

**DATES:**  
**10-14 JANUARY 2018 AND 8-11 FEBRUARY**  
**2018**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
**3 DECEMBER 2017**

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## Nordic-Baltic Leadership Course

**Leading for a better world is, and has always been, in the core of YFU's mission.** But leadership doesn't begin with an organization, it begins with the individual.

*It begins with you.*

So what does leadership mean? Could there be a one-size-fits-all definition to it? We believe the question itself to be slightly misleading, since leadership is not really meant to stay on the theoretical level. It's something you do every day. Perhaps more importantly, we don't believe leadership to be something static, but rather something you can work with and improve.

We take the radical stance that by talking and reflecting on your own personal leadership, you will actually become a better leader. Both to yourself and others.

That is exactly why the Nordic-Baltic Leadership Course (NBLC) came into existence. It is an advanced leadership course for YFU volunteers, representing the 7 Nordic-Baltic YFUs. It stretches over a month, consists of two training weekends and challenges you to bring your reflections home with you. The course will ask you the fundamental questions of how you choose to lead others, how you choose to lead yourself and what you choose to lead for. Simply put, it will provide a platform for you to better understand and develop your personal leadership skills.

**It begins with you.** So don't miss your chance, and make sure to apply for this **truly unique opportunity!**

Enthusiastically,

The Core Team of Nordic-Baltic Leadership Course 2018

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The NBLC will last for a month, with two 4-5 day long training weekends beginning and concluding the course. During the intervening time, you will be involved in a distance learning program: you will receive a home assignment, which will reinforce what was learned during the first weekend and will serve as a preparation for the next. It will be an intensive month, but it will be worth it!

### What are the aims and objectives?

The Nordic-Baltic Leadership Course provides its participants with a platform to better **understand** and **level up** their own personal **leadership** and become **aware**, **value-driven** and **engaged** leaders.

### Specifically, the training course seeks to:

- Translate leadership experiences into useful and applicable tools for the future
- Develop competencies in the fields of communication, knowledge of self, working with and for diversity, management of group dynamics, and feedback processes
- Create a space for connecting with other Nordic-Baltic YFU leaders and strengthening the sense of a shared identity
- Make participants aware of the implications of their own personal leadership
- Encourage participants to be active global citizens
- Raise awareness within the YFU-community of the need for increased youth leadership

### What about the financial side?

**Board and lodging** are provided for all participants throughout both of the training weekends. **Travel expenses** will be covered fully, provided that the cost of the tickets stay within a predetermined price range. There is **no participation fee**.

Further details of the training course, travel details, and logistics will be sent to participants after the selection.

### Who are the organizers and funders?

A core team of four experienced volunteer leaders, representing four different YFU partners, will be in charge of the planning and delivery of the course. The implementation of the training course has been made possible by the funds from the **NORDBUK's Grant Programme** of the Nordic Culture Point.



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### Who should apply?

If you wish to be a participant in this training course, you should:

- Be 18-30 years old
- Have previous leadership experience in leading groups of people, either inside or outside YFU
- Have an interest in taking on future leadership roles
- Be a YFU volunteer in one of the following countries: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, or Sweden
- Have sufficient English skills
- Be able to attend both training weekends and participate in the distance learning assignment in between

### Three reasons why you should consider applying:

- It is organized solely from volunteers for volunteers: from concept to completion!
- You will gain a deeper knowledge of yourself both as a leader and in everyday life!
- It's the first of its kind and truly unique - get the bragging rights!

### Where and when?

The project will consist of three main activities: two training weekends and a distance learning assignment in between.

The two weekends will be **10-14 January 2018** in Tommerup, Denmark and **8-11 February 2018** in Sigtuna, Sweden.

The total number of participants is limited to 18, so we are looking for 2-3 participants from each country.

### How to apply?

Should you wish to apply to be a participant please fill in the online **application by 3 December 2017**. The participants will be selected and announced soon after the deadline.

You can find more information about the Nordic-Baltic Leadership Course on our website **[nbcl.yfu.se](http://nbcl.yfu.se)**. Make sure to also follow our event on Facebook: Nordic-Baltic Leadership Course.

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