

# YO!Fest partnership

20-21 May 2016

## Call for WAGGGS Facilitators at the European Youth Event and YO!Fest



Europe Region

World Association  
of Girl Guides  
and Girl Scouts

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des Guides et des  
Eclaireuses

The Europe Region WAGGGS is a partner of the European Youth Forum (YFJ), together with the European Scout Region, for the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the **YO!Fest** ([www.yofest.eu](http://www.yofest.eu)) - the youth festival organised by the European Youth Forum that mobilises young people and youth organisations across Europe by combining culture, education, politics and fun in a multicultural festival.

The YO!Fest 2016 will include:

- political debates, interactive exchanges and workshops
- live music, theatre, dance and circus performances
- games and educational activities

Following the success of the 2014 edition, the YO!Fest 2016 will be again organised in the framework of the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the [European Youth Event](#) (EYE) at the European Parliament premises in Strasbourg (France).

On 20-21 May 2016 The YO!Fest and the European Youth Event will gather 7.000 young people from across Europe to meet with their peers, policy-makers and high-level speakers to exchange ideas on youth-related issues and debate<sup>1</sup> under the motto "Together we can make a change".

**The Europe Region WAGGGS is looking for 5 volunteers** to develop and deliver one of the 5 activities on the following topics:

1. Gender and leadership
2. Diversity and inclusion
3. Refugees and migrations
4. Peace-making
5. Empower yourself

Please find in [Annex 1](#) further information about the activities. Each workshop may be delivered more than once during the event and will be attended each time by 20-25 participants.

### Profile of the volunteer

This person must meet the following general requirements:

- Be an active volunteer of a Member Organisation of WAGGGS;
- Be aged between 16 and 30 years old, as required by the organisers;
- Have commitment and passion for the empowerment of girls and young women, and understanding of the key role that Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting plays;
- Have proven skills as facilitator
- Have proven experience in one of the five topics listed above
- Use her/his creativity and experience to develop the methodology and methods to deliver one of the activities above;
- Be able and willing to share her/his practical experience in working with young people in a non-formal learning context;
- Be willing to collaborate with another volunteer from WOSM to deliver the activity;
- Experience in external relations is an asset.

<sup>1</sup> The EYE 2016 will be around 5 main themes:

- War and Peace: Perspectives for a Peaceful Planet
- Apathy or Participation: Agenda for a Vibrant Democracy
- Exclusion or Access: Crackdown on Youth Unemployment
- Stagnation or Innovation: Tomorrow's World of Work
- Collapse or Success: New Ways for a Sustainable Europe

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We are looking for a diverse group of people: the facilitators will represent as much as possible the different organizations belonging to the Europe Region WAGGGS in terms of gender, age, origin, experience and competences.

**Expected Commitment:**

- ♣ Actively contribute to the event as relevant from their expertise, also promoting WAGGGS presence at the event;
- ♣ Share the outcomes and decisions and all the relevant information back to Europe Region WAGGGS, which might imply completing short reports or having skype conversations with the YO!Fest lead volunteer;
- ♣ Develop and deliver an activity (workshop, debate, game, etc.) on one of the topics above;
- ♣ Communicate and cooperate with WOSM facilitators to ensure the smooth and effective running of the activity and that the views and positions of both are represented;
- ♣ Participate for the full duration and run the activity developed at the European Youth Event in Strasbourg (20-21 May 2016);
- ♣ Work by e-mail and skype with the lead volunteer and other facilitators, as there will not be face to face meetings before the event.

**Practical information**

Travel and accommodation will be reimbursed on receipt of all documentation of expenses and in accordance with the financial guidelines of WAGGGS.

**How to Apply**

Candidates should apply by sending a short statement of interest and suitability, outlining your relevant experience for the topic they are interested in, to [stefania.francescon@waggs.org](mailto:stefania.francescon@waggs.org) by **31/01/2016**.

Please make the subject of your email “application to be a facilitator in the YO!Fest 2016”.

If you have any doubts, questions or need encouragement, please do not hesitate to contact us: Stefania ([stefania.francescon@waggs.org](mailto:stefania.francescon@waggs.org) or +32 2 893 2420) and Alice ([alice.barbieri@gmail.com](mailto:alice.barbieri@gmail.com)).

This is a very exciting opportunity to support the Europe Region and our MOs. We would be excited if you were interested and motivated take part in this project on the basis of the criteria and engagement described above!

## ANNEX 1

### List of topics for the activities proposed for the YO!Fest and EYE 2016

The facilitators are expected to further develop the topics and develop methods for the delivery (e.g. games, debates, etc.). If materials are available from WAGGGS and/or WOSM, you will be expected to consider them while developing your activity.

The facilitators will closely work with the WAGGGS lead volunteer for this event and will collaborate with any other volunteer/staff from WAGGGS or WOSM supporting the delivery of activities at the YO!Fest and EYE 2016.

#### 1) GENDER AND LEADERSHIP (WAGGGS)

Gender, gender roles and stereotypes: how are they influencing democratic participation? Many countries still have a low level of female representation in parliaments and decision-making. How can we as a youth

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organisation contribute to a more equal participation of all individuals, going beyond gender barriers? Come and show how you would change the current situation and enable equal participation in the society!

## **2) DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (WAGGGS & WOSM)**

Democracy calls for engagement of all parts of society, but some young people seem to feel excluded from the democratic process. Youth organisations offer youth a platform for democratic engagement and represent the voice of young people. If youth organisations fail to represent the youth population, certain voices will not be heard in the democratic debate. Do our members reflect the society in which we operate? Can we be attractive to minorities? And welcoming? Are we prepared? By ensuring that all youth have access to membership and feel welcome in our organisations we can contribute to a more diverse democratic debate.

## **3) REFUGEES AND MIGRATIONS (WAGGGS & WOSM)**

The continuous arrival of migrants, including asylum seekers, in Europe call the youth organisation to develop intercultural competences and strengthening skills in diversity management and a better understanding of how best to counsel and support refugees, asylum seekers and migrants during their arrival and integration process. The situation of refugees fleeing to different European countries is the headline across our continent and the world. It is crucial to gather information as to how youth organisations support and work with refugees - whether as an immediate answer to the crisis or long term refugee and migrant community work, especially long term engagement and practices.

## **4) PEACE-MAKING (WAGGGS & WOSM)**

Be active in your society by becoming a peacemaker! By building their personal skills and knowledge of the social context, young people can be agents who prevent conflict and are part of conflict resolution. This workshop will allow young people to understand the advantages of intercultural mixing and give participants the tools to promote tolerance and diversity in their communities.

## **5) EMPOWER YOURSELF (WAGGGS & WOSM)**

After identifying volunteering skills that add value to their personal CV and professionalising interview skills, participants have to come up with further ideas on how to increase the employability of young people. The group discussion is not limited to identifying skills but also includes thinking outside the box on how the employability of young people can be increased by using easily understandable and available tools to recognise skills developed through non-formal education.