



IFM·SEI

**REPORT**  
**2010 - 2013**





## WHO ARE WE?



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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. 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.

## SPAN THE WORLD WITH FRIENDSHIP!



2010 - 2013 has been an exciting period of change and development in our movement. Our work in the last three years was more international than ever before, including two global camps and four educational projects involving hundreds of children, young people and volunteers directly in our work. Our focus on linking our global activities to the local level has enabled us to have a real impact in local

communities and falcon organisations all over the world. Our first global volunteering project contributed greatly to this, 17 young people spent up to a year with an IFM member organisation on another continent, contributing to their activities, sharing their experience and forging strong links between host and home organisations for future partnership and strengthened IFM members.

The three-year strategy and work-plan agreed by the 2010 Congress, was ambitious but effective. The plan identified seven priority areas for the development of the movement in the three-year period and supported us in progressing towards clear targets, ensuring all our activities were focussed and contributed to our overall development. One priority identified was external recognition and we have been very successful in this regard, securing places on steering groups and boards for Child Rights and youth processes and being invited to join expert groups on child participation and the development of child-friendly documents.

IFM has moved from strength to strength in the last period and it has been a real privilege to work with so many committed activists in IFM-SEI to develop our international together. The energy and dedication with which falcons work is unique and inspiring. As outgoing Secretary General and President, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our hard-working and talented colleagues in the Secretariat and Presidium as well as the many hundreds of volunteers for their creative, productive and committed way of working. We would like to wish our successors the best of luck and are sure that the future of IFM-SEI will be even brighter, more international and more successful than ever. We hope you enjoy this review of our last three years!

**Friendship**  
Tamsin and Tim

## TRAIN FOR CHANGE

800 children and young people, 12 days, two campsites, one train: The Train for Change

Our international camp 'Train for Change' in Austria and Czech Republic brought together 800 children and young people from all over the world. The children themselves decided beforehand 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 capitalism and socialism, made a film about 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. Of course groups also exchanged many songs, games and dances from all over the world, jumped into beautiful lakes, 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 Döbriach in Austria to Jedovnice in Czech Republic on a very special train. With a disco and a game carriage, music, action and time to relax, everyone enjoyed the route to campsite number two. After two weeks the participants said good-bye to lots of new friends, filled with good memories and inspiration to change the world.



## PEERS WITHOUT FRONTIERS



In 2010 IFM-SEI set up a global network of peer educators on the Millennium Development Goals. During two network seminars, the young people involved shared experiences and approaches to peer education and developed peer education projects for their local communities, focusing on youth contribution to the achievement of the MDGs. They worked towards increasing gender equality within their organisations and in wider society, developed projects on sustainable development, offered activities to children from very poor neighbourhoods, raised awareness on discrimination of immigrants and provided literacy education for street children.

After their second network seminar, the group also developed workshops on the MDGs that they ran with children and young people at IFM-SEI's international camp 'Train for Change'. The peers quickly formed a truly global network that still supports each other in their local work and gives motivation and inspiration. To support the sustainability of the project further, a pack of resources has been developed to assist peer educators in their community work and to spread the project more widely.





## ALL TOGETHER AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

Young people from across Europe came together throughout 2011 to learn together, discuss and develop campaigns against climate change for their local communities. With the project 'All Together Against Climate Change' (ATACC) we created a European network of peer educators who received professional training on media and communication (understanding the impact of media as well as practical tools to develop quality media products) and climate change to transmit to their local youth groups and wider communities.

They worked with their peers to develop creative media campaigns on the fight against climate change which addressed young people in their environment and in the form and language best suited to them. The participants also developed educational activities and gathered their tips on successful campaigning, based on their experiences in running campaigns against climate change. You can find all of them in the ATACC handbook.

In February 2012 we organised another training course against climate change in Liepaja, Latvia. The seminar was run by participants from IFM-SEI's long-term ATACC project, passing on the knowledge that they gained throughout 2011 to other young people in their organisations.



## VOLUNTEERING AGAINST POVERTY

At the beginning of 2012, 17 volunteers from Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe left their homes, families and friends to spend up to a year volunteering for an IFM organisation on another continent. The volunteers brought the spirit of IFM to the grassroots of the host organisations, working with groups of children and contributing to their local and national work. From Colombia to England, from Catalonia to Senegal and from Latvia to Indonesia, the volunteers shared their experiences and learned a great deal from their hosts. The project was organised in the framework of the 'European Voluntary Service' (EVS), a programme of the European Commission co-ordinated and organised by IFM-SEI.

