



To: All IFLRY Member Organizations
Concerning: Study session: "Respect for religious diversity: fighting Islamophobia" in Budapest, Hungary April 22-29, 2007

London, January 26, 2007

Dear Friends:

We would like to announce the nomination call for the IFLRY Study session "Respect for religious diversity: fighting Islamophobia" to take place at the European Youth Centre (EYC) in Budapest, Hungary from April 22nd to the 29th, 2007.

Please find the nomination form located at:
http://iflry.org/files/folders/budapest_2007/default.aspx

The form must be completed in full in order to be considered for application. Please have each nominee fill out the brief questionnaire and estimated travel costs. Please indicate your Organizations participant priority if nominating more than one person.

Preferably, submit nominations by email to office@iflry.org or by fax no later than February 16th, 2007. Applications received after the deadline will NOT be considered.

*Please note that space is limited to 30 participants.

Thank you,

Sarah Wong
IFLRY Executive Director

SEMINAR DESCRIPTION

It is becoming more clear that we as youth must work together to end discrimination in all forms and encourage discussion and understanding on the topic of Religious Diversity and Islamophobia.

The general aim of the seminar is raising awareness about different religions and promotion of inter-religious and intercultural dialogue among young people. When diversity and social cohesion is coupled with misunderstanding and intolerance it can lead to devastating occurrences.

Youth will have a forum to talk about the issue, learn from guest speakers, share experiences, generate ideas, and learn new techniques to tackle problems within an environment of intercultural dialogues. Participants will be asked to develop action plans for activities that can be used in their own organizations. We will not solve the issue in one week but will be opening the door for cultural learning, exchange, and campaign development that will help work towards breaking down the walls of intolerance.

**There will be an opportunity for participants to show case their Member Organization and their country. We ask that participants bring organization handouts, displays and fun snacks from their country to provide others with a sampling of what your organization and region has to offer.

*English will be the working language for this seminar

PRACTICALITIES

Arrival: Participants should plan for arrival on April 22, 2007. A welcome session will be held at night but programme will begin on Monday and end on Saturday. Departure is set for the Sunday the 29th.

Venue: European Youth Centre Budapest (EYCB)
Zivatar utca 1-3
H-1024 BUDAPEST
Tel: +36 1 438 1030
Fax (for staff): +36 1 212 4076 Fax (for guests): +36 1 212 4107

Fee: The participation fee for this study session is 45 EUR per participant. The fee includes accommodation and meals for the duration of the seminar. The Directorate of Youth and Sport deducts this amount from the reimbursement of participant's travel expenses.

*Please note that if you arrive or depart later than the seminar dates, the additional cost is to be covered by the participant.

Travel: Participants must state their estimated travel costs on the nomination form. Any participant that does not submit their estimated travel costs before the seminar will receive no travel reimbursement. Please look for the cheapest possible tickets (student fares if applicable!) and give an accurate amount in the currency you will pay the ticket. The requirements for travel will give more specific information about these issues. Once a participant has submitted their estimated travel costs, he or she will then receive information about the amount of his or her travel refund. Please also consider that accurate information on travel costs, economic travelling and nominations arriving on time contribute greatly to a fair distribution of the funds available for travel refunds.

VISAS

Please note that your participant may need a visa. If you need an invitation for this from IFLRY, please state it on the form including the following information:

- your address (personal, not office or work);
- passport number;
- date and place of issue of the passport;
- date and place of expiry of the passport;
- your place and date of birth;
- fax number of the Hungarian embassy of your country

Please note that visa letters will only be faxed, if we have all the above mentioned information and the fax number of the embassy is included. Please make sure that the private address given is the one stated in your passport (in the case it includes an address).

Visas for Hungary: It should be noted that participants coming from non-member countries of the Council of Europe and the following countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, 'the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia', Turkey, and participants from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania having a non-national passport must be in possession of a visa to enter Hungary. Ukrainian nationals need to be in possession of an official invitation letter.

You can find any other information relevant to the study session on the IFLRY website (<http://www.iflry.org>). The draft program will be available on the website closer to the date.

If you have any questions or need any specific information, please do not hesitate to contact the IFLRY office at office@iflry.org or +44.207.871.0940.

We are looking forward to your participation!

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