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INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTORY LETTER FROM PRESIDENT AND SG

Dear comrades and friends,

As the last three-year mandate comes to a close it's time to reflect on the impact we've made on our hundreds of thousands of members across the world. The last three years have been buzzing with new projects and partnerships, and we've seen a significant increase in the number of activities and events delivered compared to prior mandates. In turn we have increased the capacity in our secretariat to deliver the increased number of activities while still being pioneers in non-formal education upon which we pride ourselves.

On The Move and Building Bridges are two of our flagship global projects that took place during this mandate bringing together partners from across the world. On The Move explored the topics migration, refugees, visas and regional youth work - hosting three educational seminars in Africa, Europe and Latin America on the topics, two online courses, two regional meetings in Africa and Latin America, and the publication of an educational handbook. Building Bridges: Youth Work for Peace and Dialogue is exploring peace education and dialogue for the promotion of social inclusion, which has seen the kick-off meeting, a research project and a peace education toolkit development set the basis for the next stages of the project including two youth worker training courses and a Massive Open Online Course.

The increase in the number of projects and partnerships - as well as strategic work on communications and finances - have allowed us to increase our reach and impact. We saw the creation of the Reach Out Working Group on non-formal education, volunteering and group work, bringing together members from Africa, Europe and Latin America. The aim of the group is to bring global to local and provide tools for grassroots organisations to engage with IFM-SEI. We have forged new partnerships that have allowed us to reach more of our member organisations outside of Europe including the Proud and Visible initiative, which looks at the realities of specific marginalised groups and how to fight for their rights bringing together participants from across the socialist family. This is generously supported by our fraternal sister organisation, the Party of European Socialists. We also launched a new project partnership with Oxfam Canada - Amplify - which facilitates transatlantic dialogues between young people in Europe and Canada on the themes of climate change, gender equality and the prevention of violent extremism.

We are proud of the work our members have done to progress our invaluable networks. Our African Falcon Network established a steering group for the first time, which is supporting the growth and development in the region that has been evident during this mandate. It is remarkable that the Middle East Cooperation is celebrating its 10 years anniversary, bringing together young people from Palestine and Israel to promote dialogue, peace and partnership in the region. We had the first African Falcon Network meeting in over five years take place in Ghana in 2017 and a Latin American Falcon Network meeting took place in early 2018. 2017 also saw the establishment of two new thematic networks, the IFM-SEI Migration Network and the

IFM-SEI Accessibility Network, which have both in turn moved forward our strategic, political and educational work in their respective fields.

Inclusion and diversity has remained central to our work in this mandate. The Children On The Move study session brought together members from Asia, Europe, the Middle East and Latin America to come up with strategies about how to make our organisations more inclusive of young migrants and refugees. You may have seen our videos or zine from our fun and engaging project, Let's Talk About Sex, promoting inclusive sex education, diversity and body positivity in 2018. We hope you also followed our work on combatting racism and populism through our Be The Change targeting our 16-22 year old members. Our I Act programme was central to our work in this mandate, an important and needed project to promote prevention of sexual violence through the bystander model after having to deal with many disclosures within our movement. I Act has its foundations in the idea that we can all make small interventions to challenge the culture of sexual violence in our organisations.

IFM-SEI developed our external partnerships and representation during the last three years. For the first time in over 25 years, IFM-SEI has been represented on the Council of Europe's Advisory Council on Youth, the co-management decision-making body in the youth sector of the institution. We have also been represented on the Children's Rights Action Group, as well as numerous expert groups of the European Youth Forum. IFM-SEI was also represented at huge array of meetings and conference from a wide range of partners and networks, such as the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organisations, Progressive Alliance, International Union of Socialist Youth, and the Party of European Socialists.

An exciting new development was the creation of the Pool of Socialist Educators (POSE) that has been a long-term development and culminated at the Peers 2.0 training for peer educators - a high-level training for prospective and current educators in our movement, supported by the Council of Europe. In early 2019 we welcomed our new Communications Coordinator in the secretariat, rolling out the Communications Strategy that was developed in 2018 by an external expert. We have went over and above when it comes to exploring different methods of funding and fundraising, making steps towards diversifying our income for years to come. We also recruited a Governance Review Group from our membership to analyse our governance structures, a topic that has been well overdue for many years now.

In an exciting step for the future is the preparations that are well underway for Common Ground 2020 - the next IFM-SEI international camp - that will take place in the UK. The programme preparations are firmly in motion and organisations are already being matched. If you haven't already don't forget to put the date in your diary now - join us in Kent (UK) on 1-11 August 2020!

The increase in the number of projects and partnerships - as well our development of our strategic work - have allowed us to increase our reach and impact during this mandate and put us in a strong position for the next mandate leading up to our centenary in 2022. While many member organisations are facing struggles from increasing pressure from the far-right, shrinking space for civil society and a struggle in securing volunteers, we see an ever increasing need for our work. Offering an alternative, engaging and participatory education for our members using non-formal education is needed more than ever in order for our children and young people to be critical thinkers and challenge the status quo offered under capitalism. We need spaces where children and young people can practice meaningful participation and become active decision-makers in their own lives and communities.

