



## International Federation of Liberal Youth

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### Notice call: Seminar Application – Youth Empowerment: Democracy is Ours

Deadline: April 20, 2009

**To:** IFLRYs Member Organisations

**Date:** Thursday, April 02, 2009

Dear Friends,

We would like to announce the open call for applications for the IFLRY seminar:

“Youth Empowerment: Democracy is Ours” to be held in Tbilisi, Georgia,  
from the 9<sup>th</sup> of June to the 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2009

This IFLRY event is hosted by IFLRY’s Georgian Member Organization ‘Young Republicans’ and held with the generous support of the European Youth Foundation and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom.

*After a highly successful seminar in Kiev in December 2008, IFLRY is now moving to another democratic hotspot: Georgia. The downfall in 2003 of the Shevardnadze regime through peaceful civil pressure, coined as the “Rose Revolution”, was widely heralded as a step forward in the country’s and the wider region’s struggle for democracy. However, these earlier moves have been spoiled, and now, in 2009, the country is once again on the brink of an intensive struggle for democratic values and institutions. Time for IFLRY to come down to this beautiful country in the Southern Caucasus and study the different dimensions and understandings of democracy and the role that young people can play in its promotion!*

**The participants:** This nomination call goes out to IFLRY’s Member Organizations as well as partner organizations who are encouraged to send high-level representatives who are involved in democratization in their own countries or abroad.

**The location:** The seminar will be held in Hotel ‘Country Side’, just outside of the enchanting Georgian capital Tbilisi. The hotel offers all necessary facilities for the seminar, including meals and accommodation. Excursions will be held to Tbilisi and participants are encouraged to extend their stay to enjoy all that Georgia has to offer the curious and adventurous traveler.

Please find enclosed the nomination form as a separate document. Documentation regarding the seminar and other IFLRY events is updated in the IFLRY Document Centre on the website at <http://iflry.org/files/>.

**This event is limited to 30 participants. Applications must be sent to IFLRY by April 20, 2009 to [events@iflry.org](mailto:events@iflry.org).**

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the IFLRY office at [office@iflry.org](mailto:office@iflry.org), (t) +44.2032396840, or (f) +44.2071008159.

We look forward to seeing you at the seminar!

- IFLRY Bureau



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### Seminar Requirements:

- All nominations must include the name of the participant, as IFLRY will not accept blank nominations.
- Please only apply if you are able to attend, a no show will result in negative consideration for future events for your Member Organisation and a cancellation fee.
- A cancellation fee of 50 EUR is applied if cancellation is within 3 weeks of the event
- Please note that the participant will be eligible for the refund only if s/he has chosen cheapest possible way.
- Participants are expected to attend the session in full to qualify for a travel refund.

**Date:** June 9th to June 13th 2009

*Arrival:* Participants are expected to arrive **Monday, June 8th 2009**.

Programme starts with welcome session on Monday evening and full programme on Tuesday, June 9th and will run until the evening of Saturday, June 13th, 2009.

*Departure:* Participants are expected to depart Sunday, June 14th, 2009

Please note that the programme is **mandatory** to qualify for a refund. If you wish to see the sites of Georgia, please consider staying a few extra days prior or post seminar, as there will be little time during the programme. This is of course on your own expenses.

### Seminar Description: Youth Empowerment: Democracy is Ours

**LANGUAGE:** English will be the working language for this seminar. Translation into Russian might be offered in case of need.

**FORMAT:** This event is a Non-Formal Educational seminar, where participants are engaged in a learning process. Please note that participants are expected to interact and engage in dialogue, present to plenary, and work in groups to develop future progress on the topic.

The session will be a non-formal educational experience utilizing interactive teaching tools, such as small group discussions, case studies, presentations, sketches/simulations, reflection groups. There will also be a reader handed out prior to the study session to familiarize participants with the topic to give the participants some additional background and explanation on differing views on the subject. Since the participants will come from all over Europe and beyond, the session will be intercultural.

At the end of event participants will work on follow up projects that should target reaching of IFLRY goals



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on democratization.

**CONTEXT:** IFLRY is an organization that strongly believes in the value of democracy and the benefits of active citizenship, particularly of young people. Young people are vital for the sustainability of any democracy and are often vulnerable to either radical non-democratic sentiments or to endemic apathy. Both of these two tendencies need to be countered in order to support democratic values and democratic change on the long run.

This seminar takes this belief as a starting point to address issues of political youth participation, representation of youth in decision-making procedures and to develop ways in which young people can contribute to the promotion of democracy in their countries.

We are looking for participants who can actively contribute to the development of this theme as well as implement new actions when they return to their organization.

The main aim of the event is to address questions of political youth participation and the promotion of democracy from various perspectives in open dialogue and to develop policies and practical responses to lack of active youth citizenship. The participants will engage in the development of tools that can be used to promote youth participation within the context of democracy support, tailored to different countries and regions.

**ORGANISATION DISPLAY:** There will be opportunities for IFLRY member organisations to display material and literature from their organisation. It is encouraged for participations to bring material to distribute.

**CULTURAL EVENT:** The seminar will include cultural coffee breaks and a cultural evening. For these two events, IFLRY asks each participant to bring a small sampling of food and drink from their country.

<b>Costs:</b>	Participation Fee 90 EUR (to be deducted from travel refund)
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The fee will be deducted from the travel refund.

The fee includes accommodations, food, a travel subsidy, and seminar events during the course of the event. Costs which are not included are social evening events, non receipted travels, and travel within free time. Cost attributed to arrivals or departures outside the seminar time frame at your own accord.

<b>Travel Refunds:</b>	A refund of 80% of travel costs with a <b>maximum refund of 400 EUR</b> for participants from the Council of Europe and <b>700 EUR</b> for participants from outside the Council of Europe.
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To be issued a travel refund you must provide: a receipt to prove purchase and your boarding tickets.

The participants should be present for the entire session. Participants attending less than 80% of the total duration of the session will not be reimbursed.

Expenses will be calculated and reimbursed in Euro.



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<b>Visas:</b>	<b>Visa costs will be refunded in addition to the travel refund</b>
If you require a visa, you must submit the proper information. An invitation letter which covers the time frame of the event will be faxed to the embassy listed on your application by the organizers. The purchase cost of the visa must be sent to the office prior to the seminar.	