



EEE-YFU
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EEE-YFU
Pool of
Representatives
2018 Call for new
members



The Pool of Representatives (PoR) refreshment at a glance

WHO?

As the voice of YFU organisations on European level, EEE-YFU represents YFU in the European public arena, often in partnership with other youth organisations. The Pool of Representatives (PoR), comprising of about 20 YFU volunteers from all across Europe, actively supports EEE-YFU to ensure that YFU is well represented externally. **Now we are looking for new members to join the PoR for a two-year mandate.**

WHAT?

What opportunities are there for you?

EEE-YFU would like to give volunteers the opportunity to represent YFU at international level and further develop their knowledge and skills in the field of international-level youth work, European policy and external representation. By becoming a member of the PoR, you will have the chance to represent YFU in seminars, meetings, conferences and other events and structures at European and international level.

What will you be doing?

Before starting their mandate in PoR, applicants have to participate in an online training course on advocacy. Levels of involvement and commitment in the PoR can vary significantly depending on the category the member belongs to: 1) Permanent Representatives regularly represent EEE-YFU with specific institutions/ and are often required a high level of involvement and availability; 2) Associate Representatives are informed about other external representation opportunities, when they arise, and they are selected to attend (they are required a lower level of involvement and availability).

At this time you can only apply for Associate Representatives' spots, since all Permanent Representative spots are already taken. However, please note that new Permanent Representative spots may be open during your mandate, so you will have the opportunity to step to a new role

What makes you a suitable representative?

If you are motivated and have experience within YFU, you are welcome to apply for the Pool. Background knowledge is also relevant, but of rather secondary importance.

HOW?

Complete the application form (at the bottom of this Call) and send it to your national YFU organisation, which will decide which applicants to nominate and forward their applications to EEE-YFU.

WHEN?

Completed application forms (including nomination) should be sent to EEE-YFU by **23 February 2018**. Results of the selection will be communicated shortly after.

WHAT IS REPRESENTATION FOR EEE-YFU?

EEE-YFU represents European YFU organisations towards European institutions and with European partners. A main role of EEE-YFU is therefore to promote YFU values and aims in order to help ensure the role of YFU and intercultural exchanges in the future. This is done through representation in various structures, institutions and meetings that are attended by the members of the Pool of Representatives, as well as members of the Secretariat of EEE-YFU.

Some of our priority areas are:

- recognition of the exchange year
- funding for pupil mobility
- recognition of volunteering and non-formal education
- intercultural education and global competencies
- youth work

WHAT IS THE POOL OF REPRESENTATIVES?

The Pool of Representatives is a network of motivated YFU volunteers eager to further develop their skills and represent EEE-YFU in different areas on European level. The Pool of Representatives was established at the end of 2009 and today it consists of about 20-25 volunteers from more than 10 countries, with different levels of experience and areas of interest in advocacy and representation.

The objectives of the Pool of Representatives are to:

- increase the representation and visibility of EEE-YFU in events and fora
- Increase networking with stakeholders
- contribute to advocate in favour of EEE-YFU's positions
- collect relevant policy information

Learning takes a central place within the PoR. The aim is to better prepare representatives and further develop their skills and knowledge on the field of advocacy and representation, which can also be useful in possible advocacy work with their YFU organisation.

WHY NEW MEMBERS?

Every year, new members are invited to join the Pool of Representatives, in order to maintain an active PoR and in order to offer new experiences to YFU volunteers. EEE-YFU places a high value in having a diverse Pool of Representatives, with members reflecting the diversity of the European YFU network as well as having diverse interests and levels of experience.

