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**International Falcon Movement -
Socialist Educational International**

**REPORT
2013 - 2016**



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. Through our member organisations and our international activities, we aim to ensure that children and young people are well informed about their rights and are empowered to ensure they are respected. To reach this goal, we organise a variety of activities including; seminars, training courses, international camps and conferences.

Span the world with friendship!

2013-2016 has been an exciting period of development in our movement. The activities of IFM-SEI became more international than ever before, with global projects, many seminars, a great international camp and more online activities, allowing thousands of children, young people and group helpers to engage directly in their international.

Our groups in all regions were brought closer together to share experiences, make friends and strive together for a world where everyone is equal, particularly through the IFM-SEI Camp and 50 EVS volunteers dedicating months of their time with other IFM-SEI organisations.



We continued our good work on equality and inclusion, developed greatly in the area of peace education, promoted child participation, increased co-operation and internationalism and made clear that group work matters! A handful of successful publications full of educational activities are used by educators around the world, making IFM-SEI widely known for our excellent work in nonformal education. As an international movement, and together with our partners in global and regional networks, we spoke out against discrimination and for the implementation of children's rights, constantly working towards a just and equal world for everyone.

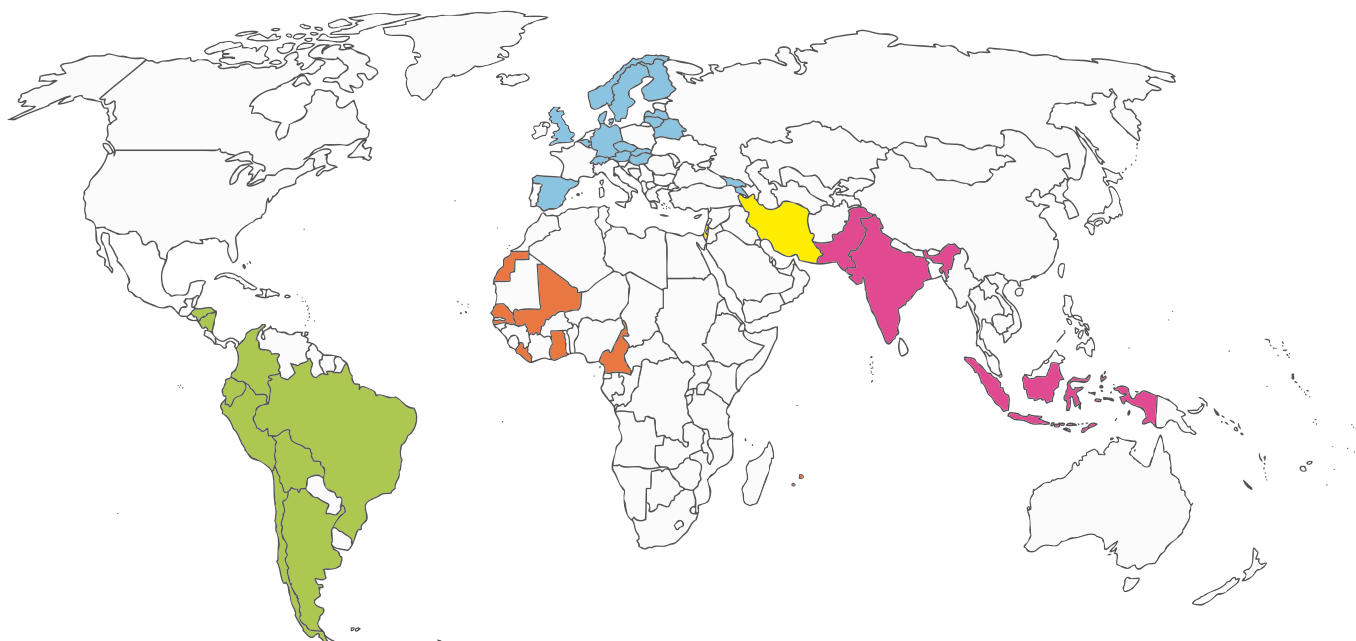
IFM-SEI has moved from strength to strength in the last mandate and it has been a real privilege to work with so many committed activists to develop our international together. The energy and dedication with which Falcons work is unique and inspiring. As the outgoing Secretary General and President, 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.

