

Call for Heads of Tracks (HOTs)

The YES is a yearly get-together for over 500 exchange students at the end of their experience, all put together by a team of over 100 YFU volunteers. It is the best opportunity to help students create a bridge between the exchange year and the return home, and we need four Heads of Tracks to help facilitate the educational content of the seminar.

Do you want to oversee education activities, coordinate your team of Track Leaders, and ensure the learning outcomes for students are met? Then read on, because this role might be the role for you.

About the YES

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

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 interactive learning activities. The international team of volunteers creates a unique spirit and an unforgettable experience for everyone at the YES.



See the aftermovie from the YES 2018

The topic of YES 2019 - "Breaking Through Walls"

The theme is a reference, not only to the physical walls between countries, but also to symbolic barriers that we experience between cultures, communities, and individuals. In 2019 we will explore the impact of barriers on an international, societal, and personal level. We will discuss how to use active citizenship in aiding the world to "break through walls" and influencing our own lives and the lives of others.

The students will experience this year's topic through four different viewpoints: Debate, Activism, Technology, and Art. We will deconstruct the obstacles lying ahead of us as a global society. Together, we will ask 'how can we actively and consciously take part in building a sustainable futures for ourselves, our communities, and the world'?

About your role

The Heads of Tracks (HOTs) act as an intermediary between the Track Leaders – in charge of leading student sessions – and the Educational Activities Leaders – in charge of structuring and overseeing the educational content.

As a HOT you will lead a team of 5 Track Leaders to design and implement educational activities for your chosen track. You will define the learning outcomes and ensure they are met, and also work with the Educational Activities Leaders to create a well-structured plan of activities for your track.

You can expect to be involved in preparations a few months before the YES together with the Educational Activities Leaders and track leaders.



The tracks for YES 2019

Activism will explore different ways to become an active citizen (campaigning, manifesting, voting, advocating, etc.) and will ask what steps can an individual take to take down walls around them.

Arts will explore how artistic movements can shape the thought of society and political discourse, and how art can bring people together despite of the walls or barriers between them.

Debate will explore how to participate in political discourse and how to put forward one's arguments and viewpoints – how to speak to get your point across.

Technology will explore how technology influences our society and how someone can use it for a cause, but will also raise awareness of potential threats coming from misusing it.

What do you gain?

Participating at the YES as a volunteer is a rewarding experience. The seminar lasts for 4 days and there is plenty to gain:

- Possibility to share your volunteer experience and get to know a lot of new people
- Increasing skills in facilitating group work and learning processes of peer groups
- Experience of working with YFU on an international level
- Opportunity to be a part of the biggest YFU event in Europe
- Have a great time together with 600+ people



Who are we looking for?

If you wish to be a Head of Track at the YES 2019, you should:

- be fluent in English (German is an advantage)
- have expertise, competency, or sound interest in one of the tracks;
- have experience in designing and leading educational activities;
- have experience in training, facilitating, or coaching;
- understand the YES vision and YFU core educational mission;
- be organised and able to coordinate a small team;
- Being a member of the European Trainer Network is an advantage;
- · have time to work with the team before the YES.

Questions?

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Interested?
You can now apply here!

Deadline: January 31st, 2019