



## CALL FOR 2 EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES' LEADERS AT THE YES 2017

### *The Young Europeans' Seminar*



**The Young Europeans' Seminar aims to contribute to the development of young global citizens through learning and volunteering together in a spirit of international friendship.**

The Young Europeans' Seminar (YES) is a yearly massive intercultural get-together for over 500 European exchange students at the end of their school year, all put together by a team of over 100 YFU volunteers. The YES is a unique opportunity to reunite with old friends from all over Europe and make new ones, creating a bridge between the exchange year and the return home. It's a fun learning experience

where students explore what it means to be a citizen of the world through diverse interactive learning activities. The international team of volunteers creates a unique spirit and an amazingly motivational experience for everyone at the YES.

### **Role Description**

**The 2 Educational Activities' Leaders have the key role of conceiving the overall structure and planning of educational activities at the YES, both for students and for volunteers (since YES 2016, a learning program is offered to the volunteers before and during the YES). Working with two assistants (selected afterwards) as one Educational team, allows space for creativity and synergy, in order to best respond to the YES needs.**

The Educational Activities' Leaders are members of the Content Team, as well as of the Core Preparation Team. For this reason, they have to be selected at an earlier stage, so to be active since the very beginning in the preparation of the next YES.

As an Educational Activities' Leader, your tasks will be to:

- take stock of feedback from previous YES educational activities' structure to assess strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats;
- develop initial concepts of educational activities for students and for volunteers, and incorporate inputs from the team;
- ensure that educational activities for students meet the learning objectives of the YES and that the YES topic is well integrated in all of them;
- ensure that educational activities for volunteers (organised before and during the YES) help develop their competences, while giving the volunteers space for self-reflection and team-building.
- prepare a very detailed plan of educational activities, including time-slots, groups' division, venue arrangements, etc.;
- recruit and select trainers and other volunteers who will design and implement, under your co-ordination, different educational activities, by taking into consideration educational objectives of the proposed activity and educational competences of the candidates;
- enter information into the database, both about the volunteers in charge of educational activities and about the educational activities themselves;

*EEE-YFU is an international non-profit organisation under Belgian law (AISBL) and is the umbrella organisation of Youth for Understanding (YFU) in Europe. YFU advances intercultural understanding, mutual respect, and social responsibility through educational exchanges for youth, families, and communities. EEE-YFU works to support its member organisations to grow as quality and sustainable organisations. Through educational activities, advocacy and networking, EEE-YFU supports member organisations to develop stronger volunteer networks and leadership, have a greater influence on policy, increase the recognition of YFU, and be relevant and innovative in response to an evolving European society.*

- prepare the manual(s) for volunteers in charge of educational activities, based on the previous years' manual(s) and on new specific information;
- during the YES, lead daily meetings with volunteers in charge of educational activities, if deemed necessary;
- prepare your part of the YES Final report.

## **Requirements**

As an Educational Activities' Leader, you ideally should:

- have some previous experience in training, facilitating or leading a workshop, a seminar, or another educational activity;
- have previous YES experience (preferably in the Content Team);
- have previous experience in working with teenagers and volunteers;
- be familiar with non-formal education practices and methodology;
- be able to organise, plan ahead and manage multiple tasks at the same time;
- be able to coach other volunteers, identify potentials and weak points, suggest improvements, and assess educational outcomes;
- be able and ready to distribute and delegate tasks;
- feel comfortable to conduct meetings, organise small activities for volunteers and create team spirit;
- be well-suited for team work;
- be fluent in English.

Members of the European Trainers' Network (ETN) are strongly encouraged to apply. Experience as a trainer will be considered as a preferential criterion.

## **How to apply**

If you feel you meet the requirements listed above, please apply via the [on-line application form](#).

The deadline to apply is **7th July 2016**. Selection interviews are held after mid-July and the final decision is made at the beginning of August.