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To: IUSY Member Organisations

Vienna, 28 June 2017

Dear friends,

We are glad to invite you to the

LGBT* Working group training and meeting

Collective identities: political dimension

17th – 24th September 2017, Mollina, Malaga (Spain)

OVERVIEW

What: LGBT* working group

When: 17th-24th September 2017

Where: Mollina, (Malaga) SPAIN

Age: 18-35 years

Deadline: 28th July 2017

IUSY LGBT* working group meeting aims to provide young activists from member organizations with knowledge on the theme of LGBT* issues and rights as well as develop skills and competences to identify and counter homophobic and transphobic attitudes in their political activism and not only. The LGBT* Working group will work on creating a framework for further work and involvement in IUSY activities with a defined roadmap and proposals.

It is important to have the wider view on the topic that is so complex and interrelated when we learn and discuss about multiple layers of identity such as gender, sexuality, nationality, ethnicity etc. that manifests our collective identity and participation. We expect a consolidation of the working group, resulting in an autonomous group of activists who will advocate for inclusive identities by being actively engaged in decision making processes, political movements as well as various IUSY educational activities.

IUSY LGBT* working group meeting will take place within the framework of the University of Youth and Development (UYD) which is an activity organized by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe (NSC). This year's theme of the University is Global Identities.



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The number of participants is limited in the working group, so each organization should not register more than one person. In case of too many applications, we will take into consideration applicants who have been working in the field of LGBT* rights, advocacy, campaigning and most of all who are interested and are willing to continue strengthening the IUSY LGBT* working group after the event.

IUSY LGBT* working group meeting is financed by Olof Palme International Centre's Global Project.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the IUSY Secretariat at: iusy@iusy.org.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you!

With best regards,

Howard Lee
IUSY President

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IUSY Secretary General

OBJECTIVES

- To share knowledge and experience about issues related to LGBT*
- To increase the capacity of participants by enriching their experience by offering educational activities that better responds to the needs regarding the topic of identity in general and LGBT* in particular
- To provide a platform for participants to share their contextualised experience regarding the themes of LGBT* issues
- To strengthen IUSY LGBT* working group
- To create a road map for IUSY on the topic of LGBT*
- To continue promoting the concept of non-formal education as a working tool among the participants and, as an extension, their member organisations
- To bring the global perspective to the local level by providing training and facilitation skills to the participants

The activity will be facilitated based on the core values of participatory non-formal education/learning and on the basis of global education. The programme will promote





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critical analysis and be tool-oriented to improve the capacities of young activists and youth organisations.

WHO CAN APPLY? PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

This activity is not aimed towards the leadership of IUSY member organisations, it is addressed to youth activists. **Please note that it is required that the participants stay for the whole duration of the activity and also to contribute to IUSY activities after the activity.**

Participants should:

- Belong to IUSY member organisation.
- Be aged 18-35
- have been active/working/studying in the field of LGBT* rights
- be willing to continue to work and be active in the field of LGBT* rights
- be willing to plan follow-up to the training at local and national level
- Availability to contribute to IUSY activities in future
- Have a proficient level of English (the only working language during the activity)

We're aiming for participants from all regions and from a variety of member organisations. According to the IUSY statutes, we're also looking to achieve a gender-balanced training so we reserve the right to select participants based on gender criteria if needed.

HOW TO APPLY

Due to limited space for participation there will be an application process. To apply you must complete the following form by **Friday 28th July**. Please follow the link below. It is essential to fill in the parts which reflect your experience, background and motivation in joining the activity.

Link to the registration:

<https://goo.gl/forms/JaQDLx4zH9CBqLFB2>

NOTE: No registration will be accepted after the deadline.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

Day of arrival is the 17th of September 2017. Departure is set for the 24th of September 2017. Please make your travel arrangements accordingly and do not forget that IUSY will not be able to cover accommodation or any other additional expenses for delegates who need to stay additional nights.





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TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

IUSY will cover your flight ticket up to a fixed reference price. The maximum amount for travel reimbursement will be sent to you together with a confirmation letter.

Please note you should not buy any flight tickets before your application is approved!!!

VISA

The IUSY Secretariat will support visa applications for the event. If you require a visa, please send a copy of your passport to iusy@iusy.org as soon as possible, so the secretariat can draft a visa invitation letter for you.

ACCOMODATION, VENUE & TRANSFER

Details on the meeting venue, hotel and pick up will be communicated after your participation is confirmed.

PARTICIPATION FEE

The participation fee is set for 50 EURO and should be transferred to IUSY bank account before the event starts. Bank details will be sent along with a confirmation letter.

CANCELLATION FEE

There will be a 50 EURO cancellation fee charged to each organisation whose participant withdraws after 10th August and without a valid reason.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the coordinator of the project or directly the IUSY Secretariat:

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