As a member of the PoR you will have the opportunity to:

- receive access to external representation opportunities
- gain new insight and knowledge on European (and global) youth work
- develop your advocacy, communication and networking skills
- be part of a European network and exchange knowledge and experience with other motivated volunteers
- meet youth workers from all across Europe and beyond

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A POR MEMBER

Within the PoR, you will have to:

- commit to be in the Pool for 2 years
- participate in a 6-week Online Training Course in the late Spring 2018
- be responsive to calls for representation events, write applications whenever available and when relevant
- give EEE-YFU feedback from all attended events no more than a month after the activity, usually in the form of a report
- attend Skype meetings and training sessions with other members of the Pool, discussing various relevant topics (ca. 3 meetings / year)
- function as a multiplier, by spreading knowledge about European policy that affects YFU
- help monitor your special areas of interest, competences, etc. and keep EEE-YFU updated

PoR members are divided into two categories:

1) Associate Representatives: you are regularly informed about external representation opportunities, through calls sent out by EEE-YFU. If you are interested in and available to attend you will apply and -in some cases- you will have to go through a selection process (this is true for events organised by international platforms or institutions). If you are selected to attend the meeting/conference/event, you have to get prepared, make sure YFU's interests are well represented and important outcomes are shared with EEE-YFU. The number of calls sent out can vary a lot over your two-year mandate, meaning that your level of involvement could be rather occasional.

2) Permanent Representatives: you represent EEE-YFU within a specific platform or institution. This means that you commit to attend regular meetings, follow-up on the work of the platform/institution, and act as the EEE-YFU "contact person" for matters that concern that platform/institution (for example, the European Youth Forum, the Structured Dialogue, the YFU Africa Initiative). This role requires a higher level of involvement and availability, while providing you with the great opportunity to gain in-depth understanding of the work of an international platform or institution.

WHAT MAKES YOU A SUITABLE REPRESENTATIVE?

We are looking for volunteers or staff:

- over 18
- motivated to represent YFU's interests externally and improve the own skills in the field of advocacy and representation
- nominated by your national YFU organisation (see the last page of the application form)
- able to work in English
- with good knowledge of YFU
- with some knowledge of European youth work, issues and/or institutions
- ready to commit for 2 years in the Pool

What we don't expect from you to be an expert in advocacy (this is a learning process and you will learn a lot along the way) or to know the field of European policy inside-out (some basics are more than enough!). This is a voluntary engagement and it shouldn't take too much of your personal time. More important is to keep a certain on-going level of engagement and open communication to the PoR and the EEE-YFU Secretariat.

HOW TO APPLY?

Complete the **application form** and **send it to your national YFU organisation**. Your national organisation will nominate their selected applicants and will forward the applications to EEE-YFU before **23rd February 2018**. Results of the selection will be communicated shortly after.

Please fill in the application form as detailed and honestly as possible. We are looking for a geographically and gender balanced Pool of Representatives. The detailed description of your qualifications might be used in the future, when targeting representation activities at you as a volunteer with specific knowledge and interests.

If you have any questions please contact **Valentina at valentina@eee-yfu.org or +32 2 648 47 90**.

APPLICATION FORM

First Name:

Last Name:

Organisation:

Nationality:

Street Address:

City:

Country:

Phone number:

E-mail:

Birth date:

Gender:

Skype name:

QUESTIONS

1.What is your experience within YFU? (Please mention your main roles, tasks and activities that can tell us something about your knowledge of the

2. Have you been a representative of EEE-YFU before or do you have any other experience with European and/or global youth work or representation? (If so, please provide us with the details and variety of your experience.)

3. Please indicate which areas and topics interest you the most:

Global issues
European Youth Policy
Intercultural Learning
Global Education
Social Inclusion
Gender equality
Youth participation

Human Rights
European Citizenship
Volunteerism
Non-formal education
Formal education
Youth work
Mobility

4. What else do you consider relevant for us to know about you as a representative? (You may wish to underline any YFU experience, studies, professional achievements, main interests, skills and competencies you have not mentioned previously.)

5. What is your motivation to become a member of the EEE-YFU Pool of Representatives?

6. How do you think your national YFU organisation would benefit from your participation in the Pool?

To be completed by applicant:

I, (insert name) _____, commit myself to actively participate in the Pool of Representatives and I acknowledge the conditions set in the call.

To be completed by nominating national YFU organisation:

I, (insert name and role within organisation) _____, confirm that I endorse all the details in this application form of the applicant and nominate him/her for the Pool of Representatives.

Please send the application form to valentina@eee-yfu.org no later than 23 February 2018. The candidates will be informed about the outcome of the selection at the beginning of March 2018.

Good luck!