Keep on educating for social change!

Friendship,

Christine and Ana

Where we are



Our values



IFM-SEI receives financial support from the Erasmus+ programme of the European Commission and the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe through structural and regular project funding.



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Child participation

Child participation is one of the basic principles of IFM-SEI. It is our firm belief that children are able to make decisions and have strong opinions on a global level as well as on local matters directly affecting them. They simply need genuine empowerment so that their voices can be heard in society.

In 2014 and 2015, we ran workshops at our International Committee Meetings to give a space to our members to reflect on their internal practices and develop ideas on how to become more inclusive in our decision-making.



Partnerships for participation

The EU-funded global project 'Partnerships for Participation' in 2015 was an innovative project to increase the quality and quantity of children's and young people's participation in the democratic life of ten communities in Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America through building genuine and sustainable partnerships between teenagers, youth organisations, schools and local authorities. Working with young people aged 13-18, the project challenged the misperception that teenagers are only capable of participating in matters directly affecting them individually by involving them in the decision-making of schools and local authorities.

Very often, child and youth participation is a one-way process: young people give their opinion and are listened to, but real dialogue and partnership between them and the adult decision-makers seldom takes place. With the support of ten European Voluntary Service (EVS) volunteers, IFM-SEI established more sustainable participation projects with schools, local youth clubs or city councils. Our member organisations OGCEYOD (Cameroon), Nueva Generación (Bolivia), Fundación Acacia (Colombia), CHAP (Peru), KKSP (Indonesia), Woodcraft Folk (UK), Liepajas Jaunie Vanagi (Latvia), Nuoret Kotkat (Finland), SJD Die Falken (Germany) and Esplais Catalans (Catalunya) took part in this one-year-long global project.

The volunteers met twice during the year; once in Bolivia to plan the coming months and get ready for their life abroad, and once in Belgium together with young members of their local groups, to receive training on child participation and working with decision-makers, to share their ideas on how they want to participate, and to shape their local action plans. They researched participation possibilities already used in their communities, and then worked together with schools, youth clubs or local councils to raise awareness of the importance of child participation.

Have a look at the [results](#) of the project.



Charter for ALL: putting education for democratic citizenship and human rights education into practice

In co-operation with the Youth Department of the Council of Europe, IFM-SEI introduced young people to some of the basic content and methodology of our educational work – human rights education and education for democratic citizenship. In a study session from 10-17 May 2015 in the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg, 26 participants learned about human rights and were introduced to the right to human rights education as established in the Council of Europe charter on human rights education and education for democratic citizenship.



The young people discussed how best to educate for, about and through human rights and democracy and practiced how to be human rights educators by developing and trialing educational activities on issues such as peace, solidarity, equality and inclusion. In a safe and supportive atmosphere they could try out their skills as educators and practice for their work back home. Finally, the group also analysed how well their own organisations respect and work for human rights and planned how to become activists and educators for democratic citizenship and human rights in their youth movements.

The participants came from Nuoret Kotkat (Finland), Faucons Rouges (Belgium), Esplais Catalans (Catalunya), Woodcraft Folk (UK), Georgian Falcons (Georgia), Unga Örnar (Sweden), Lithuanian Young Falcon Union (Lithuania), Mundo Nuevo (Peru), CHAP (Peru), Independence Youth Forum (Palestine) and Pionniers du Mali (Mali) as well as new partner organisations outside IFM-SEI.



Have a look at the [report!](#)





Cooperation and internationalism

Co-operACTION

The global Co-operAction project in 2013 aimed to promote the co-operative model of enterprise to young people through education, exchange and practical experience of setting up co-operatives in 11 local communities across Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America.



