



# **International Falcon Movement Socialist Educational International Annual Report 2010-2011**



**IFM-SEI**

# Education & Action for Social Change

## Who are we?

The International Falcon Movement – Socialist Educational International is an international educational movement working to empower children and young people to take an active role in society and fight for their rights. We are an umbrella organisation for child and youth-led movements all over the world, educating on the basis of our values of equality, democracy, peace, co-operation and friendship, and advocating for children's rights globally.

## By children and young people, for children and young people

Children and young people are involved in all levels of decision-making in our movement, from their local groups to the world congress. It is our firm belief that children are competent to make decisions and have strong opinions on global issues as well as matters directly affecting them. They only need the empowerment to feel that their voices will be heard in society.

The past year has been an exciting period of activity in our movement. We kicked-off with our Congress in Prague, bringing together almost 100 delegates from all over the world for an animated weekend of discussion and exchange,



Presidium & Secretariat singing at Train for Change

collectively planning our work for the next three years. The Congress used lots of inter-active discussion methods for the first time, encouraging an open exchange and leaving delegates buzzing with excitement and enthusiasm for the period ahead.

The momentum continued with our hugely successful 'Train for Change' international camp and festival, expertly hosted by Kinderfreunde / Rote Falken, Austria and Czech Pionyr. Almost 1000 people from all over the world participated in the camp, exchanging their ideas on how to make a change in society and empowering each other to contribute to that change.

Our ambitious global project 'Peers without frontiers' concluded its first phase in December 2010 with the production of our educational resources supporting group leaders in doing peer education on the MDGs. The peers network continues to be active, motivating young people to contribute to the MDGs and lobby governments to do more. Looking ahead, 2012 will see the launch of our new project 'Volunteers Against Poverty'. This will allow 20 young volunteers to take action locally in sister organisations around the world and take part in creating a documentary highlighting global poverty, unemployment and child labour.

IFM-SEI has moved from strength to strength, more and more people are getting involved on the international level and children and young people are consistently taking decisions about our future. None of this could have been achieved without the commitment and energy of our volunteers all over the world.

We hope you enjoy this review of 2010-2011.

Friendship

Tamsin and Tim





# Train for Change

900 children and young people, 12 days, two campsites and one train: "Train for Change"

Our international camp 'Train for Change', organised by Kinderfreunde / Rote Falken, Austria; Czech Pionyr and IFM-SEI brought together almost 1000 children and young people from all over the world.

The children themselves decided one year before that the camp should be about 'Action for Social Change' with the themes Gender and Sexuality, Discrimination and Prejudices, the World Economic System, Climate Change and Children's Rights.



The participants discussed economic inequality in simulation games, made a film about stopping climate change, discovered children's rights in a treasure hunt, challenged heteronormativity through theatre, reflected on gender stereotypes in fairy tales and discussed action against racism. They also heard about the situation of children in African countries from the African participants and discussed the Middle East conflict with young people from Palestine and Israel. Of course they also exchanged many songs, games and dances from all over the world, jumped into the beautiful lakes at our campsites, went on hikes and simply relaxed with new and old friends.

One of the camp's highlights was the 'Train for Change': After the first week all participants travelled together from Doebrich in Austria to Jedovnice in Czech Republic in a very special train. With a disco carriage, games carriage, music, action and time to relax, everyone enjoyed the route to campsite number two.

After two weeks it was time to say good-bye, but the participants didn't leave without lots of new friends, good memories and of course inspiration to change the world.

## CoCamp - The Cooperative Camp

In August 2011 the Woodcraft Folk with the support of IFM-SEI, host their regular international camp for sister organisations across the globe. The camp in Nottinghamshire,



UK, will be a festival of co-operation and co-operatives. From the way in which we camp to the activities we take part in, a whole new cooperative way of working will be developed. Groups will bring programme to share, co-operate in cooking the food and running campaigns to take home to create a fairer world through co-operation. [www.cocamp.coop](http://www.cocamp.coop)



# IFM-SEI in Action



[www.rainbow.ifm-sei.org](http://www.rainbow.ifm-sei.org)

## Rainbow Resources

A team of volunteers is currently working on a new IFM-SEI handbook: Rainbow Resources, a Companion to the Council of Europe publication 'Compasito'. 'Compasito' is a manual for human rights education with children, but methods on gender and sexuality are completely missing from this otherwise useful publication. With our very active IFM-SEI Rainbow Network, we decided to bring this experience together in a new manual on gender and sexuality rights education with children. At our annual Queer Easter seminar, participants developed workshops to run with young children on gender and sexuality. These workshops will be tried out at the international Co-Campin August 2011. The handbook will be published in late 2011 and will include methods, background information and tips for facilitators on how to overcome resistance to gender and sexuality education in youth organisations and schools.