The volunteers were welcomed warmly into their new homes by their host organisations. They spent time trying the food, taking in the community atmosphere and adjusting to a year in a very different environment. All the volunteers were embracing the differences with open arms – despite the culture shock!

The common topic of all volunteers was poverty. Everyone documented and shared their experiences and views about poverty on [blog.ifm-sei.org](http://blog.ifm-sei.org), through photos, text and particularly through videos.



### **IF YOU ARE POOR, I AM POOR**

Joined by local volunteers from four additional organisations the group took part in an innovative and exciting global documentary project. The 24 young people came together twice during 2012, exchanging ideas about the causes of poverty and how they think poverty can be overcome. They were trained in filming and editing and produced video portraits of people from their communities talking about poverty together with children from their local groups.

All these portraits and the impressions of the young filmmakers can be watched on the web documentary [vap.ifm-sei.org](http://vap.ifm-sei.org) where the user can dip in and out, choosing what to watch. The group also edited some of the portraits together into an impressive high-quality 43-minute documentary film 'If you are poor I am poor' that you can watch with subtitles in English, Spanish, French, German, Latvian and Danish.





## CO-OPERATION: PUTTING CO-OPERATIVES INTO ACTION

Co-operACTION is IFM-SEI's global project in 2013 and aims to educate young people about co-operatives as a positive alternative form of enterprise. In 11 local communities across Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America young people will run small co-operatives, deciding together what they want to produce, sell or offer.

11 educators form the core group of the project. During a seminar they learnt a lot about co-operatives, their history, values and principles and the impact co-operatives have to shape a better world. They also planned the educational process for their youth groups back home to prepare them for setting up their own youth co-operatives.

The local groups have learned about co-operative values and principles, developed ethical business ideas based on market research, decided on rules, roles and responsibilities in their co-operatives and prepared their business plans. The young co-operators put very different ideas into action – from organising children's birthday parties to growing and selling food.

In August 2013 four members of every local co-operative will come to Manchester to present and finalise their business plans. There they will get help from experts on aspects such as ethical finance, marketing and Fair Trade. The young people will also raise awareness of the co-operative movement during a big Action Day in the city centre of Manchester, informing about their business ideas and playing co-operative games with children and young people from Manchester. And at the end of the seminar we will celebrate the start of the youth co-operatives together.

The young co-operators are sharing their ideas and resources on a project website that will continue to serve as a space for information and exchange on youth co-operatives after the end of the project. One of the project outcomes will be educational resources on co-operatives and fair trade, supporting young people to set up co-operative ethical businesses together with their school or youth organisation.



## SPAN THE WORLD WITH ... RAINBOW EDUCATION

For almost three years IFM-SEI has worked to tackle a vitally important but often taboo subject: gender and sexuality education with children. Our aim was to build up a strong network of rainbow activists and to develop educational activities for children on gender and sexual diversity and against discrimination based on people's sexual identity.

An active and committed team of eight people took the lead in this project. Together with Queer Easter participants they developed educational activities that were then tested with children at Woodcraft Folk's 'Cocamp' and in local children's groups. The final resources were published under the title 'Rainbow

Resources: Compasito Companion on Sexuality and Gender' with the support of the Council of Europe. To introduce educators to 'Rainbow Resources', we organised a study session on gender and sexuality education with children in cooperation with the Council of Europe in November 2012. The participants discussed gender and sexual identity and reflected on different forms of education and their experience as educators.



We also dealt with the many obstacles that educators meet when they want to work on gender and sexuality with children. An important part of the study session was trying out activities from Rainbow Resources to familiarise participants with the resources so that they would be confident in using them at home.

After the study session, the young educators ran leaders' trainings and group nights for children, organised visits in primary schools and started to translate the resources into their own languages. Although there are still many challenges to overcome when it comes to sexual rights and gender equality, it is good to know that many youth activists are eager to promote Human Rights and want to educate their children's groups for a world where everyone can take part equally in society, no matter how they identify themselves, no matter who they love or how they look.

