



Call for International Group Leaders (IGLs)

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.

For the seminar in 2019, we need IGLs **to act as contact persons for the students, to ensure their well-being at the seminar, to help them adjust to the thought of going home, and to give them a starting point for realising what they have learned during their exchange year.**

YES 2019, 24-28 June 2019

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

IGLs are in charge of accompanying students on their travel to and from the seminar and to act as contact persons during and before the YES.

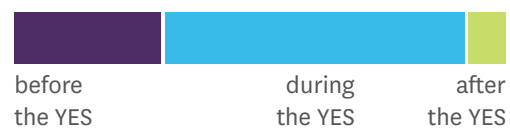
IGLs bridge the gap between volunteers and students, as well as between their host country and home country. They watch closely for the well-being of the students and make sure they make the most of their time at the YES.

Beside leading sessions and reflection groups with the students, IGLs also work together with other volunteers to provide help when needed. For example, IGLs can assist with the implementation of educational activities, with free time activities, special logistical tasks, or with supporting the rest of the team during meals and plenary sessions.

You will work with



Your workload



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.

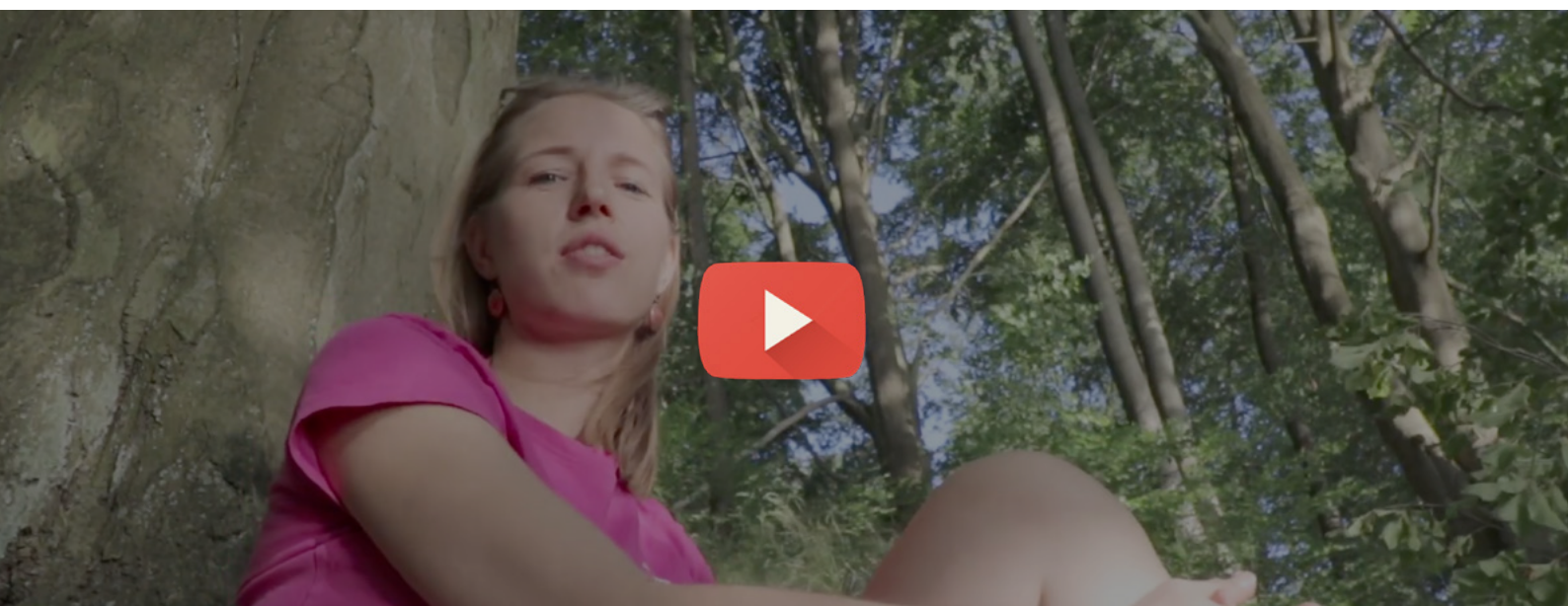
Technology will explore how technology influences our society and how someone can use it for a cause, but will also raise awareness of potential threats coming from misusing it.

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 event planning and handling tricky logistics.
- 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

See Sara talk about the role of an IGL at the YES



Who are we looking for?

If you wish to be an IGL at the YES 2019, you should:

- be fluent in English (German is an advantage)
- have experience in leading groups (YFU seminars are preferable, but external group leading skills are also welcome)
- have time to prepare before the YES
- have the ability to differentiate between working for students, working with students and leisure time
- have the ability and willingness to take responsibility for the well-being of the students
- have the ability to ensure in a kind and friendly manner that the students follow rules and guidelines

Questions?

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Content Team Leader, YES 2019

Interested?
You can now apply here!

Deadline: January 31st, 2019