[www.peers.ifm-sei.org](http://www.peers.ifm-sei.org)

## Peers without Frontiers

'Peers without Frontiers' was IFM-SEI's large-scale global project in 2010. 34 peer educators from 17 organisations created a strong global network to combine local and global work on the MDGs. The peers inspired and supported each other in planning local projects to run in their home organisations: Literacy education for street children, an empowerment program to support women in Falcon leadership positions, peer education against child labour and a school garden created by children are some examples of their work. The group also ran MDG workshops at Train 4 Change. You can find these workshops together with peer education training tools and information on the local projects in our newest publication 'Peers without Frontiers: Youth for the MDGs'. If you want to order a copy in English, Spanish or French, please contact our office ([contact@ifm-sei.org](mailto:contact@ifm-sei.org)).



[www.atacc.ifm-sei.org](http://www.atacc.ifm-sei.org)

## All Together Against Climate Change

Many group leaders would like to do more activities on climate change, but feel that they need more support to work on this complicated issue. To tackle this issue we set up a network of young people coming from 9 European member organisations to take part in intensive training to develop media campaigns against climate change together with their local groups. The first training course took place in May and was a huge success. Many good campaign ideas were developed and will be implemented in the following months. You can meet the ATACC group at CoCamp, where they will run media and climate change workshops. They will also publish educational resources based on their experiences. Some of them will facilitate a training course for other group leaders in 2012.





# Getting our message out

## Website

IFM-SEI has continued to develop its media presence in line with our 3 year plan. The launch of the updated website, in the coming months, includes a dynamic database of tools, making it easy for members to share ideas and activities. The website will bring together our project sites, our toolbox of resources and our main IFM-SEI website. During 2011 IFM-SEI developed the use of its Facebook pages and launched a Twitter account @IFMSEI to extend our reach. We also further developed our Picasa photo gallery of events happening around the world ([picasaweb.google.com/116564287839125815298](http://picasaweb.google.com/116564287839125815298))

The quarterly newsletters remain an important communication tool which members and supporters can sign up to by emailing [office@ifm-sei.org](mailto:office@ifm-sei.org) or on the website [www.ifm-sei.org](http://www.ifm-sei.org)

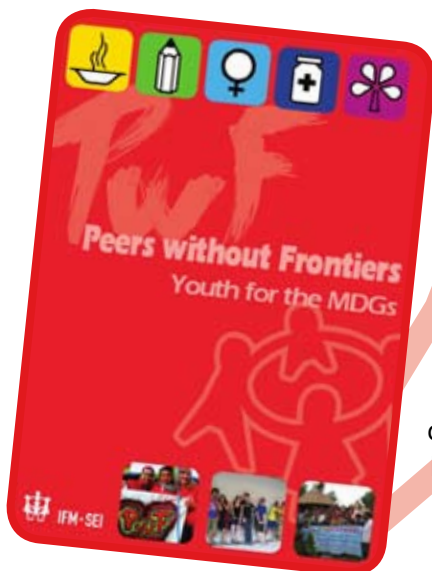


## Resources and Handbooks

IFM-SEI has a growing range of resources which can be ordered from the office or downloaded for free from the website. 2010 saw the publication of the "Peers Without Frontiers: Youth for the MDGs" handbook with activities for our groups based on peer education and the Millennium Development Goals. The Peers Without Frontiers publication joins our All Together handbook on inclusion within our organisations.

Work has also already begun on "Rainbow

Resources: A Composito Companion" for dealing with gender, sexuality and sexual health with children under 13 and "All Together Against Climate Change" resources for teenagers on climate change and campaigning for change. Both will be published in late 2011.



## Merchandise

IFM-SEI offers a range of branded hoodies, pin badges, cotton badges, bags and lanyards for members to buy. These can be purchased at most of our events or ordered by emailing [office@ifm-sei.org](mailto:office@ifm-sei.org).



# Regional Updates

## Asia

### Local democracy in Southeast Asia

As many as 60 delegates from four Southeast Asian Countries (Thailand, Timor, Leste, Philippines and Indonesia) participated in an international conference: "Democracy Education at Municipal Level" in Medan in February 2011. The event, organised by KKSP Medan, came up with recommendations on the importance of local democracy education for students in the ASEAN region (Association of South East Asian Nations).