11 educators formed 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 then learned about co-operative values and principles, developed ethical business ideas, decided on rules, roles and responsibilities in their co-operatives and started running their small businesses. The young co-operators put very different ideas into action – from organising children's birthdays and party planning to growing and selling food.



In August 2013 four members of every local co-operative came to Manchester – the birthplace of the co-operative movement - to present and finalise their business plans. There they also got help from experts on aspects such as ethical finance, marketing and Fair Trade. The young people raised awareness of the co-operative

movement during a big Action Day in the city centre of Manchester, informing the public about their business ideas and playing co-operative games with children and young people from Manchester.



As a result of the project, IFM-SEI developed the [CooperACTION handbook](#) in several languages with information, games and educational activities around co-operation and co-operatives. Educators and youth groups will also find lots of inspiring examples of the youth co-operatives set up by our groups.

Voluntary service between members worldwide

Having hosted European Voluntary Service volunteers in the secretariat for many years and benefited from their creativity, new ideas and close links to their member organisations, IFM-SEI started to coordinate global EVS projects between member organisations in 2012. Since then, 50 young people have spent up to a year in another IFM-SEI organisation, supporting their work on a local level and taking part in common projects between all volunteers. The IFM-SEI secretariat coordinates all administrative aspects of these EU-funded projects, organises a common work programme and supports them in the challenges they might face far away from home.

In 2013/2014, 24 volunteers “swapped” organisations to contribute to outdoor education activities in their host organisations, share experiences from their own Falcon organisations and learn the language of their host country. They shared many of their insights in the “Getting out, getting skills” [publication](#).

In 2015, a group of 10 EVS volunteers played a great role in IFM-SEI’s Partnerships for Participation project, taking

the lead in the local implementation of child participation projects and helping to develop a handbook full of activities supporting the participation of children in decision-making.

Over the years, volunteers have been hosted in Indonesia, Cameroon, Senegal, Israel, Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Honduras, Colombia, Belgium, Catalonia, the UK, Latvia, Austria, Finland and Germany.



Mobility for all?! IFM-SEI’s work on visas

The current visa rules throughout the world, but especially in Europe, are discriminating against young people, especially those with a lower income, and are a great burden on international non-governmental organisations. In 2013, IFM-SEI started to raise a greater awareness of the challenges faced by our members when they are trying to take part in international activities and collected information on specific visa application procedures – to be able to support other applicants, but also to collect evidence on unfair treatment by embassies.

IFM-SEI was furthermore represented in the mobility working group of the European Youth Forum, focusing in this mandate on advocacy work to influence the European Union to change visa regulations for short and long-term visas. The next steps are already planned – the secretariat has secured funding for a whole seminar on visa restrictions for young people and will set up an online space to support young people in their visa applications as well as continue to lobby for changes to this unfair system.





Equality and inclusion



All Together 2.0

2014 saw the continuation of IFM-SEI's work on social inclusion in Europe with the All Together 2.0 project.

In 2007 IFM-SEI initiated its 'All Together' inclusion strategy, aiming to include more young people with fewer opportunities in our activities and structures. In 2014, IFM-SEI revised and re-launched this strategy, now called 'All Together 2.0'.

A group of ten volunteers from IFM-SEI member organisations took the lead in strengthening social inclusion in IFM-

SEI on all levels through a variety of activities. The group evaluated IFM-SEI's inclusion work over the past years and developed a set of clear objectives and actions to make the movement more inclusive of young people with fewer opportunities. Results of the new strategy are already visible: we created a [collection of educational activities](#) on inclusion, as well as the development of a clearer explanation of the values that IFM-SEI is based on, which also contributed to the work on a code of conduct for IFM-SEI.