None of this is possible without all of you. Our member organisations and members on the ground make up IFM-SEI and we can only make true social change with the engagement of all of you. Only when we combine education, policy and activism can we realise the world based on the socialist values that we fight for and our partners and sisters organisations are vital to this. We want to give a huge thank you to the continuous and determined work of all of our volunteers and partners, as well as the significant commitment from our member organisations in light of the ever-increasing challenges. Together we make socialist education happen and bring alternative vision of the world to children and young people around the globe.

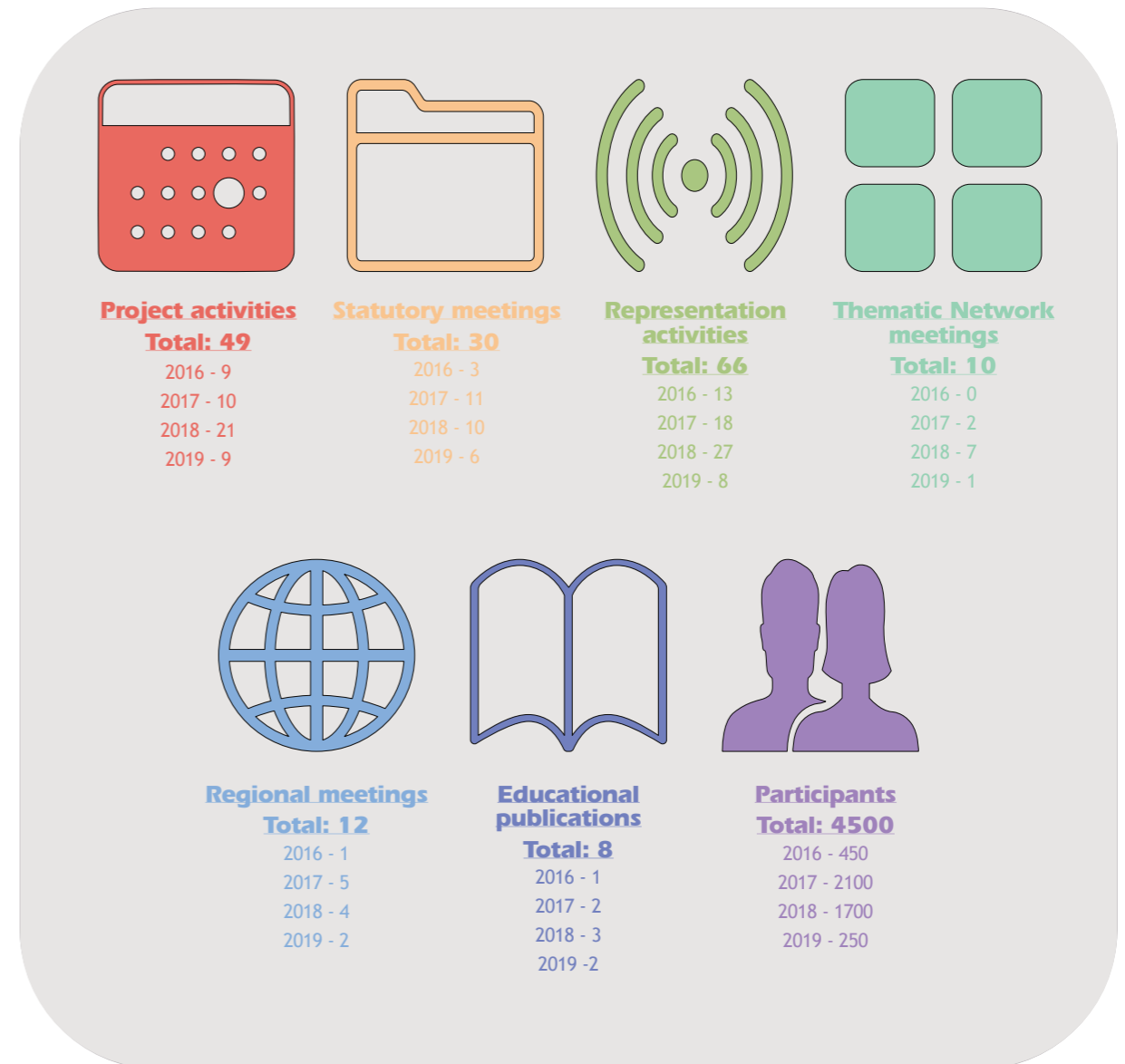
We hope you're as excited as we are for the new chapter in our organisational life, on the track towards our centenary festivities celebrating 100 years of socialist education!