Through this focus on rainbow education IFM-SEI's Rainbow Network has become much more active, accepted and well-known, also outside IFM-SEI. Together we run Rainbow tents and theme parties at summer camps, participate actively at Queer Easter and will continue to disseminate our resources to reach as many children as possible.





## GETTING OUR MESSAGE ACROSS

On our website [www.ifm-sei.org](http://www.ifm-sei.org) visitors can read news from IFM-SEI and its member organisations, browse pictures in our gallery, watch films from projects and camps, check the contact details of our member organisations and download IFM-SEI resources, statutory documents, newsletters, reports and logos. An important part of the website is the IFM-SEI online toolbox compiling all our educational activities.

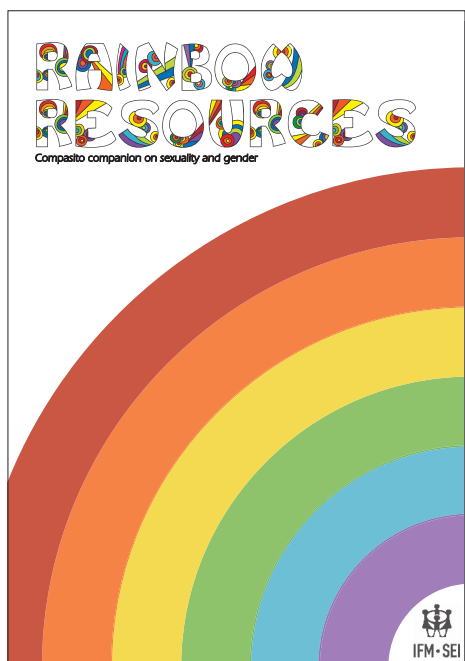
IFM-SEI has created an educational online 'toolbox': an easy-to-use database of all the activities that have been developed by IFM-SEI to support leaders in planning group nights, camps and seminars. Users can search for activities on specific topics, for a certain age group, group size or language (English, Spanish, French and German).

It is also possible to search within one specific publication or download the complete handbooks. Youth leaders can also create accounts to upload and share methods with the rest of IFM-SEI and the world.



## IFM-SEI EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

IFM-SEI has been working hard to develop high-quality educational resources on topics that are important to our movement. They are all available in hard copy from the secretariat and can be downloaded for free in the IFM-SEI toolbox on our website.



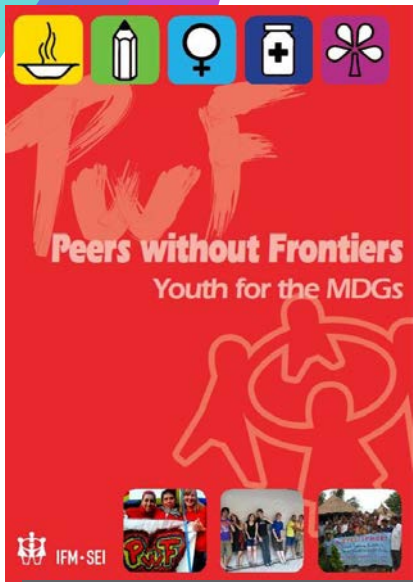
### RAINBOW RESOURCES

Rainbow Resources aims to empower and support young people to facilitate educational activities, tackling heteronormativity and increasing understanding of gender and sexuality amongst children.

The publication is divided into two parts. The first part focuses on supporting educators in their work. There are some short and easy-to-read theory sections, providing information and 'food for thought' on the different topics tackled in the publication as well as educational methods for educators – supporting them to feel more confident in approaching these issues with children. We have also included our favorite energizers, which can be useful for any kind of educational activities as well as some theme-specific warm-up activities.

The second part of the book comprises methods to use with children on gender and sexuality rights. We have divided the methods into three categories: Families and Relationships, Identity and Being and Bullying and Discrimination. Educators can use these interactive workshops, quizzes and craft activities during weekly group nights, on camps or on seminars, as an experienced group leader, a peer educator or someone who is running a workshop for the first time.