All Together 2.0, funded by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe, also included a two-stage training course in which group leaders received training on inclusion and support to develop and implement inclusion strategies for their local groups. 20 young people met in May 2014 in Germany and then again in October in Finland in order to learn together and to support each other in changing structures and activities of their organisations to become more inclusive of children and young people who usually face exclusion in our society.



The work on this important topic will continue in autumn 2016 with a study session on children's rights and disability rights, entitled "All in – creating inclusive and empowering spaces for all".

IFM-SEI Rainbow Network

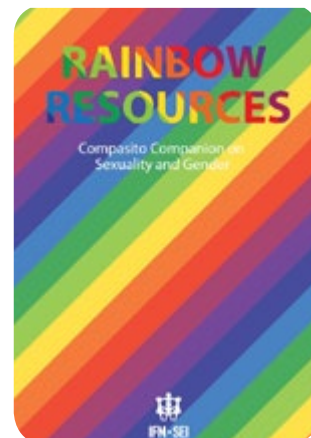


IFM-SEI's Rainbow Network has been led by Amina Lehner from Rote Falken Austria since 2013. The network is very active online, sharing information and tools on queer issues, supporting each other in the organisation of LGBT*QIA events in their organisations and giving tips on how to fight discrimination inside their own organisations and in wider society.

The members regularly set up rainbow tents and spaces at events of their organisations and raise awareness of queer issues in our movement. The Rainbow Network meets every year at the Queer Easter seminar in the Kurt Löwenstein Education Centre in Germany and at other big IFM-SEI events.

Rainbow Resources

In 2015, in the framework of the All Together 2.0 project, a group of volunteers continued our outstanding work on gender and sexuality rights education with children and improved the already very successful publication [Rainbow Resources](#). This book full of activities for children saw its first edition in 2011 and quickly spread among many educators and teachers. Lots of users sent positive comments as well as good advice and tips on new content. Based on this feedback from practitioners and new work done during the Queer Easter seminar, the working group added more activities, improved the quality of activities, updated information and included more tips for facilitators. A big group of volunteers translated Rainbow Resources into [German](#), [Spanish](#), [French](#) and even [Finnish](#), [Latvian](#) and [Lithuanian](#)! You can order the handbook in hard copy (English, Spanish and German) from the IFM-SEI office or download it from the IFM-SEI website.



Gender equality campaign



IFM-SEI is a feminist organisation. We fight against patriarchy and for equality of all genders. We reject the gender binary and recognise that there are more than two genders. We do not accept that women, trans* and non-binary gendered people still face discrimination on a day-to-day basis in all societies. Therefore we educate for equal rights and raise awareness of gender stereotypes, discrimination and privileges and we use affirmative action and tools such as the gender quota in our organisations.

The IFM-SEI presidium made gender equality one of their main priorities in the last three years, running a [campaign](#) on gender equality that reached a high number of member organisations in all world regions. The campaign invites members to reflect on their own organisations' practices in terms of gender equality and motivates children and youth groups to do educational work on this topic.

A [handbook](#) with activities that were shared by many different organisations now supports group leaders in undertaking gender equality education. Through a motion passed by the International Committee in 2015, member organisations also shared their gender statistics with the IFM-SEI presidium, enabling them to better target the work in this area.





Peace and conflict

IFM-SEI peace education year

Throughout 2015, with the support of the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe, a group of young educators from Europe and the Middle East have been working hard to continue IFM-SEI's long history of peace education and promote peace education in children and youth organisations. They discussed what IFM-SEI organisations understand peace education to be and what tools they can use to educate for peace. Through two seminars the project addressed different aspects of peace education with young educators from Europe and the Middle East. One group focused on analysing conflict, war and their underlying causes, and developed educational activities for peace education with children. The other focused on the role of communication and mediation to transform interpersonal conflicts peacefully.