Socialist greetings,

Christina Schauer
IFM-SEI President

Carly Walker-Dawson
IFM-SEI Secretary General

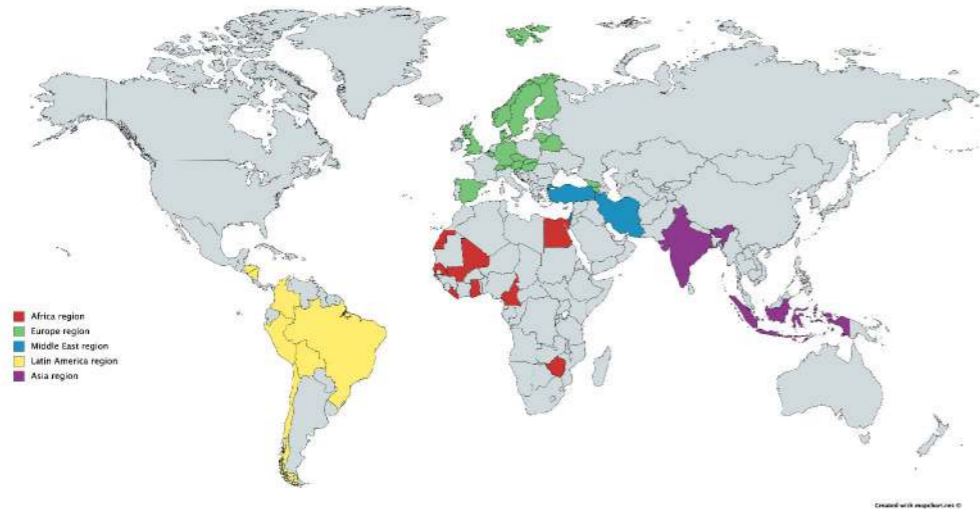
IFM-SEI IN NUMBER



WHO WE ARE

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, delivering socialist education on the basis of our values of equality, democracy, solidarity, peace, cooperation and anti-capitalism.

MAP OF MEMBER ORGANISATIONS



WELCOMING NEW ORGANISATIONS:

- Girls Excel - Cameroon
- Oyoum Masr Association - Egypt
- Ajyal - Israel
- Seeds Association for Development and Culture 'Bothoor' - Palestine
- Slovenian Falcons - Slovenia
- Association for Social Democracy - Turkey
- Patsimeredu Trust - Zimbabwe

OUR AIMS AND PRINCIPLES

Our Aims and Principles are the heart of our work in IFM-SEI - they outline what we stand for and what sort of world we want. It's important for us to share these and make sure our members, supporters and partners alike are aware what IFM-SEI means to us and what unites us under our international umbrella

1. THE INTERNATIONAL FALCON MOVEMENT-SOCIALIST EDUCATIONAL INTERNATIONAL

The International Falcon Movement - Socialist Educational International (IFM-SEI) 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, solidarity 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.

2. A WORLD ORGANISATION

IFM-SEI is a world movement of different types of organisations that work with children and young people and that share the aims and principles of IFM-SEI.

3. CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child is a key document in all our work. Through peer education, we aim to educate children and young people about their rights and support them to ensure they are respected.



4. EDUCATION

Education is the most powerful tool to achieve social change. Through non-formal education, we create a space for children and young people to develop critical awareness and empower them to challenge the inequalities in our world. We educate on the principles of respect, equality and friendship that are essential for the creation of a world where all may live in peace and solidarity. We call this socialist education.



5. INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

Our motto is "Span the world with friendship". Only by coming together as a global movement will we be able to challenge and change the current world order. We actively encourage solidarity by providing opportunities for inter-cultural exchange and learning to take place. Our activities work towards this fundamental principle as we can best achieve our aims by learning from each other, working together and supporting each other's struggles in solidarity.



6. EQUALITY

We educate and campaign for an inclusive and equal society. Therefore we combat any kind of discrimination such as fascism, racism, xenophobia, homophobia, trans*phobia and misogyny within and outside of our organisations.



7. GENDER EQUALITY

We are 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 and non-binary gendered people still face discrimination on a day-to-day



basis in all societies. We are a feminist organisation and we fight for equality between genders and against patriarchy. Therefore we educate for equal rights and awareness of gender stereotypes, discrimination and privileges and we use affirmative action and tools such as the gender quota in our organisations.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

IFM-SEI is concerned about the misuse of the world's diminishing resources and the connected dangerous change to the world's climate. Consumerism and the extreme exploitation of natural resources by the wealthy few in society have a severe natural and human impact, disproportionately affecting poor people. We encourage member organisations to protect their own environment and take actions that support sustainability in the ecological, social, and economic sense, so that today and in the future everyone has access to a healthy, stimulating and secure environment.



9. PEACE

Peace is more than just the absence of war. We choose peace and are dedicated to a world where everyone can live in a non-violent environment free from abuse, war, bullying, discrimination, exclusion and fear, that is healthy and stimulating and where conflicts can be peacefully transformed. IFM-SEI undertakes peace education and promotes peace initiatives whenever and wherever possible. Peace education must always criticize reality and the normative way to understand it but it also has to give an alternative. Peace will only be really achieved when all forms of exploitation cease.



10. DEMOCRACY

We believe that people should be able to take part in decision-making at all levels in meaningful and inclusive ways. Democratic processes govern IFM-SEI and its member organisations. 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 able to make decisions and have valid opinions on a wide variety of issues from a local to a global level but they need to be heard in society. We provide the space for children to develop their knowledge, attitudes, values and skills to secure their equal participation in the democratic process and we make sure that adequate spaces for participation are provided.