## Africa

### World Social Forum in Dakar: A different world is possible!

IFM-SEI was represented by the Senegalese Pioneers and Action Enfance at this important world event. Delegates at the WSF discussed the importance of equality and social transformation, particularly focusing on the voiceless in our world. Our representatives worked with national and international networks discussing and exchanging good practices. They were also able to participate in the youth camp, sharing their perspectives on Africa's challenges and place in global geopolitics, as well as developing strong friendships. Young people questioned the results of the MDGs, with only four years to go, to the date when they were planned to be achieved by.

## Europe

### Supporting Volunteering

In October 2010 the annual seminar of the European Falcon Network was held in Helsinki on the topic of volunteering. The participants discussed the importance of volunteers in our organisations and shared approaches to recruiting, motivating, training and rewarding them. All movements face the same challenges in finding enough volunteers and ensuring they feel well supported and the space to discuss with each other was warmly welcomed. Member organisations developed national volunteering strategies and worked together on two large-scale global volunteering projects. The meeting had a special focus on involving volunteers with fewer opportunities, extending our successful All Together work.

## Latin America

### Working group on youth

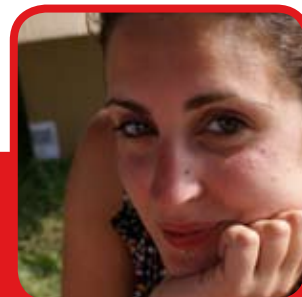
In the past year the Latin American region has set up a task force to support the youth leadership and co-ordinate our work on advocacy, participation and partnership in the Latin American Region. The group will support activities promoted by the regional platform aiming to strengthen the Latin-American falcon network.

The other main task of the group is to increase recognition of our international by institutions at regional and sub-regional level. The task force is composed by Hugo Mendoza (MOEP-Mexico), Javier Diaz (Mentes en Accion- Honduras), Jessica Obando (Acacia- Colombia), Leandro Nascimento (Mirim- Brazil), Gerson Pintado (Chap- Peru), Anabel Ocampo (Manque- Chile) and Ana-Maria Almario (Vice-president IFM-SEI).

## Middle East

### Peace Project

The IFM-SEI Middle East project has continued to go from strength to strength in the past year. The leading group meets monthly, co-ordinating their work and planning the activities offered to others in the region. A highlight of the year has been the finalisation of the region's educational guidelines, marking the culmination of several years of common work in the Middle East.





# Co-operation in the field of youth

## African cooperation

IFM-SEI has been closely involved in the process to increase cooperation between international youth organisations in Africa. We participated in the training course for African youth leaders in Cape Verde in 2010, we sent two delegates (one from Europe and one from Africa) to the Africa-Europe Youth Summit and Diye Diallo from Action Enfance represented us at the Youth Leaders Meeting in Ethiopia. We have also played a role in establishing the Africa-Europe Youth Platform (AEYP), bringing together the National Youth Councils of the Pan-African Youth Union, the European Youth Forum and International Youth organisations in Africa.

## Latin America Youth Forum (FLAJ)

Our Vice President, Ana-Maria Almario, remains active in FLAJ as their secretary, making sure that IFM-SEI is well represented at all levels. IFM-SEI continues to support the growth of FLAJ politically and practically, preparing to send a volunteer to work in the FLAJ secretariat as part of our large volunteering project. FLAJ is getting ready for their ninth General Assembly, in order to improve the internal democracy and evaluate the results of the International Year of Youth.

## European Youth Forum (YFJ)

IFM-SEI continues a strong engagement in YFJ, the platform of international youth organisations and youth council across Europe. In 2010 Lloyd Russell-Moyle was elected on behalf of IFM-SEI to the Board of the YFJ where he now takes on responsibility for Children's Rights, Youth in Action funding, Health and Sustainable Development for the forum. Evan Sedgwick-Jell was also appointed to represent us in the Youth Work Development working group, focusing on developing youth organisations in South East and Eastern Europe.

## Global Youth Co-operation & the World Youth Conference

IFM-SEI is a member of the International Co-ordination Meeting of Youth Organisations (ICMYO), bringing together global youth organisations and regional youth platforms. In 2009 both our General Secretary, Tamsin Pearce, and Vice president, Ana-Maria Almario were elected from ICMYO to the Social Forum Committee – SOFOC for the World Youth Conference. They played an important role during the preparation with Tamsin taking the role of facilitator during the meeting to create the final youth declaration. IFM-SEI had a large delegation from around the world with the Interactive Youth Forum being hosted by our member MOEP (formerly Causa Nueva). While the event contained its own frustrations, we managed to acquire a number of government passes and took an active role in the final governmental declaration.

