

## **Membership in the International Falcon Movement-Socialist Educational International**

Thank you for your interest in IFM-SEI, we are always keen to forge new partnerships with organisations that share our vision for an equal world in which children's rights are fully respected and young people are able to participate actively in decision-making and society as a whole. We are a socialist movement and together with other progressive organisations we fight for a world where people are put before profit.

IFM-SEI is not a grant-giving body. We apply for grants to ensure the movement is able to function and that we can organise our projects but we are unable to provide members with any financing. When funding opportunities arise that are of interest to members, we circulate them and where possible provide support but this is limited.

### **Benefits of membership**

IFM-SEI has member organisations in approximately 50 countries worldwide. Our members join because they believe in the principle of internationalism and of young people working together to build a better world. Joining IFM-SEI enables organisations to:

- 1) Engage with one-another, sharing ideas, experiences, advice and solidarity. This sharing happens at our meetings and activities as well as virtually
- 2) Participate in international camps, seminars, projects and meetings at global and regional level (sometimes funding is found to support participation but this cannot be guaranteed at times organisations must find their own funding to participate)
- 3) Be part of a bigger movement, working towards the same goals and ensuring the voices of your members are heard. IFM-SEI represents its member organisations at meetings of the United Nations, regional inter-governmental organisations, the Socialist International and global youth organisations.
- 4) Be part of a communication and support network ensuring you hear about external participation and funding opportunities and can offer advice and support to one another.

### **Responsibilities of membership**

**Contributing with ideas:** Each member organisation should commit to contributing to the development of our movement, participating wherever possible in our democracy and sharing their ideas and experiences with others.

**Contributing with finances:** Each member organisation also has the responsibility to pay a membership fee each year. Without this membership fee IFM-SEI is unable to run our activities and statutory meetings. The fee system is based on the size of the organisation's membership, the category of membership and the part of the world the organisation is based. The current fees system is as follows (calculated in Euros):

<b>FEES 2013-2016</b>				
<i>Member organisations</i>				
No of Members	category a	category b	category c	category d
00 - 2000	1.890,00	630,00	430	200
2001-5000	3.150,00	1.050,00	720	400
5001-9000	5.250,00	1.750,00	1.200,00	600
9001-14000	8.750,00	2.920,00	2.000,00	800,00
14001 -	14.600,00	4.870,00	3.350,00	1.000,00
<i>Candidate organisations</i>				
	category a	category b	category c	category d
All classes	1.260,00	420,00	290	140

Category A: Western Europe

Category B: Central and Eastern Europe and Israel

Category C: All others

Category D: Organisations that have applied for special dispensation because of crisis situations.

**Committing to aims and principles:** When they join, member organisations must commit to our aims and principles. They must run their organisations and activities according to our values. It is particularly important that children and young people are actively involved in the decision-making processes of the organisations. If member organisations are found to violate IFM-SEI aims and principles, the International Committee or Congress will discuss the internal actions of a member organisation and may suspend membership or expel organisations.

#### **What you can expect from the IFM-SEI secretariat**

IFM-SEI has a secretariat in Brussels, Belgium. The secretariat is small (2 members of staff and one or two volunteers depending on the projects currently running). We try to support member organisations as best as we can but our resources are limited and staff time is carefully allocated. The secretariat is responsible for writing grant application and reports, organising statutory meetings, projects and activities, communicating with the members and wider society and representing the interests of members at various meetings.