11. ANTI-CAPITALISM

The capitalist system that our society is based on creates inequality. Those suffering the most from inequality are children living in poverty who lack opportunities to develop their potential. We recognise the power that neoliberal ideology yields. In our work, we challenge the notion that competition is a characteristic of human relations and fight for alternative economic models that will bridge the gap between rich and poor and emphasize solidarity, dialogue and partnership. IFM-SEI undertakes critical education to understand the mechanisms behind capitalist systems and advocates for an alternative system, as we are only able to eradicate all



forms of exploitation and end poverty once capitalism is defeated. We aim to include everyone in our activities no matter their economic means.

12. FREEDOM

IFM-SEI is dedicated to a world where everyone can live in freedom without being bound by war, borders, undemocratic political systems or poverty. We believe that everyone has the right to freedom of choice and freedom of speech and the freedom to develop their own identity as long as it does not restrict other people's human rights.



CAPACITY BUILDING

SUPPORTING REGIONAL NETWORKS

The first Latin American Falcon Network for many years took place in Lima at the start of 2018 alongside a seminar for the On The Move project. This meeting gave the members from the region the chance to reflect on strengths and weaknesses in the region at the moment and develop their regional strategy. The Latin American Falcon Network met together at the International Committee meeting 2017 and 2018 and held a strategy meeting to develop ideas for a regional seminar in the future.

An exciting new progression is the African Falcon Network steering group that was established in this mandate from the grassroots members in the region and has been working developing their regional work. A core focus on their work is the development of the Migration Watch project, an initiative fresh out of the On The Move project. The steering group has been working hard to reach out to partner organisations and funders in the region to coordinate a future face-to-face meeting in the region.



Organisations from 12 European members organisations came together for the Ferry for Europe seminar of the European Falcon Network in Helsinki, Stockholm and on a ferry in between the two cities at the end of 2016. The seminar focused on Erasmus+ funding, motivating and supporting more organisations in IFM-SEI to carry out Erasmus+ projects. Other European Falcon Network meetings took place at International Committee meetings and at other activities, as well as a preparation meeting in early 2019 for the future European Falcon Network youth exchange.

Organisations in the Asia region have focused on developing their work on the themes of migration and refugees, children's rights, and the promotion of volunteering in this mandate. Through the network of ASEAN countries IFM-SEI has been involved by

actively promoting children's rights, child participation and child governance by presenting child-led organisations as examples of good practice.

2016 was a year of changes for the Regional Leading Group in the Middle East where a new leadership was appointed. The region was involved in a number of projects including delivering a workshop about peace education with the IFM-SEI Presidium, hosting a five-day seminar on peace education in Berlin, and presenting cooperative games that were developed together with regional partners at the annual conference of the Willy Brandt Centre, the home of the regional cooperation in Jerusalem.

THE GROUP MATTERS

The Group Matters was a key project taking place in 2016, aiming to support local group work - supporting existing children's and youth groups, supporting the establishment of new groups, and promoting group work as the fundamental basis of IFM-SEI. The project was supported by the European Youth Foundation and Council of Europe, and made a lasting difference to our member organisations.



Through the project IFM-SEI promoted and strengthened children and youth groups as the most sustainable places for human rights education and education for democratic citizenship. Groups are the core cells of our non-formal education approach, where children grow up in solidarity with each other, learn how to participate and cooperate, gradually take more responsibility and analyse society together. The project developed a campaign around group work, produced online tools and delivered the Group Matters Space on the IFM-SEI Camp 2016. The Group Matters space reached at least 400 people and delivered a Young Helpers School, a 3-day intensive training for 87 young people. Four support visits were made to support organisations in Malta, Belarus, Latvia and Slovenia to establish or develop local group work.

REACH OUT WORKING GROUP

This working group was set up to give a specific focus on the areas of non-formal education, volunteering and group work in order to support the IFM-SEI's strategic work plan in the capacity building strand of work. The working group consists of members from Africa, Europe and Latin America. Bilateral partnerships were one of the areas of work of the working group supporting the implementation of the Reach Out youth exchange and drafting a strategy to improve bilateral partnerships. Working group members also participated in the Peers 2.0 training for peer educators and took a lead on follow-up projects on developing the Pool of Socialist Educators (POSE) and toolkit on socialist education.

REACH OUT: BRINGING GLOBAL TO LOCAL

The Reach Out youth exchange brought together 13-18 year olds who were first-timers to the world of international activities - an initiative of the IFM-SEI Reach Out Working Group. As well as giving young people a chance to be part of our international movement and to meet other youth groups from IFM-SEI European Network, the participants got to learn about internationalism and global citizenship, developing an understanding of our core values of solidarity, diversity, internationalism, freedom and friendship.

