB then is the one w belong too.*

4. **Ongoing activities in Protecting our planet HUB:** such as infographics on sustainability topics, measuring the environment pulse visual charts, DIY - Produce your own laundry detergent, Message 2020 wall, Ideas for cities (realizing things you always had in mind to do), SDGs etc. These are current suggestions from all the partner organisations belonging to our HUB and will be still further developed in next months. There is a clear task for all of us to share "shifts" in the HUB and help deliver the ongoing programme for all the YO!Fest visitors.

* **The Protecting our planet HUB** is, in fact, a lounge, zone or how else it could be called. There should be altogether 5 HUBs - according to the 5 themes recognised in the programme of the EYE:

- Young and old: Keeping up with the digital revolution
- Rich and poor: Calling for a fair share
- Apart and together: Working out for a stronger Europe
- Safe and dangerous: Staying alive in turbulent times
- Local and global: Protecting our planet

These zones will provide with break out and chill out spaces for the participants, opportunities for organizations to promote their focus, as well as a programme filled with workshops and other sessions, and of course, many possibilities of networking!



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We want to keep the 'Protecting our Planet' hub alive and full of visitors for the entire event, and therefore we need some of your energy, ideas and dedication!

- WHAT CAN YOU DO?

The participation of IYNF in this event is mainly organized by volunteers. That is why we encourage all participants to take up an active role in helping us to prepare and run these activities. This will not prevent you from enjoying the rest of the event and participating in the workshops and debates organized by the European Parliament.

While registering, please indicate whether there is any role you would like to take. The roles may include:

- helping with the facilitation of the activities described above or proposing new ideas for the sustainable hub;
- help with logistics;
- social media, taking pictures, video, blogging;

If you can think of any other way through which you would like to contribute, different than the roles described above, do not hesitate to let us know by writing to lucie@iynf.org.

- WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Everyone between 18-30 years old can join us, **however only people with citizenship or permanent residence** in EU countries (plus Albania, FYROM, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey) will receive a subsidy for travels and accommodation.



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- HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Our participation in the EYE is partially covered by the European Youth Forum due to our active involvement in preparations and running of the event. The financing is limited, but we are trying to ensure you will not have to contribute to the food or accommodation costs above the participation fee.

Your travel will be reimbursed at a rate of 4,5 euro cents per each kilometre of a return journey – this is not much, therefore you should look for cheap travel option (as usual, consider land-way, before flying, for climate protection reasons) and be ready to book early.

There is a participation fee of EUR 60. This will be used towards contributing to logistical and organisational costs as well as to support participants who are not eligible for the financial subsidy. Furthermore, IYNF promotes the inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities and has created a ‘Solidarity Fund’ for those who cannot pay the travel costs upfront or cover the participation fee. Thus, in case the participation fee would stop you from joining the activity, please apply anyway and state reason why you have difficulties to contribute to this payment in your application. We would not like money to be an obstacle for anyone.

Disabled participants:

For participants with a registered disability, the travel subsidy is doubled to 9 cents per kilometre (based on the most direct return road route).

Important: The travel cost will be calculated based on the address **where you are officially a resident, not where you travel from.** Please put the address of your permanent residency in the form! If you are registered somewhere else than you live and not sure which address to put down, write to lucie@iynf.org for clarification.



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Example: *Marcel is Portuguese but he will be studying in the Czech Republic and thus he will travel with the IYNF delegation from Prague to Strasbourg. Marcel's travel costs will be calculated according to his official residence which is in Lisbon, Portugal. The distance between Lisbon and Strasbourg based on the most direct return road route is approximately 2150 km. So let's do some math: $2150 \text{ km} \times 0,045 \text{ €} \times 2 = 193,50 \text{ €}$. Marcel will receive 193,50 € to support his travel costs.*

Participants living less than 200km from Strasbourg will not receive a travel subsidy!

- ACCOMMODATION AND LOGISTICS:

IYNF is expecting to find a place for accommodation near the European Parliament. More details to be revealed soon.

The 1st and the 2nd of June (Friday and Saturday) will be the full activity days. When researching your transport options, you should aim to arrive the latest by Thursday (30 May 18) night in Strasbourg. The departure will be on Sunday morning. You have to attend at least 1.5 days on Friday and Saturday to qualify for reimbursement of any costs - this will be checked by EP via registering and entering official programme parts and being counted as a group once during the event.

- HOW TO TAKE PART?

1. [Register through the Google Form until the 3rd of December.](#)

Please apply as early as possible! Those who apply first will have a priority in case of too many applications.

2. We will inform you about the results of the selection by the 5th of December.



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3. You will need to confirm your participation by the 15th of December, as we need to register all participants on the European Parliament website until the 31st of December.

For more info:

- You can read more about IYNF's participation in previous EYEs [here](#) and [here](#).
- [More info about the European Youth Event 2018](#).
- Use #YoFest and #EYE2018 on social media.

If you have any question please write to lucie@iynf.org

The IYNF Team



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