In order to give more members of IFM-SEI the possibility to share their reflections on the role of children and young people in conflict and conflict

transformation after the seminars, the project's steering group started the [“Stories of Conflict and Peace” blog](#), where young people can share their experiences of different conflict situations and raise awareness of conflicts that the media does not usually talk about. The blog aims to inspire action for peace through sharing positive examples of peace education and conflict transformation.



The results of the peace education year will last for a long time to come, thanks to the [Peace Education Handbook](#) that the steering group developed at the end of 2015. The handbook, which comes in English, [French](#), [Spanish](#), [German](#), [Hebrew](#) and [Arabic](#), provides educators with methods and tips on peace education, dialogue and conflict transformation. It can be downloaded from the IFM-SEI website.

Tackling the culture of violence



In co-operation with the Council of Europe, IFM-SEI held a successful study session entitled 'Tackling the Culture of Violence – Methodology for Human Rights Education with Children' in November 2014. 25 young educators from IFM-SEI organisations as well as new partners came together for one week to learn together, share experiences and develop new ideas on how to tackle violence against children and young people.

The study session aimed to empower young leaders of children and youth groups to educate for an environment free of violence. The participants spoke particularly about bullying, gender-based violence and corporal punishment and reflected on their societies that deem violence acceptable. Together they produced [guidelines and educational materials](#) that can help other educators to create violence-free education, and planned strategies for future work on the topic in their organisations.

'I Act' for the prevention of sexual violence

Since 2016, IFM-SEI has run a [campaign](#) to raise awareness that sexual violence happens within the movement and in each member organisation. The campaign explores the role that power structures play in sexual violence, thinks about what sexual violence can be and about active consent. Finally it promotes responsibility for everyone to be an active bystander, to stand up and speak out against all forms of sexual violence.



The only way that we can prevent sexual violence in our IFM-SEI community is by each of us taking responsibility and choosing to act. The 'I act' campaign is based on the active bystander model of violence prevention. It aims to educate IFM-SEI members to identify situations that could lead to sexual violence and then be an active bystander by intervening to prevent it. Each individual action might not seem like it will make a difference but if we all choose to act, it can create a much bigger change. Each green thumb print represents one person who has said 'I act'. Will you?

Cooperation in the Middle East

As a conflict region we are not only dealing with real wars, but with our societies that become more and more extreme. We don't only speak peace education, we do it. In the last 3 years we trained groups from Palestine and Israel to be guides of peace and dialogue in each movement and in each society. Some of the guides participated in the IFM-SEI peace education seminar and the Regional Leading Group (RLG) was part of the preparation team.

The RLG met regularly despite difficult times and developed a concept for the process based on the two-state solution and with the aim to stop the violence in the region through educational activities, each movement in their own society. Since last year the RLG works towards building up a new and younger leading group that will continue the regional process and strengthen it in the region and IFM-SEI. The regional cooperation also opened a space for cooperation between the movements on different levels: IYU for example runs a learning process for Hashomer Hatzair on Palestinian identity and the occupation and NOV hosted IYU in their guides' camp and seminars.





The Group Matters

IFM-SEI Camp: Welcome to another World

The IFM-SEI Camp 2016 is clearly the highlight among the activities of the last three years. Hosted by SJD Die Falken on the Willy-Brandt campsite in Reinwarzhofen, Germany, the camp brings together around 2500 children, young people and group helpers from all member organisations, celebrating our movement, exploring how children and young people can create another – a socialist – world through more friendship, peace, democracy, solidarity and equality.

Groups from around the world bring their ideas and activities, live together in camp villages and towns and build an exciting programme – from educational, political workshops to cultural performances, crafts, sport, music and more. The central themes of the camp are peace, co-operation, democracy, equality and socialism, women's and trans* rights, anti-racism and anti-fascism, and queer issues. The Congress of IFM-SEI takes place at the same campsite, right after the camp, allowing more members to take part in the decision-making of the movement and shaping the work of IFM-SEI for the next years together.



The campaign



The Group Matters is IFM-SEI's newest campaign, started in 2016 to support existing child and youth groups and people who would like to start running groups.