45 young people from across Europe took part in an invigorating programme in Barcelona, including a mixture of outdoor activities, simulation games, debates, role-plays and workshops to explore what is internationalism and why it's important. The activity culminated at Esplac's Esplaiada - a huge gathering of thousands of children and young people from Esplais Catalans, our Catalan member organisation. After learning lots of new things and designing activities based on their learning in the week long seminar, the participants ran activities on internationalism for other participants of the Esplaiada. They truly brought global to local!



on socialist education - think a socialist version on Compass - to be development and launched by January 2021. The in-depth planning of two of the thematic centres at Common Ground 2020 were developed as follow-up projects and many of the Peers 2.0 participants are engaging in Common Ground as educators. The training has nurtured a new generation of socialist educators to be utilised in IFM-SEI and our member organisations and we hope this is a model that can be repeated periodically.



CAPACITY BUILDING TO SUPPORT LONG-TERM VOLUNTEERING



The European Falcon Network seminar, A Ferry for Europe, provided the basis for building the capacity of our member organisations to support long-term volunteering placements. With the renovation of the volunteering programme of the European Commission, member organisations were kept in the loop with progressions and updates. As a result, a number of European IFM-SEI organisations have organised their own long-term volunteering programmes through European Solidarity Corps and European Voluntary Service giving opportunities for their young members to spend a few months to a year volunteering overseas.

PEERS 2.0 TRAINING FOR PEER EDUCATION

Peers 2.0: Peer Education for Democratic Citizenship was a ten-day training for trainers course that took place in partnership with the Youth Department of the Council of Europe. This high-level training for peer educators brought together 23 experienced young educators to explore non-formal education, socialist education and human rights education, and equip them with the competences, tools and confidence to progress and enhance their journeys as educators. The training was successful in building a community of peer educators in socialist education and was the platform used for launching the IFM-SEI Pool of Socialist Educators (POSE). The training was rich in outputs and the participants are working on developing a toolkit

DEVELOPING OUR POOL OF SOCIALIST EDUCATORS

The Pool of Socialist Educators - our POSE - is being launched in 2019 after the development process starting at the Ferry to Europe seminar and culminating at the Peers 2.0 training. The POSE aims to establish a network of highly qualified trainers and educators for IFM-SEI activities as well as for our member organisations. Members of POSE will be part of a continuous educational process combining in-person and online training, exchanges and mentoring.

Our vision for POSE is that it has a triple capacity building effect. In the first step, the abilities of its members will be further developed to ensure a high-level quality in their facilitation. Secondly, the facilitation conducted by POSE members improves the knowledge and skills of participants in activities. Thirdly, the capacities carried back by POSE members and participants into our member organisations are a valuable advantage for those when used in the home context. POSE aims to be a mirror of our membership and shall serve as a tool to increase diversity throughout all aspects of IFM-SEI.

AMPLIFY!

We formed a sensational new partnership in 2018 with Oxfam Canada for our new project, Amplifying Voices, which was launched at the end of 2018. The project will enact transatlantic dialogues between young people in Europe and Canada on the themes of climate change, gender equality and the prevention of violent extremism. Five lucky IFM-SEI organisations are cooperating with young people in Canada and have been given the chance to raise their voices at the transatlantic level. The inception meeting took place in early 2019 and brought together partners from across both continents in Berlin. A combination of local workshops, community-based campaigns and international seminars makes this the focal point of our work over the two-year project!



MIGRATION AND REFUGEES

ON THE MOVE



On the Move is one of our flagship projects of this mandate, a two-year global project supported by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Commission. The project explored the topics of refugees, migration, visas and regional youth work, raising awareness of the challenges facing young refugees and migrants and finding ways to better include them in our organisations, as well as educating others on the topic. The project is particularly relevant to young people now living in a globalised world and who do not want to be stopped by borders!

On The Move played host to three face-to-face seminars on three topics respectively: refugees and migration, visas and visa restrictions, and regional youth work. Outputs from these three seminars were two e-learning courses - on refugees and migration, and regional youth work - and a visa campaign and support website. Taking On The Move to a regional context, the project also had regional-specific meetings in Africa and Latin America. The project culminated in the publication of our On The Move handbook available in multiple languages in digital and print format. Bringing together organisations from Africa, Europe and Latin America, this project allowed us to take a truly global approach to the topic of migration and challenge the concept of a 'refugee crisis' when it is actually what we are facing is a crisis of solidarity.



CHILDREN ON THE MOVE

This study session brought together a group of 28 participants from inside and outside of IFM-SEI from across Europe, Indonesia, Palestine and Colombia. Over a week, the participants analysed flight and migration from a global perspective, going on a journey through the historical context to current day realities of migration, and the impact on minors. The group approached the topic with an anti-capitalist critique, reflecting on systemic power structures in the world that affect and influence migration.

The participants of the study session were able to work concretely on plans to make

their organisations more inclusive of young people who are new arrivals in their countries. An array of exciting projects proposals came out of it, including a manual for youth workers on supporting young refugees' mental health, a series on concerts to bring together young migrants with local communities, and a strategy to train students to be volunteer youth workers to include unaccompanied minors into local youth groups. One of the key achievements was the establishment of the IFM-SEI Migration Network, whose first meeting was convened on the study session and continues to be self-led by the participants! We believe that no person is illegal and we should take responsibility as internationalists fighting for an equal, just world to support refugees and migrants in our communities and fight for the acceptance of refugees, particularly child refugees and unaccompanied minors, as a child and youth movement.



