



## September 2008

Please forward to other young liberals  
(or liberals young at heart)

### Seminar call – Young Active Citizens: Today for Tomorrow

From the 1st to the 4th of December, IFLRY is organizing the seminar Young Active Citizens: Today for Tomorrow in Kiev, Ukraine. The seminar is lead by IFLRY in partnership with Sobor Republican Party Youth, LYMEC and Liberal Youth (UK) with generous support from the European Youth Foundation, VVD, and others. An invitation has been distributed to our Member Organizations and nominations for the seminar are due **October 3** (extended deadline).

How to be an active citizen? Funding for youth organizations? What forums can be used by the e-generation? How to keep the interest going? How does youth involvement shape society for the future?

The invitation and nomination form can be found in the [Document Centre](#). This event is limited to 30 participants where applications must be sent by **October 3**, 2008. For any questions, please get in touch with the IFLRY office ([office@iflry.org](mailto:office@iflry.org)).  
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### Executive Committee and General Assembly in Kiev, Ukraine - December 2008

From the 5th to the 7th of December, young liberals from all across the world will convene in Kiev, Ukraine, for the next meeting of the Executive Committee and the 31st Extraordinary General Assembly of the International Federation of Liberal Youth. A seminar on the topic of "Young Active Citizens: Today for Tomorrow" will take place prior to the General Assembly, from the 1st of December to the 4th of

### Bureau Blog

- Liberal Web Team Launched
- IFLRY elected as bureau member of FLAJ
- IFLRY fue elegida como miembro del Comité Directivo del FLAJ
- Belarus: Released but still Imprisoned

### Upcoming Events

- 12/05 Extraordinary General Assembly
- 12/01 IFLRY Seminar Young Active Citizens: Today for Tomorrow

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December.

The EC and GA promises to become extremely interesting, featuring speakers and panel debaters from a variety of backgrounds, touching upon themes like democracy, human rights and self-determination. As the centre of Ukraine's Orange Revolution in 2004, Kiev is a wonderful venue for the annual convention of the world's young liberals.

Nominations must be sent to the office by **October 3** (visa needed) or **October 30** (visa not needed). All the important information related to the Executive Committee and General Assembly will be published in our [Document Centre](#). For any questions, please get in touch with the IFLRY office ([office@iflry.org](mailto:office@iflry.org)). [More >](#)

### **IFLRY call for venues EC & GA 2009**

The IFLRY Bureau is calling upon all member organizations to consider hosting either the mid-year Executive Committee (June-July) or the end-of-year General Assembly (November-December) in 2009. These events are organized by one or more host organizations in close cooperation with the IFLRY Bureau and Secretariat. Preference is accorded to those organizations that are able to raise domestic funds for the event. There are no geographic requirements for the venue.

If your organization is interested in hosting one of these events and you would like to receive more information, please contact IFLRY Secretary General Bart Wood ([bart@iflry.org](mailto:bart@iflry.org)).

### **LIBSEEN Conference in Croatia**

Last weekend, IFLRY VP Jelena Spasovic attended the LIBSEEN conference in Osjec, Croatia. LIBSEEN is a network with the aim to open the floor for dialogue on economic and political cooperation and join efforts in erasing ethical and religious intolerance in the region. Representatives of political parties talked about EU as the future of the region, about problems from the past that are still faced but also about problems that specifically liberal parties are facing in this region.

Jelena Spasovic IFLRY VP commented: "IFLRY believes that dialogue is needed in this region and we will continue supporting all regional initiatives. We

welcome the creation of LIBSEEN and believe that it will help strengthening the connection between liberals in the region and also that this network will support the work of ISEEL, the regional youth network."

The President of ISEEL network Vedrana Gujic stressed: "ISEEL warmly welcomes the gathering and formal organizing of our liberal mother parties in South Eastern Europe. It is an important step for the future cooperation and peaceful reconciliation in the region that the youth organizations already started in the early 2001. We are very pleased to see that the integration processes in the region are also recognized by our European and international partners, such as IFLRY, LYMEC and ELDR."

## IFLRY SG in Ukraine and Moldova

From the 2nd to the 7th of September, IFLRY SG Bart Woord travelled to both Ukraine and Moldova. In the context of the preparations of the IFLRY seminar and General Assembly later this year, he met with the local hosts (Sobor Republican Party Youth) as well as representatives of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom and the National Democratic Initiative.