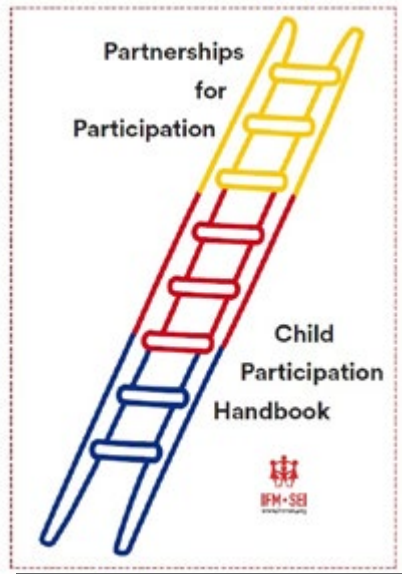
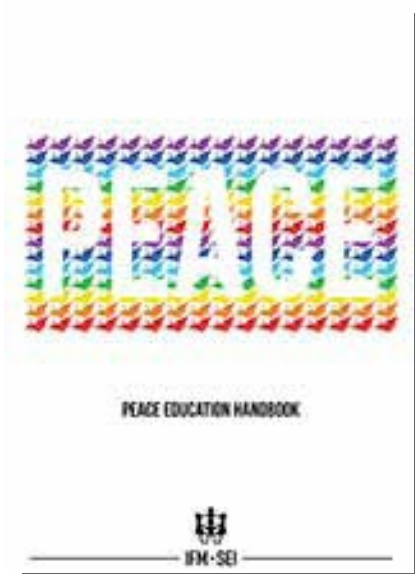
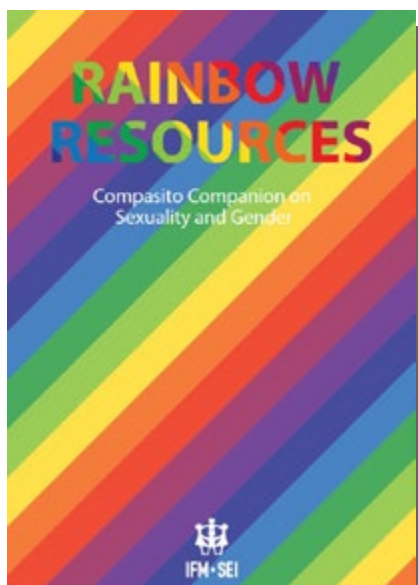
Group work has been a priority area in IFM-SEI's strategy and work plan 2013-2016 and we aim to promote and strengthen children and youth groups as the most sustainable places for human rights education and education for democratic citizenship. Groups are the core cells of IFM-SEI's nonformal education approach, where children grow up in solidarity with each other, learn how to participate and co-operate, gradually take more responsibility and analyse society together.

On the [IFM-SEI website](#) members can get information about the different parts of the Group Matters campaign. It includes tips and tools in the beautiful "New Group Journey" on how to set up new groups, a "New Group Starter Pack" that helps new and old group leaders to develop session plans for their group and support visits to members to help them set up new groups. The "Group Helper School" is implemented at the IFM-SEI camp, a thematic space dedicated to the needs of group leaders from around the world.

Educational support

One of the main areas of work for IFM-SEI is the support of group leaders and volunteers in our member organisations. IFM-SEI organises study sessions, seminars, training courses and other projects for young people who are multipliers in their organisations and can bring the international spirit, the values of IFM-SEI and lots of new knowledge back to their members and local groups.

Not everyone can participate in these activities, therefore IFM-SEI shares as many tools as possible in other ways as well – especially through handbooks full of educational activities and easy-to-read information for educators on many different topics. Here's what the secretariat together with lots of volunteers has published in the last three years. You will find even more tools on our [website](#).