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MIGRATION ONLINE TRAINING COURSES

A new venture for IFM-SEI, we created and delivered two online e-learning courses for IFM-SEI members and youth workers from wider civil society. These were part of the On The Move project. Both courses - ALARM (Action to Learn About Refugees and Migration) and the e-learning course on migration and regional youth work - took place in 2017 and 2018. Participants from within IFM-SEI and from outside of our movement took part in interactive and engaging online courses created from content coming out of the On The Move seminars. We're hoping to produce them in open format for even more people to benefit from in the future!

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PROUD AND VISIBLE

A new initiative and a new partnership in 2018, Proud and Visible saw IFM-SEI form a collaboration with our fraternal sister organisation, the Party of European Socialists. The idea behind the initiative is to bring together participants from across the socialist family to explore specific topics relation to social inclusion and marginalised groups and come up with common solutions. Being able to tackle the topic of inclusion with wider members from the wider civil society and party political sector is a new approach, and we had participants from International Union of Socialist Youth, the Party of European Socialists Women, Rainbow Rose and national political parties at these activities. The first edition - Proud and Visible: in the Fight for Migrants' Rights - took place in March 2018.

GENDER AND SEXUALITY

LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX

Let's Talk About Sex is a project that rolled out a comprehensive programme on quality, inclusive sex education for kids and young people in IFM-SEI and beyond. The project tackled the topics of gender, sexuality, bodies, body positivity and inclusive sex education, and explores and celebrates the non-normative aspects of sex education and groups of people who are usually left out of sex education. Through the project, we explored what is sex, why people have sex, how to do it safely with consent and the emotional side of sex. With this this project we want to raise awareness of how lacking and non- inclusive sex education is. We want to educate young people, peer educators and youth workers ate deliver inclusive sex education that is inclusive with the whole spectrum of genders and sexualities and also with people with disabilities, as well as promoting body positivity and bodily diversity. This project was delivered with generous support from the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe.

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The project consisted of two parallel seminars, the creation of educational tools and delivering an extensive project at the Participation Island summer camp. The first of two parallel Let's Talk About Sex seminars explored sex education in relation to the participants' own experiences of their identity, bodies, gender and sexuality and



analyse how society shapes these identities. Topics covered included the theory of gender and sexuality, discrimination, the impact of media and pornography, sex - getting what you want and need, sexual rights as human rights and identifying good practices for sex education. The second parallel seminar: participants explored sex and sex education in relation to patriarchy, societal hierarchies and systemic oppression. Participants focused particularly on marginalised identities and how they are excluded in mainstream sex education, reflecting on sexual identities and expression in relation to pornography, the mainstream media, culture and religion. Topics addressed were disability and ableism, critical sex positivity and sex work.

Engaging with hundreds of participants aged 6 to 60, the Let's Talk About Sex team delivered a programme of 16 workshops at Participation Island, an international camp bringing together 650 people from across Europe. Workshops ranged from a genitalia fruit sculpture making workshop to exploring communication in sex and relationships. A child and youth targeted zine was produced as a culmination of the project, and you can also check out our daily vlogs from the parallel seminars on our YouTube channel.

ALLYSHIP 101 AT QUEER EASTER

The theme Queer Easter 2018 was Solidarity Versus Segregation. Over 100 members from IFM-SEI and Young European Socialists came together during a week in March and April 2018 for the biggest socialist educational LGBTQI event in Europe. IFM-SEI delivered a working group throughout the week long seminar on how to be positive allies of the LGBTQI community, as well as playing host to our IFM-SEI Rainbow Network and Feminist Network meetings.

DEVELOPMENT OF FEMINIST NETWORK

The IFM-SEI Feminist Network was established at the XXVII Ordinary Congress of IFM-SEI in 2016. Since then there have been regular meetings of the Feminist Network at the annual Queer Easter seminar and at our newly initiated Proud and Visible events. We hope you had the chance to check out the Feminist Network social media campaign on 25 November 2018, for the international Day for the Elimination of Violence Towards Women where our organisations' work around feminism was amplified through social media. The network is also collating good practice from our member organisations on their feminism and gender equality work, so we can provide a platform for sharing good practice, ideas and initiatives. We are happy to have welcomed Shes Paez from Esplac and Stella V. Grahek from Slovenian Falcons as the new Feminist Network co-coordinators in early 2019 who have been leading this work!



PROUD AND VISIBLE: IN THE FIGHT FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS

The second edition of Proud and Visible - focusing on the Fight for Women's Rights - took place at the end of 2018. The seminar took place in Istanbul, a city on the border between Europe and Asia, and a pertinent location when thinking about the topic in question. We were pleased to be able to bring together participants from Africa, Europe and Latin America to explore what we can do to fight for women's rights and rights of gender minorities across the socialist family.