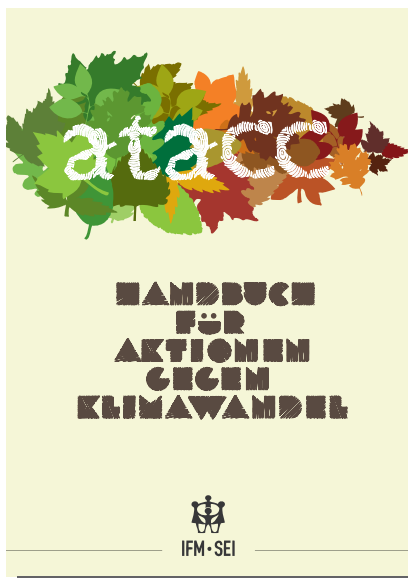




## PEERS WITHOUT FRONTIERS

The handbook was developed in 2010 by the Peers without Frontiers project. It includes a section on how to train peer educators and then introduces each Millennium Development Goal with a number of workshops for different age groups using different methods.

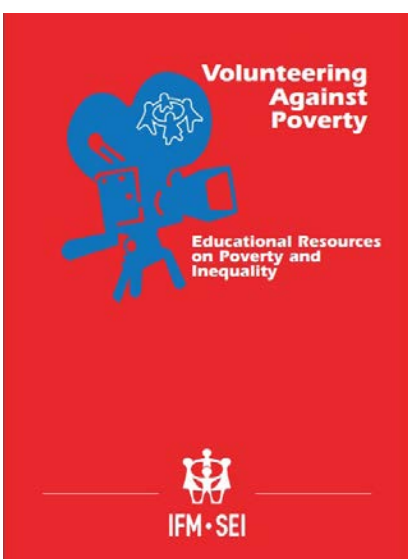
Readers can find a 'maternal health board game', a rally on children's rights, a game simulating inequality caused by the capitalist system and much more. We also included some questions for reflection and debate on each of the MDGs.



## ALL TOGETHER AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

This handbook was developed by the young campaigners and educators in the ATACC project in 2011. The first part of the publication focuses on climate change including theory explained in simple language, information on the science of climate change, and educational methods for groups on climate change.

The second part of the book focuses on campaigning. It includes a step-by-step guide to planning a campaign, tips for young campaigners and methods for groups to develop their core message, slogan and campaign strategy.



## VOLUNTEERING AGAINST POVERTY

This publication contains educational methods for groups on poverty and inequality, their causes and consequences. Youth workers can find methods to raise awareness on tackling unequal working conditions, child labour, the poverty trap, Fair Trade, global debts and many, many more.

These activities can be done with children and teenagers in group nights, on camps and seminars. They can all stand alone, but leaders are encouraged to also use the 43-minute documentary film 'If you are poor, I am poor' to inspire discussions around poverty and inequality. The inspiring film is available on DVD with Danish, Spanish, English, French, German and Latvian subtitles, and on the IFM-SEI website with Spanish, French, English and German subtitles.

The VAP group not only produced the documentary and the educational handbook, but also a web documentary full of short films made by the volunteers, where you can dip in and out, choosing what to watch ([vap.ifm-sei.org](http://vap.ifm-sei.org))





## EDUCATION FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

### INTERNATIONAL CAMPS, FESTIVALS AND EXCHANGES

#### CoCAMP

In summer 2011, 2500 IFM members came together to collaborate on a fabulous international co-operative project: CoCamp. Hosted by Woodcraft Folk, CoCamp was a living example of the cooperative spirit of our movement. CoCamp was based on the principle that everyone should contribute to the running of the camp, so all children, young people and adults helped out with the tasks of daily camp life, offered activities and inspired each other with their ideas and creativity.



#### UNITED 2012

In July 2012, Falcons from Austria, Italy, Finland and Germany packed their bags for two weeks of camping in Döbriach, Austria – organised by Kinderfreunde. All in all nearly 600 children and young people had an exciting and beautiful time there. In the children's republic a camp council decided on the camp programme. They organised a girls and boys reflection day on gender stereotypes, including football for girls and a wellness-session for boys.

#### WORKERS YOUTH FESTIVAL: UNITED WE MAKE HISTORY – SOLIDARITY NOW!



For four days in May 2013, more than 3000 young socialists gathered in Dortmund, Germany and lived international solidarity. Almost 800 people came from SJD-Die Falken's international sister organisations. Together they enjoyed a long weekend full of interesting workshops, panel discussions, parties and games. On the action day, participants demonstrated through the city centre of Dortmund. They brought messages and demands from the festival. A short video clip from the festival is available at [www.workersyouthfestival.org](http://www.workersyouthfestival.org)

#### LYFU INTERNATIONAL SUMMER CAMP

In "Pasaka" at the seaside, the Lithuanian Young Falcon Union organised an international summer camp in 2012 to celebrate their 20th anniversary with international friends from IFM-SEI. They did not only celebrate their birthday, but diversity in IFM-SEI.