Communication with political and institutional partners

Global Youth

IFM-SEI is active in ICMYO – the International Coordination Meeting of International Youth Organisations. This network brings together global youth-led organisations that coordinate their advocacy work towards United Nations processes. IFM-SEI's Secretary General sat on the steering group of ICMYO in 2013/2014, and was at the same time a member of the Youth Taskforce for the World Conference on Youth 2014 in Sri Lanka. Several members of IFM-SEI took part in the conference, including as both speakers and facilitators. With 1500 participants from national governments, civil society and youth organisations, they adopted the Colombo Roadmap on youth in the Post-2015 development process. Since 2014, IFM-SEI has also had consultative status at the UN ECOSOC, making more global advocacy work possible.



European Youth Forum

The European Youth Forum (YFJ) is the platform of youth organisations in Europe. The Youth Forum represents 100 organisations, bringing together tens of millions of young people from all over Europe, organised in order to represent their common interests. For IFM-SEI, the Youth Forum is a platform to network, participate in common activities and to join forces for common political aims in Europe. In the last mandate, IFM-SEI was active in the mobility working group, advocating for better visa policies, and actively participated in all statutory meetings and other events.

Network of International Youth Organisations in Africa

NIYOA brings together international youth organisations active in Africa to promote their work in the region. IFM-SEI has been a founding member since 2011, when it was created by the African participants active in the Euro-Africa Youth Platform, coordinated by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe. Delphine Konda from OGCEYOD represented IFM-SEI in the NIYOA board from 2012 to 2014.

Latin American and Caribbean Youth Forum

In 2014, the Latin American Youth Forum and the Ibero-American Youth Space merged into one new regional youth platform: The Latin American and Caribbean Youth Forum (FLACJ), being the independent structure representing youth organisations and national youth councils in the region. IFM-SEI leads the secretariat of FLACJ through our Brazilian member Mirim. Since the establishment of FLACJ, the platform was able to influence the youth agenda on the continent, taking part in several regional and global meetings.



IFM-SEI as experts on children's rights and human rights education

IFM-SEI is regularly invited by the Council of Europe to participate in expert groups on child participation, human rights education and nonformal education. In the last mandate, Christine Sudbrock represented the organisation in the preparatory group for the evaluation of the charter on human rights education and education for democratic citizenship, and Carly Walker-Dawson took part in the consultation on quality standards for nonformal education.

IFM-SEI is also a member of the Children's Rights Action Group in Brussels, a network of international children's rights organisations coordinating their advocacy towards the EU. In the last 3 years, CRAG was successful in setting up an important Intergroup on Children's Rights in the European Parliament.

Communication with member organisations

In 2015, the secretariat created a brand new [website](#) – now more attractive, with more information and easier to use. Have a look yourself to find out all the new features.

In the last three years, IFM-SEI has shared information with member organisations more regularly through a new newsletter format, published every two months. Annual reports and almost daily updates on the busy IFM-SEI [Facebook](#) page make it possible to always follow what our movement is doing.

IFM-SEI's member organisations speak many different languages, and in the last years, the secretariat has taken greater care to translate as many publications as possible – IFM-SEI now offers handbooks not only in English and Spanish, but also for example in Hebrew, Arabic, Lithuanian, Finnish, French and German.



Membership campaign

Not everyone follows IFM-SEI on social media or knows the movement's website – so in order to also give children and young people active in local groups the chance to get to know their international, the secretariat developed a "membership campaign pack" in 2013, giving organisations some tools to make IFM-SEI more known inside their organisations and creating a stronger feeling of

It's friendship!



connection and ownership over the international on a grassroots level.

The membership campaign includes activities on international solidarity and other IFM-SEI values, shows where IFM-SEI member organisations are located, how they say friendship in their languages and how groups can get in contact with each other.



