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Membership upgrade application - ASD

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Organisational overview

Permanent headquarters: Ankara, Turkey
Candidate members since: August 2016
Website: www.sdd.org.tr

Criteria for IFM-SEI membership:

1. Accept the aims and principles and constitution of IFM-SEI
2. Be primarily by and for children and young people and hold regular activities with them
3. Undertake educational work using non-formal education methodology
4. Ensure participation of children and young people in your decision-making structures
5. Ensure gender equality in your structures and activities
6. Have a democratic structure with the governing documents sent to the IFM-SEI in Spanish, French or English
7. Not be a member of any other international organisation that goes against the aims and principles of IFM-SEI



IFM-SEI membership upgrade form

All new members of IFM-SEI are first accepted as candidate organisations. After a minimum of one year and a maximum of three years, they need to apply to become full members of IFM-SEI.

In order to request this membership upgrade, please respond to the questions below.

Please remember all member organisations must:

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Note: The application must be completed in English, Spanish or French.

Part 1: Contact details

Name of the organisation and, if any, acronym of the organisation	Association for Social Democracy Youth (ASD Youth)
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Part 2: Aims and activities

a) Please give examples of recent activities of your organisation.

As an organisation in Turkey, we had huge difficulties about our events in last two years.

Last summer we made an Erasmus+ project with Kinder Freunde and went to Döbriach Camp, Austria. At the beginning we were only active in Ankara but since last month (March 2018) we have a branch in Istanbul also, we organized the young people in Istanbul and they started to planning activities and projects.

We knew that we couldn't organized so many events since today but there were some reasons about it. For example, despite being an active part of the I Act project, we couldn't organized an activity for this project on Action Day. We planned but we couldn't because of the ban of all events about the LGBTQI+ in Ankara by the governership just before our event.

We organized two seminars for the young leader's non-formal education, one of them were in Bursa, Turkey and it continued for one month. The second project were also for the young leaders from different cities, we started it in Ankara and continued in Bursa for educating the young people and promoting them to be a part of the ASD Youth. The second project is still continuing with different cities like Istanbul, Kayseri, Mersin, Izmir, Adana, Konya, Diyarbakır, Şanlıurfa etc. (different cities from different regions of Turkey)

For the second part of the 2018, we got funded for our projects by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung. We are planning a summer camp in Izmir this summer for children from Tunceli and Eskişehir, two cities that have different cultures, and we also organizing an ecology camp for young leaders in Rize about Climate Change, Nature and Hydroelectric turbines in Black Sea Region of Turkey. As you know, ASD Youth will host the IFM-SEI Presidium Meeting Autumn 2018 too.

We are also starting our projects in Istanbul, first of all, we are organizing some events with different organizations which work about different topics like hate speech, human rights, non-violence, gender equality etc. (Non-Violent Education and Research Center, Hrant Dink Foundation, Karakutu Foundation etc.)

b) Please describe how you promote socialist values through your activities

On all of our activities, we based on socialist values and human rights. On our projects with young leaders, all of the parts are about the socialism, human rights, gender equality, nature, children's rights, democracy, LGBTQI+ rights, women rights etc. We use IFM-SEI's toolkits and guidelines for different topics and also discuss the topics with qualified people from different sphere and try to make ourselves qualified about the topics that we discuss and try to make those topics be a part of society's discussion. We also have relations with the CHP and we try to put our values to CHP's program, CHP's discourses and action plan.

- c) **Please describe your involvement in IFM-SEI as a candidate member and what you expect from your full membership in IFM-SEI.**

As a candidate member of IFM-SEI, we tried to be a part of the Socialist Youth Family with every opportunity. Last year ASD Youth and ASD Youth's members participated and became part of different projects, seminars and camps in Europe. We were part of several projects like All in One Study Session (Strasbourg, 2016), Children on the Move Study Session (Strasbourg, 2017), I Act Study Sessions (London and Tbilisi, 2017), Summer Camp with Kinder Freunde in Döbriach (2017), Proud and Visible Conference (Istanbul, 2018).

If we get the full membership of IFM-SEI, we believe that we can be more active in Europe projects but also we would like to do projects with our comrades in Middle East, as a part of both regions and both cultures. Also, we can bring those international projects to our local environment more passionately with the confidence that we will have on the international sphere.

- d) **Please explain how non-formal education is embedded into your organisation's everyday activities.**

On our all projects and activities, we use so many different toolkits about the topics that we discuss, mostly IFM-SEI's toolkits for understanding the non-formal education part of those topics. After that, we interiorise those values to our activities and we try to understand, discuss and learn the values, problems and topics in the non-formal education principles. On our next events this year, for example we will make a project with Karakutu Foundation and Non-Violent Education and Research Center with a different technique named "memory walk".

- e) **Please explain the structure of internal democracy in your organisation.**

In our organization, we have a board that gives advice about the projects, budget etc. and a young leaders committee that decides the budget issues, gives advice to the all organization. On the committee, we have a gender equality (gender quota) principle -not a code- and our young leaders committee does not have a president or secretary general, we just have two co-coordinators that arrange meetings, plan draft budget and represent the organization but all of the final decisions are decided by the committee in a democratic manner. We also try to establish a children committee in Ankara and Istanbul for children to decide the issues and produce projects.

- f) **Please describe how children and young people are involved in the decision-making process of the organisation.**

In our organisation, all of the decisions are made by the young people and the children. As we described on the 'e' section on our committee we decide everything together and don't have any hierarchical structure and don't have a president or secretary general. Our committee just have two coordinators (based on gender quota) and on the committee we decide everything in a democratic manner. When we establish the children committee, children will also decide democratically for their projects etc. But for now, on our events etc. we decide about the event's plan and the activities on the event. For the young people, we are both a part of the youth leader's committee and also part of the board (the one that gives advice about the funding and projects etc.) and we are part of the all decision-making processes, for example we are part of the board by the congress elections and also in our committee, our co-coordinator's are elected by the committee members.