## CAMPS IN 2013

In 2013, there will be two big international summer camps: the KAMU camp celebrating the 70th anniversary of Nuoret Kotkat, Finland and 'Together in Diversity', the first international camp of Esplais Catalans.

### BRIDGES



Bridges is a co-operation project between Independence Youth Union (Palestine), Framfylkingen (Norway) and Woodcraft Folk (UK). The three organisations went on a study visit to Palestine in 2011 and then produced a documentary film about their visit. The film follows two young Norwegians meeting Palestinian young people and learning about the occupation in the West Bank. The premiere of the film was held during a European Falcon Network seminar in Oslo and received positive feedback from everyone.

The film is available at: <https://vimeo.com/35745783>

## INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS

Many international seminars take place every year in IFM-SEI member organisations. They bring together our members to learn together about topics that are important to us, get to know each other and build friendships between Falcons. In spring 2013 IFM-SEI organised a seminar for European members about far-right extremism. The group talked about the present situation in different countries, analysed the impact of discriminative behaviour and came up with suggestions on how we can react towards it in a creative, non-violent way. The participants also spiced up the 1 May demonstration in Vilnius and carried out a common street action in the city centre.

The Kurt Löwenstein House is a socialist education centre near Berlin where an international team of trainers organises six seminars per year for Falcons from Europe and the Middle East. The seminars focus on questions such

as: what to do against right-wing attitudes? What is the political economy of conflicts? How is feminism a tool for better society? The seminars also offer young people from (post)conflict regions a place to get to know each other better. Finally, Queer Easter, one of the biggest LGBTQ events in Europe on sexual diversity, takes every year place in the KLH.



In 2012 and 2013, ABN (the network of the Nordic IFM-SEI organisations) arranged the first ever Nordic Democracy school. This is a project for young leaders from IFM organisations in Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland. Through discussions and workshops they learned how to recruit young leaders, ways to involve children in decision making, how to work in groups and about the diversity of democracy. Every year in autumn ESPLAC organises an international training course. In 2012 the topic was "Right to diversity: Acting for inclusion" with participants from all over Europe. Also Liepajas Jaunie Vanagi organised their first international training course for young people in 2013, on the topic of social inclusion.





## UPDATES FROM IFM-SEI REGIONS

### AFRICAN FALCON NETWORK

The first African Falcon Network meeting, which was organised alongside the International Committee meeting in Dakar in 2012, was a booster for activities in the African region. Members of the African organisations formed a committee to coordinate activities among the African IFM organisations. They meet regularly online and started planning their first African seminar on the socio-economic empowerment of women. The seminar will be held in Cameroon.



### EUROPEAN FALCON NETWORK



The European Falcon Network organised three annual network seminars. The meetings brought together Falcons from all over Europe to discuss the challenges young people and youth organisations face in Europe and how we can overcome them. This sharing of experience and good practice supported member organisations in the development of their activities and policies by providing an international perspective. Since 2010, we shared our experience on volunteering, discussed the challenges young people face today, thought about how young people can create their own spaces within our organisations and how we can set up new inclusive falcon groups. The meetings were also a great space to develop bilateral and multilateral projects together.

### MIDDLE EAST

After the last Congress, the IFM-SEI member organisations from the Middle East wrote common educational guidelines together. This document reflects their common ground, and the process leading to this document has created a strong basis for future co-operation. The leading group of IFM's Middle East co-operation met regularly during the period to plan common activities. They decided to set up a group of new leaders that will guide young people from all movements together, and for the first time young people will be involved in regional activities. First links to organisations from other countries in the Middle East region have been set up to expand the network. The seminars of the Kurt-Löwenstein Education Centre in Germany were a unique opportunity for young members from the Palestinian and Israeli movements to get to know each other better and to share their experiences as educators.