## Ibero-American Youth Space (EIJ)

In April 2011 the EIJ held their second General Assembly in Quito- Ecuador. As a full member organisation we play a critical role in EIJ voicing concern about internal democracy and political practices in the organisation. We are keen to make sure that EIJ supports the growth of FLAJ as an independent youth platform for Latin America and operates as a space to share ideas.



## EU-Latin America and Caribbean Summit

IFM-SEI attended the EU-LAC Youth summit during May 2010. Hosted by the Spanish Youth Council- CJE, the summit was a space to develop inputs for the LAC Heads of State Summit. During the Youth Summit we had the chance to interact with different youth platforms and organisations building international solidarity and cooperation between youth organisations.



# IFM-SEI Secretariat

## Finances

In the last year IFM-SEI finances have remained stable. We were again successful in securing a three-year operational grant from the European Commission for the period 2011-2013 as well as annual administrative funding from the Council of Europe, totalling 60.000 euro per year.

In 2011 we have been successful in securing 130.000 euro in project funding, including a grant of 100.000 euro for our "All Together Against Climate Change" project. We have additionally applied for approximately 250.000 euro to fund our ambitious "Volunteering Against Poverty" project involving four world regions.

The pie charts to the right illustrate the main income sources and expenditure lines in 2010.



## Income



- Membership fees: 77,000€
  - Core grants: 60,000€
  - Project grants: 130,000€
  - Donations: 16,000€
- Total: 283,000€**

## Expenditure



- Office and staff costs: 115,000€
  - Governance and meetings: 30.000€
  - Projects: 135,000€
  - Materials/publications: 3000€
- Total: 283,000€**

## Secretariat developments

We're happy to report that our office team expanded again in 2011, bringing our secretariat total up to five. A strengthened secretariat allows us to support volunteers in different regions more effectively and enables us to be more ambitious in achieving elements of our three-year plan. In September 2010 Lloyd Russell-Moyle joined our team for a year as an EVS volunteer, focusing on our All Together Against Climate Change project and representing IFM-SEI in the European Youth Forum. Ana-Maria Almario arrived in May 2011, committed to taking her Vice President role to the next level by devoting several months to pursuing the aims in the three-year plan. We are really pleased to welcome a Spanish speaker to the team, ensuring more fluid communication with the Latin American region.



## Secretariat Team May 2010 - June 2011

- Tamsin Pearce, Secretary General
- Ingrid de Kock, Office Secretary
- Christine Sudbrock, Project Officer (Acting Sec. General Jan - May 2011)
- Martin Mensing-Braun, European Volunteer (until August 2010)
- Lloyd Russell-Moyle, European Volunteer (from September 2010)
- Ana-Maria Almario, Vice President - Latin America (from May 2011)



# Statutory meetings

Our year started with a bang at the IFM-SEI Congress in Prague, Czech Republic. Approximately 100 delegates participated in the meeting from all corners of the globe, taking part in animated discussions about important internal issues such as the organisation of our democracy and our political priorities for the years ahead. We also spent considerable time in small groups debating changes and additions to the three-year strategy and work plan. The Congress was hosted excellently by Czech Pionyr and a team of wonderful volunteers who made sure that all our needs were catered for, even in the face of the infamous Ash cloud! Despite the majority of delegates being stranded in Prague, our Pionyr friends kept smiling and ensured all delegates were looked after until they were able to depart.

The new Presidium met three times during the year, planning our common tasks and debating priorities. A core piece of our work has been the beginning of a long process to review and alter our ways of working. A small team has been working on our statutes, considering how to ensure we are as democratic and accountable as possible. We have been looking at reforming the structure of the Presidium, our membership levels and voting procedures. The reforms will be discussed by the International Committee to be discussed and agreed at the Congress in 2013.



## Presidium and control commission members 2010-2013

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Günther Leeb (Control Commission)

Marcela Carreño (until 2010) (Vice Pre.)

Ana-Maria Almario (Vice President)

Jiří Let (Vice President)

Tamsin Pearce (Secretary General)

Tim Scholz (President)

Edan Kaushani (Vice President)

Ali Hlayel (Vice President)

Birute Sabatauskaite (Vice President)

Sri Eni Purnamawati (Vice President)

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Kaisu Kotirinta (Control Commission)

Djibril Faye (Vice President)





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