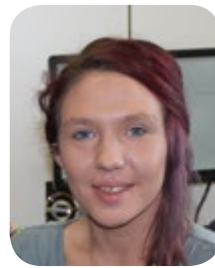


Governance

Secretariat developments

The office team continues to be a committed and reliable force for IFM-SEI. Since 2013, the team was comprised of the secretary general Christine Sudbrock, office secretary Ingrid de Kock, the project officers Estel Buch (2013/2014) and Sonia Kelly (2016) and our EVS volunteers Carlos Guerrero (2013/2014), Teona Katsitadze (2014/2015), Arnold Kamdem (2015) and Frankie Marsh (2015/2016).

Together they develop creative project ideas based on IFM-SEI's strategic work plan, write successful grant applications, support member organisations in English, French, Spanish and German, develop educational resources, keep everyone up to date through social media, represent IFM-SEI in networks and institutions and coordinate lots of volunteer teams and project activities around the world.



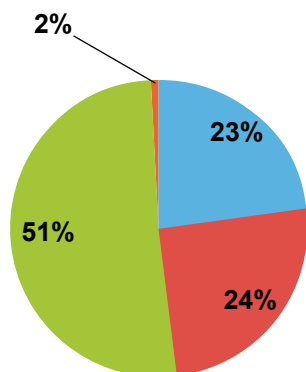
Finances

In the last three years IFM-SEI finances have remained stable. The secretariat was again successful in securing a three-year operational grant from the European Commission for the period 2013-2016 as well as a two-year annual administrative grants from the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe, totalling 66,000 Euro per year. Each year IFM-SEI is also successful in securing large project grants of around 150,000 Euro per year from the European Commission's Erasmus+ programme and the European Youth Foundation.

2015 INCOME

Membership fees:	65,835€
Core grants:	65,930€
Project grants:	143,074€
Other income:	6,008€

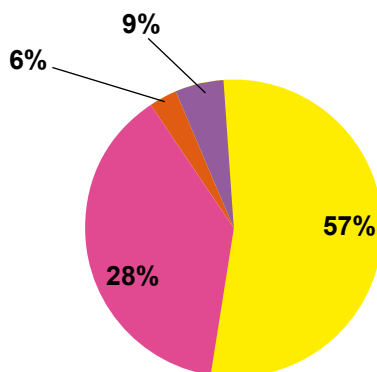
Total: 280,847€



2015 EXPENDITURE

Operational costs:	24,426€
Governance:	16,602€
Projects:	158,599€
Salaries:	78,151€

Total: 227,778€



Statutory bodies

Presidium

The Presidium meets three times a year to oversee the development of the international movement. The Presidium controls the finances, takes decisions on the implementation of the strategy and work plan and discusses political issues concerning IFM-SEI.



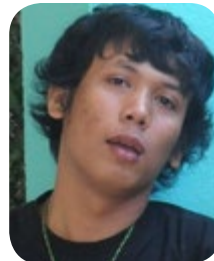
Ana Mario Almario
(President)



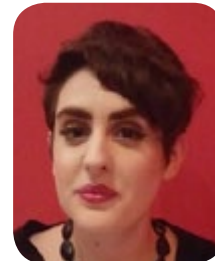
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(Africa)



Elvis Wepngong
(Africa)



Eko Manurung
(Asia)



Carly Walker Dawson
(Europe)



Marc Cases
(Europe)



Sylvia Siqueira Campos
(Latin America)



Javier Diaz
(Latin America)



Liana Meirom
(Middle East)



Ali Hlayel
(Middle East)

The Control Commission



Kaisu Kotirinta



Tim Schrock



Simon Walter

The Control Commission oversees IFM-SEI's finances, deals with membership fees and checks if the organisation works according to the rules.

International Committee Meetings

The International Committee Meeting meets once a year in between Congress years. It brings together delegates from all member organisations who work towards the implementation of the strategy and work plan, agree IFM-SEI's budget, adopt resolutions and take decisions on membership issues. In 2014, the International Commission met in Antwerp, Belgium and in 2015 it met in Lima, Peru.





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