In Moldova, Bart took part as a trainer in a liberal summer school organized by NDI, the Dutch political parties VVD and D66, and the Liberal Democrats (UK), with the participation of IFLRY Member Organization OT AMN, as well as the youth of the Moldovan Liberal Democrats and the Liberal Party. During his visit, Bart spoke with OT AMN on their application for Full Membership at the General Assembly in Kiev and with the Liberal Democrats on their membership prospects at the Kiev GA.

## Volunteers for the Presidential Elections in USA wanted!

YDA would like to extend an invitation to those who may be interested in volunteering in the US elections this fall. At present, YDA is looking for volunteers to help our campaign efforts in the States of Virginia, Ohio and Georgia. We will be unable to reimburse the travel costs, but may be able to help with finding inexpensive or free lodging for the duration of the volunteering with our campaigns. Our hope is that some people may be able to volunteer in the month of October for however long they can until our election day of November 4, 2008.

If you know anyone interested, please contact me directly at [jja613@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jja613@sbcglobal.net). Your assistance would be highly appreciated. Please include information on age, language skills and any special needs of the person interested in volunteering for us.

Juan Ayala  
Young Democrats of America

## Membership application form

IFLRY's newly created membership application form is now also available in French and Spanish, increasing IFLRY's accessibility to especially African and Latin American organizations. We would like to thank IFLRY MOs UCJD (Colombia) and FEL (Belgium) for taking care of these translations. If you are interested in translating this form into one or more other languages, please contact Bart Woord ([bart@iflry.org](mailto:bart@iflry.org)).

The deadline for membership applications at the upcoming General Assembly in Kiev is the **23rd of October**.

Go our [Document Centre](#) to access the application forms.

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## Liberal News Centre

### Economic slowdown: let's cut taxes and red tapes

Reacting to the economic slowdown in Europe, the European Liberal Youth (LYMEC) calls for economic reforms. For the first time ever since the introduction of the common currency, the gross domestic product (GDP) in the Eurozone fell ...[read more](#)

### Young Liberals of the Philippines holds Congress, elects new officers

The Kabataang Liberal ng Pilipinas (KALIPi), the official youth wing of the Liberal Party, elected its officers during its 6th National Congress last 6-7 September 2008.

Elected to the position of President was Congresswoman Mitch Cajayon of the 2nd District of Caloocan City, the youngest member of the Liberal Party contingent in Congress.

"Being a member of this proud and historic organization is honor enough; to be asked to lead KALIPI as we young liberals face these challenging and exciting times is something that words cannot fully convey", Rep. Cajayon said after her oath taking as the new President of KALIPI. She is the first woman ever to be elected President of the 19-year old organization... [read more](#)

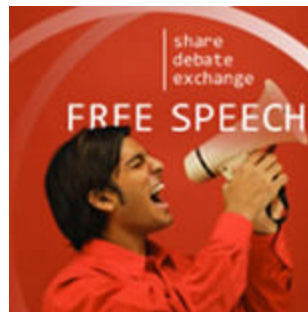
## Responsible driving across Europe

The European Liberal Youth (LYMEC) welcomes the recent decision of the European Parliament's Transport Committee to make Europe's roads safer by cross-border enforcement of driving fines. Currently, drivers committing a traffic offence in another Member State often avoid paying the penalty for their misconduct. The new legislation ensures that in the future drivers will be able to be identified and fined for offences they commit anywhere in the European Union.

LYMEC President Aloys Rigaut states: "...Young people face a disproportionately high risk to get killed in traffic. Nearly 10.000 young people die on our roads every year. Therefore, we warmly welcome efforts to make our roads safer and call on all European drivers to drive responsibly, no matter where they are."... [read more](#)

## A message from Cory Pike, YLC President

The 2008 Federal Election is in full swing, and we all have the choice of deciding between two very different Canadas. A Canada that has a sound plan to combat climate change, or a Canada that doesn't. A Canada that has an ambitious and effective anti-poverty plan, or a Canada that doesn't. A Canada that believes it has an important role to play in the world, or a Canada that doesn't... [read more](#)



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