## ASIA

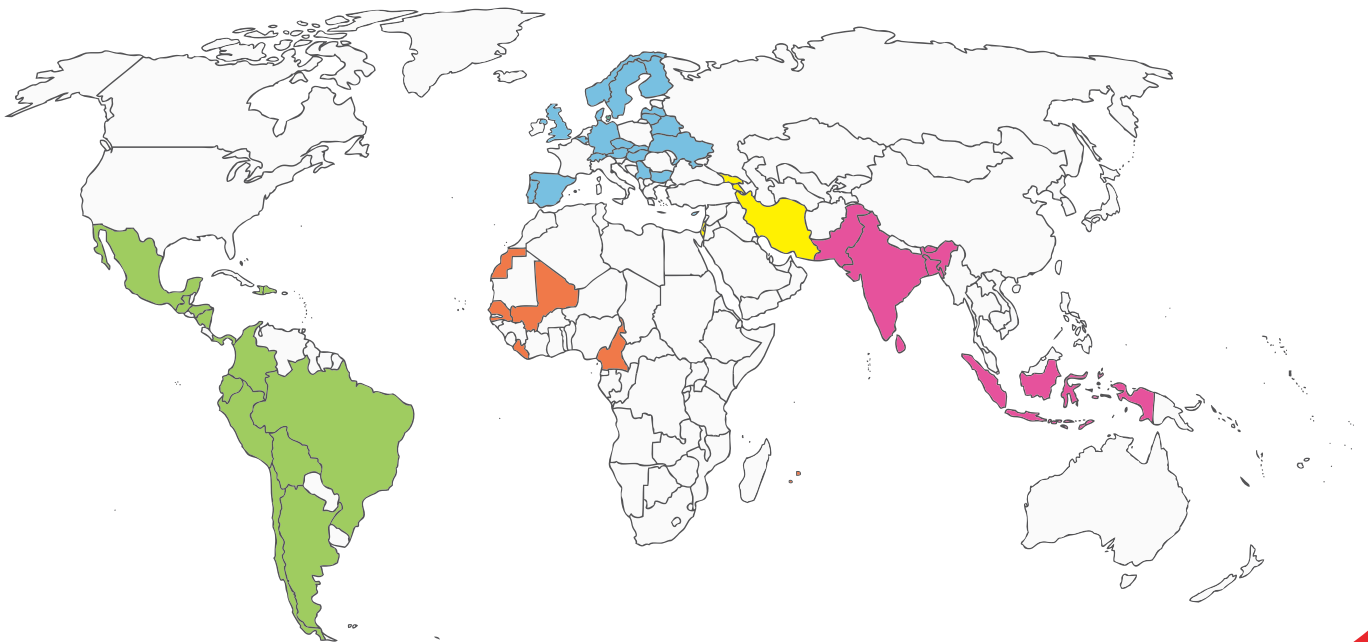
Indonesian children took part in a workshop striving to raise awareness of their rights and aiming to encourage children to take a more active role in the development of ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations). The process was organised by KKSP Foundation in collaboration with the Child Rights Coalition in Asia in Medan, North Sumatra Province.

In April 2012, APFUTU Pakistan with the support of the Woodcraft Folk opened a school for the education of child labourers in brick factories, paper pickers and street children. 62 children attended the first class in this new school.



## LATIN AMERICA

In November 2012, Integridad Absoluta organised a Latin American Network seminar under the title: 'Sharing our heritage and identities of the Latin American region'. The aim was to explore the relationship between cultural identity, heritage and traditions of the Latin American region, analysing experiences of cultural identity, heritage and its application in everyday life. The participants also used the opportunity to strengthen regional co-operation and to discuss future plans for IFM's work in Latin America.





## CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF YOUTH

### AFRICAN YOUTH CO-OPERATION

One of the outcomes of the first meeting of the African Falcon Network in Dakar in 2012 was an agreement to join the recently set up Network of International Youth Organisations in Africa (NIYOA). The idea for this network was developed by African representatives in the Euro-Africa co-operation, one of them being our African Vice President, Diye Diallo. IFM-SEI has participated in all meetings of this independent and self-organised structure of international youth organisations in Africa so far and Delphine Konda has been elected onto NIYOA's board. The African Falcon organisations have also been regularly represented in meetings and seminars of the Africa-Europe youth co-operation and IFM has been selected as one of the member organisations of the Africa-Europe Youth Platform (AEYP).