CHILDREN'S RIGHTS & CHILD AND YOUTH PARTICIPATION

PARTICIPATION ISLAND

It was all about child and youth participation at Participation Island in July, the international camp hosted by Nuoret Kotkat bringing together 650 children and young people on the tranquil campsite island held on the beautiful Bengtsår Camp Island in the Finnish Archipelago Sea near Hanko, in Finland. Celebrating 75 years of Nuoret Kotkat, kids and young people from across the world came together in four international villages and got the chance to take part in workshops, water sports, outdoor activities and a creative arts programme. The highlight of the camp for many was the kids' takeover day where the children and young people had full reign of the programme. The workshops on participation that took place in all villages served as a strong groundwork for this, where the participants organise a giant water day with a huge waterslide (perfect for the 30 degree heat!).



ADULTISM – WHAT'S THAT?

Coming together at Participation Island, 35 participants explored the topic of adultism - the concept of discrimination towards children - through a challenging and exciting programme bringing together participants aged as young as 6 years old up to 60+. The 50/50 seminar of kids and adults used art, theatre and discussion to explore the topic and consider how we can challenge adultism in our organisations, societies and daily lives. The outcomes of the seminar will be used to develop our future work on the theme of child and youth participation - so keep your eyes peeled!

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS ACTION GROUP

IFM-SEI focused energy on contributing to the Children's Rights Action Group, an informal network in Brussels of organisations working on children's rights advocacy and campaigning. The work during this mandate focused on putting the agenda of children's rights on the agenda of political groups and candidates for the European Parliament elections, sharing and prioritising work focusing on child participation, and supporting young refugees and migrants in Europe.

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH

Participation is in the spotlight! This youth exchange has been developed over the first months of 2019, where child and youth participation will be explored. We not only target to make our organisations more accessible and participative but also to open IFM-SEI's structures for young people and kids by the input an expertise of its member organisations and close-minded organisations. The youth exchange will take place in July and August 2019 and over ten days we'll experience different non-formal education methods and will reflect on our structures as well as accessibility in general. The project will empower young people from our organisations to get active in our own decision-making bodies and give them tools to think global and act local.

YO!FEST AND THE EUROPEAN YOUTH EVENT

Editions of the YO!Fest (Youth Opinion Festival), Europe's biggest youth political festival, took place in 2016, 2017 and 2018, which IFM-SEI took an active role in as partners. YO!Fest is organised by the European Youth Forum and combines debates, workshops, talks, exhibitions, and performances to celebrate what it means to be a young European.

The 2016 and 2018 editions took place alongside the European Youth Event hosted by the European Parliament - a unique opportunity for young Europeans to make their voices heard and discuss their idea with decision-makers in Parliament over two days. As well as sending a big delegation to the festival, IFM-SEI was involved in delivering several popular workshops at the event. The YO!Fest 2017 was a part of Europe Calling - a year of events to mark the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Maastricht Treaty. IFM-SEI delegation joined tens of thousands of other young people to debate key topics on the future of democracy.

IFM-SEI delivered workshops and activities on migration from our On The Move, I Act and All Together Against Climate Change projects. What an opportunity to spread the messages about IFM-SEI's values to hundreds of young people from across Europe!



TACKLING RIGHT-WING EXTREMISM

WILLY BRANDT CONFERENCE: YOUTH AGAINST EXTREMISM

At the start of September 2017, over 100 young people from 22 countries came together at Utøya, Norway, for the Willy Brandt Conference - Youth Against Extremism in partnership with Framfylkingen our Norwegian member organisation. Through lectures, workshops, dialogue and study visits, participants were able to explore the theme of right-wing extremism in an international setting. Participants came from as far as Kenya and Peru, Palestine and Indonesia, and Belarus and Brazil.



The location is particularly poignant, the location where 69 members of the Workers' Youth League (AUF) of Norway - from IUSY, the sister organisation of IFM-SEI - were killed by a far-right extremist posing as a policeman during their summer camp on 22 July 2011. Participants of the Willy Brandt Conference were able to reflect of the tragedy that took place, see the humbling and thoughtful way the island has been reconstructed in remembrance and learn why it is important that the island remains a place for political activism of young socialists and progressives.

In addition to reflecting of the event of July 22, highlights of the conference include a guest lecture from expert in right-wing terrorism and violence, Jacob Aasland Ravndal, and a talk by Shoaib Sultan, head of the anti-Racist Centre of Oslo, on whether the risk of right-wing extremism increases with Islamic terror. A multitude of workshops tackled topics such as how to respond to terror from a left-wing perspective, feminism as a solution to extremism, and how the media can influence extremism from a youth perspective. The seminar was concluded by a visit to the Nobel Peace Prize Centre and July 22 Memorial in Oslo.

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BE THE CHANGE

Be The Change brought together 30 participants aged 16-22 from across Europe to explore how to combat racism, populism, islamophobia and anti-semitism. This 101 study session for young members worked to foster a critical awareness in young people and come up with tools to tackle these forms of discrimination in their own communities and organisations. The participants came together over one week at

the European Youth Centre Strasbourg, supported by the Youth Department of the Council of Europe, and they took part in a varied and dynamic non-formal educational programme where they explored the topic, came up with their own localised projects and produced creative project outputs.

