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IFM-SEI Study Session 2017 'Children on the Move'

5-12 March 2017, Strasbourg

Are you aged 16-30 and passionate about the topic of refugees and migration? Do you work or volunteer with child refugees, or are interested in doing so? Are you concerned about the situation regarding unaccompanied minors? If the answer is yes to these questions, you should apply to our upcoming study session in partnership with the Council of Europe: **'Children on the move - how youth organisations can support young refugees and migrants'**.

When?	5-12 March 2017
Where?	European Youth Centre, Strasbourg (EYCS)
Who?	16-30 year olds from Council of Europe member states, Colombia, Indonesia, Palestine and Senegal
Theme	Child refugees, unaccompanied minors, children's rights, youth work
Deadline	Sunday 8 January, 23:59 (CET)

Programme: Participants will come together for six days to explore the historical and current contexts of migration, discover the current legal frameworks and what these mean in practice, talk about how migration affects us and hear stories about young refugees realities' and the impact migration has on our communities and societies. We will think about the discourse around refugees and the link with governments, corporations, institutions and the capitalist system. The study session will approach the topic from a child-based perspective. We will look at current initiatives around the inclusion of child refugees and unaccompanied minors in organisations and societies, and offer space to think about what needs to be done by us and develop our own projects and actions.

Aim: To better understand the systemic causes for flight and migration in order for child and youth organisations to better support young refugees and migrants and include them in their work.

Objectives:

- To analyse flight and migration from a global perspective with an anti-capitalist critique, reflecting on power structures and considering the historical and current contexts of migration
- To understand the systemic reasons for and effects of flight and migration
- To reflect on identity from an intersectional approach and explore how individual identities need be recognised in the context of migration
- To critically analyse the narratives in response to migration, e.g. by governments and media, and explore the stereotypes and discrimination surrounding migration
- To learn more about the specificities of child refugees and unaccompanied minors



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- To share experiences of working with young asylum seekers, migrants and refugees (good practices and challenges), particularly with regards to unaccompanied minors
- To develop ideas, tool and plan actions, on how child and youth organisations can better include young asylum seekers, migrants and refugees, particularly unaccompanied minors

Participant profile

- Be aged 16 to 30 years old - participants aged 16 and 17 must get consent from their parent/guardian and attend with another participant from their organisation who is willing to take responsibility for them for the duration of the study session
- Be active in an IFM-SEI member organisation **or** active in the field of child refugees and/or unaccompanied minors
- Have experience in the topic of child refugees and unaccompanied minors **or** a desire to start a project on the topic
- Have at least an intermediate level of English
- Be able to attend the whole study session and be able to take part in a preparatory task/project before the study session
- Have the motivation to take back the learning to their home organisations and/or communities
- **You do not have to be an expert to apply for this study session - we welcome applications from those who are interested in the topic, are motivated to get stuck into the study session and get involved in projects on the topic following the study session**

Costs: Travel (up to a fixed price), accommodation, subsistence, programme and visa (if applicable) costs are covered thanks to the Council of Europe Youth Department. There is a participation fee of 50€ per person, which will be deducted from the participant's travel reimbursement. You will have to organise and pay for your own travel insurance.

Visas: For those who need a visa for France, you will be supported by the Council of Europe in this process.

Application process: [Please fill in the online application form by following this link](#). The member organisations of all successful applicants will be contacted to ensure they can support their participants' involvement in the study session and follow up work. All applicants will be contacted within two weeks of the deadline with the outcome of their application. If you have any questions please us on contact@ifm-sei.org. **Deadline for applications: Sunday 8 January 2017, 23:59 (CET).**