### THE EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM



IFM-SEI is a strong member of the European Youth Forum (YFJ), the umbrella organisation of European youth organisations and youth councils. Lloyd Russell-Moyle has represented us in the board of the YFJ since 2011 (first as board member, now as Vice President), working particularly on children's rights, funding for youth work and global youth representation. Another IFM-SEI member, Roland Susman, was recently selected for the working group on visas and mobility. In the previous mandate IFM-SEI sat on the Youth Work Development Working group and supported the development of a guide for good youth work. Our input of political youth work was vital in making sure that values of socialism, justice, democracy and fairness are key to youth work development.

### THE LATIN AMERICAN YOUTH FORUM

Acacia has maintained its position as Secretary of FLAJ (Latin American Youth Forum), leading the development of the autonomous youth platform in Latin America. Acacia together with other Colombia-based youth organisations arranged and facilitated the FLAJ General Assembly in December 2011, bringing together representatives of National Youth Councils and International Youth organisations from all over the region.



### GLOBAL CO-OPERATION

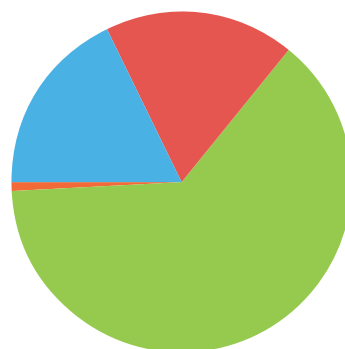


IFM-SEI also participates in ICMYO, the International Co-ordination Meeting of Youth Organisations, which co-ordinates the input of youth organisations into international affairs, particularly UN processes. In 2010 ICMYO supported the planning and running of the World Youth Conference in Mexico. IFM was well represented there: Tamsin Pearce (for IFM-SEI) and Ana Maria Almario (for FLAJ) sat on the steering group and many young people from IFM member organisations took part in the meeting through their national delegations.

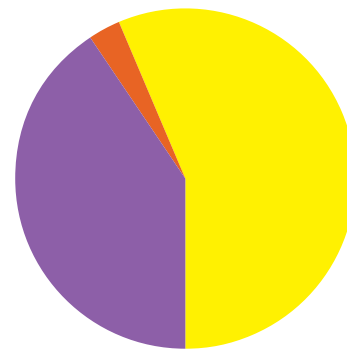
# IFM-SEI SECRETARIAT

## 2012 INCOME

Membership fees:	60,000 €
Core grants:	60,000 €
Project grants:	212,000 €
Donations:	2,000 €
<b>Total:</b>	<b>334,000 €</b>



Income



Expenditure

## 2012 EXPENDITURE

Office and staff costs:	136,000 €
Governance and meetings:	10,000 €
Projects:	188,000 €
<b>Total:</b>	<b>334,000 €</b>

## FINANCES

In the last three years 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.

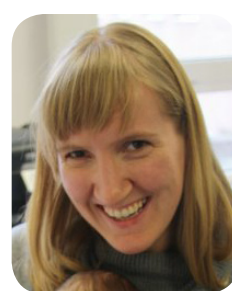
Each year we were also successful in securing large project grants of 100,000 Euro per year from the European Commission 'Youth in Action' programme, which enabled us to employ a project officer.

## SECRETARIAT DEVELOPMENTS

We're happy to report that our office team continues to be a committed and reliable force and has seen great developments in the last three years. Since 2010 the Secretariat has comprised three staff members and was always supported by one or two volunteers who joined the office team in Brussels for up to a year. A strengthened secretariat allowed us to support volunteers in different regions more effectively and enabled us to be more ambitious in achieving elements of the three-year plan. Without this strong team, we would not have been able to implement so many successful projects, develop a great set of educational resources, represent IFM-SEI in so many networks and institutions and keep in good contact with our member organisations and volunteers all around the world.

## SECRETARIAT TEAM, 2010-2013

Tamsin Pearce, Secretary General  
Ingrid de Kock, Office Secretary  
Christine Sudbrock, Project Officer  
Martin Mensing-Braun (EVS volunteer 2009-2010)  
Lloyd Russell-Moyle (EVS volunteer 2010-2011)  
Ana Maria Almario, Vice President (volunteer in 2011)  
Eugeni Brigneti Masgrau (EVS volunteer 2011-2012)  
Delphine Konda (EVS volunteer 2012)  
Bine Troitzsch (EVS volunteer 2013)





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