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Become the voice of YFU in Europe

Join the Pool of
Representatives!





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Call for volunteers!

Represent YFU on the
European level and influence
policies important to us!

If you...

- want to improve your skills in advocacy
- are interested in policymaking
- have a heart full of YFU spirit
- enjoy networking and outreach
- are not afraid to speak up!

...then you are qualified to apply for the PoR!



Apply by 31.7.2024!

Who?

As the voice of YFU organizations in Europe, EEE-YFU represents YFU in the European public arena, often in partnership with other youth organizations. Since 2009, the Pool of Representatives (PoR), a group of engaged volunteers, has actively supported the Global Office to ensure that YFU is well represented externally. After some dormant years (2020-2023), the PoR is being re-established in late 2024.

What?

What opportunities are there for you?

YFU would like to give volunteers the opportunity to represent the network at regional and international level and further develop their knowledge and skills in the field of international-level youth work, policy, advocacy 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 regional and international level.

What will you be doing?

Within their two-year mandate starting in November 2024, members will

- actively attend PoR meetings twice a month
- represent YFU in conferences, seminars etc. and report from all activities
- actively follow current policy-making in the fields relevant to YFU
- seek out collaborations and contribute to the dissemination of advocacy efforts in YFU on national, regional and international levels.

What makes you a suitable representative?

While background knowledge is relevant, it is of secondary importance. We are looking for volunteers with ambition and skills in representation, argumentation, networking and outreach – and of course, a heart full of YFU spirit!

What?

What is representation for EEE-YFU?

EEE-YFU represents YFU organizations to European institutions and partners. A primary role of EEE-YFU is to promote YFU values and objectives to secure the future role of YFU and intercultural exchanges. This is achieved through representation in various structures, institutions, and meetings attended by members of the Pool of Representatives and the Global Office.

Some of our priority areas are:

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

What is the pool of representatives?

The Pool of Representatives (PoR) is a network of motivated YFU volunteers eager to further develop their skills and represent YFU in different areas on European and international level. The Pool of Representatives was established at the end of 2009, with volunteers from various countries with different levels of experience and areas of interest in advocacy and representation. In 2024, we are renewing the PoR.

The objectives of the Pool of Representatives are to:

- Increase the representation and visibility of YFU;
- Increase networking with stakeholders;
- Contribute to advocate in favour of 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.

How?

Please submit your application using the form provided below. The Global Office will review all applications. If you are selected as a candidate for the PoR, we will confirm your nomination with your national YFU member organization.

BECOMING A REPRESENTATIVE

Members of the PoR regularly represent YFU with specific institutions and often need a high level of involvement and availability. They regularly follow policy-making in fields relevant to YFU and actively seek opportunities for engagement and partnerships. Additionally, they support YFU's mission at the national level through national advocacy efforts. Representatives are also expected to report from activities and when possible, to disseminate the information on national and international levels.

Please note that new representatives, before officially starting their mandate, must participate in a 5-day in-person training course taking place in Switzerland in November 2024.

When?

Deadline for applications is on the 31st July at 6 PM CET. Results of the selection will be communicated in the first two weeks of August (1. - 9.8.2024)

Application criteria

All applicants must be 18 years of age and currently residing in Europe. While we welcome individuals with varying levels of experience, most members of the PoR will be under 30 years old, as many representation opportunities are intended for youth. Additionally, each member must be nominated by their YFU member organization. This will be confirmed by the global Office during the evaluation period. Being part of the PoR means committing to a 2-year mandate starting in November 2024.

Apply here

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