

IYNF at the EYE 2016

European Parliament
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European Youth Event - Strasbourg 20 - 21 May 2016 Call for Participants

After the success of the first European Youth Event in 2014, the European Parliament will once more open its doors to thousands of young people from all over Europe on 20 – 21 May 2016. The event aims to engage young people in political debate and society, giving highlight to important key issues such as Peace, Democracy, Unemployment, Work and Environment.

Next to the premises of the European Parliament there will be the YO!Fest, a political youth-led festival organised by European Youth Forum that takes place every year in front of symbolic places of the EU institutions. The YO!Fest combines high-level political debates, thematic workshops, educational activities, cultural animations and live music into a unique political and festive mix creating a unique, fun and meaningful 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 30 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**

IYNF is one of the partner organizations of the event, which allows us to co-create the programme and space of the YO!Fest together with other European organizations. Furthermore, IYNF will have its own area at the YO!Fest, we will stay at the **sustainable hub*** (more info below), where we will prepare some unique activities, basing on our experiences and topics of our work in recent years. Be ready to help us leaving a significant impact on the event:



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1. **ECOMaps – being sustainable in everyday life is easier than you think:** *Ecomaps educates, inspires and helps people to find the most sustainable, ecological and healthiest options in a certain area or city. From vegetarian restaurants to organic and bio shops, from fair trade stores to local markets. ECOMaps showcases a wide range of places that promote respect and care for nature and society.*
2. **The Power of Hope:** *Imagine Martin Luther King saying: 'I do not have a dream'. How do you think his speech could have been remembered still today? This activity will let you & others experience the power of hopeful communication.*
3. **YFJ climate change network:** *What do the UN climate talks and the ongoing EU-US trade negotiations, TTIP, have in common? Corporate Observatory Europe comes to the YO!Fest to give us an insight in environmentally-unfriendly lobby strategies, and why we advocate against it.*
4. **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!*
5. **Having no problem means a problem - Social entrepreneurship:** *Be innovative, be social. The path to social entrepreneurship can be started in this workshop. Entrepreneurship of young people, social innovations, green businesses - have you ever wondered? Human Centred Design, Design Thinking, Lean Canvas, SCAMPER - have you ever tried? Done with pure joy - 7th principle of social entrepreneurship and our approach to sharing what we know about this field.*





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* **The Sustainable Hub** (lounge, zone or how else it could be called) is an idea in which by time of this call is being developed and hopefully as well implemented. Part of the programme during EYE is organised as so-called YO!Fest, a youth festival in front of the EU Parliament. YO!Fest is set up by Youth Forum and co-delivered as well by IYNF, as an official YO!Fest partner (receiving subsidy to come over). There should be all together 5 such spaces/zones - according to the 5 themes recognised in the programme of the EYE:

- **War and peace:** Perspectives for a peaceful planet
- **Apathy or participation:** Agenda for a vibrant democracy
- **Exclusion or access:** Crackdown on youth unemployment
- **Stagnation or innovation:** Tomorrow's world of work
- **Collapse or success:** New ways for a sustainable Europe. *(This one is connected to our mission at the EYE)*

These zones will offer break out and chill out spaces for participants, place to present organizations working on sustainability topics and a programme filled with workshops and other sessions related to the topic.

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

What you can 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 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 facilitation of the activities described above or proposing new ideas for the sustainable hub;
- help with logistics;





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- reporting from the activity: taking pictures, blogging, creating content for IYNF social media

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 henrique@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 subsidy for travels and accommodation.

- **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.

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 20**, with a discount fee of **EUR 10** for students and unemployed. This will be used towards contributing to accommodation and food costs. In case this payment would stop you from applying please apply anyway and state reason why you have difficulties to contribute with this payment. We would not like money to be obstacle to participate 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).





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

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 20th and the 21st of May (Friday and Saturday) will be the full activity days. When researching your transport options, you should aim to arrive by Thursday night to 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 group once during the event.

• HOW TO TAKE PART?

1. [Register through the Google Form until the 14th of December.](#)

Please apply as early as possible! You don't want to wait until the deadline!

2. We will inform you about the results of the selection by the **15th of December.**

3. You will need to confirm your participation by the **23rd of December**, as we need to register all participants on the European Parliament website until the 31st of December.





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For more info:

- You can read more about IYNF's participation in the last EYE [here](#) and [here](#).
- [More info about the European Youth Event](#).
- Use **#YoFest** and **#EYE 2016** on social media.

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

The IYNF Team