The participants created concrete and innovative resources through the week for organisations and individuals to work with different kind of discrimination. In the project planning phase, a group of participants identified racism that occurs within our own movements as a direct topic. They brainstormed a project idea according to which the instances and root causes of racism will be brought to local levels and a feedback and support mechanism will be put in place. The project is called 'Tackling racism in local IFM-SEI member organisations' and it will introduce guidelines on how to prevent, recognise and combat racism on local levels. Other project ideas developed by the participants also made their priority to combat racism inside the movement.



PEACE

PEACEMAKERS OF TOMORROW

Peacemakers of Tomorrow was a global activity happening on a local level. We had eight local organisations from Europe and Africa joining our activity over one weekend in April 2019.

Aim of the activity was to educate kids and young people on the topic of peace and conflict. For this one day seminar, we provided an online toolkit, that contained everything for members to be able to host the seminar on a local level. We paired up groups from different member organisations to share their outputs, this way we had activity weekend of global cooperation and local action.



BUILDING BRIDGES: YOUTH WORK FOR PEACE AND DIALOGUE

The aim of this two-year global project is to promote peace education and dialogue through youth work in different world regions by initiating a cross continental approach. Building Bridges addresses the need for a two-pronged approach of education and dialogue to tackle social exclusion and overcome the societal conflicts through youth work. We live in a globalised world and therefore need global solutions to local problems - hence this project will bring together partners from Africa, Asia and Latin America. The project started in October 2018 with a kick-off meeting and will be completed by the end of 2020.



This project builds on the work that IFM-SEI undertook in 2015 in Europe and the Middle East on peace education, culminating in the publication of the Peace Education Handbook, and this time the project will focus on Asia, Africa and Latin America. It is a much-needed project exploring one of our key values of peace through non-formal education. The online kick-off meeting of the project took place in late 2018 with the participation of coordinators from all the project partners and the toolkit development workshop took place in early 2019 hosted by KKSP Foundation in Medan, Indonesia. The two youth worker training seminars will each focus on one of the core topics - peace education and dialogue as a tool for social inclusion - taking place in Paraguay and Cameroon respectively.

ACCESSIBILITY

ALL IN

In cooperation with the European Network for Independent Living (ENIL) Youth Network and the Council of Europe, IFM-SEI delivered a challenging and dynamic study session on the inclusion of children and young people with disabilities at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg. 25 participants came together in a mixed ability study session to discuss how we can make our organisations more inclusive and empowering for all. Young educators from across Europe came together to discuss what inclusion means to us, power and privilege in relation to inclusion, the Council of Europe disability strategy and developing 'inclusion in action' projects.



The study session had many rich outcomes, including the establishment of an IFM-SEI accessibility network, a guide about how to make non-formal methods and activities inclusive, and an online campaign about anti-capitalism and inclusion. We're excited this was only the start of our ongoing partnership between IFM-SEI and ENIL Youth!



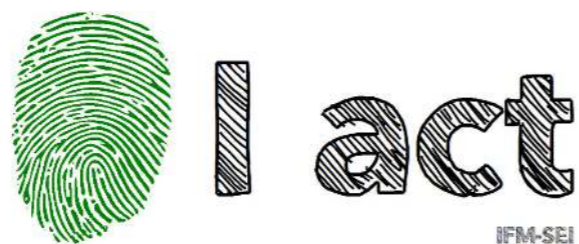
ACCESSIBILITY NETWORK

The IFM-SEI Accessibility Network started its work virtually, focusing on making the IFM-SEI website more accessible than it was and creating guidance for educational resources with considerations about how to adapt methods to make them inclusive and accessible. Made up of IFM-SEI and external members from the European Network for Independent Living Youth Network, this will support our inclusion and diversity work for years to come.

PREVENTION OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

I ACT FOR THE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Through this project, we raised awareness of sexual violence in IFM-SEI and the knowledge that sexual violence has, and will continue, to be taken place in IFM-SEI. We recognise that the strategies of 'no means no' and 'active consent' are rooted in the perpetrator-survivor experience, and we established this project to discuss and challenge sexual violence in the context of the wider IFM-SEI community. The I Act project uses the bystander approach - the idea that because sexual violence is repeated and premeditated, there are multiple stages in an act of sexual violence that one can be an active bystander and intervene. The project aimed to raise awareness that sexual violence happens everywhere, reflect on sexual violence from a power-based approach, encourage and educate young people to be active bystanders against sexual violence and train young leaders as multipliers for the bystander approach to prevent sexual violence.



A focus group received training from Maria Almario, an expert on the bystander model, and planned the project in detail. A Training for Trainers course on the prevention of sexual violence took place in 2017, bringing together 14 participants from seven countries. The I Act online platform was launched on the IFM-SEI website that includes a Map of Action, which participants and organisations were encouraged



to complete when they had taken an action against sexual violence, whether an intervention, a training, a conversation or something else.

The I Act International Action Day took place on 25 November 2017 - on the day for the elimination of violence against women - and organisations in Africa, Europe, Middle East and Latin America engaged and staged their own action days. To support this, all member organisations were sent an I Act box in the post, containing the I Act manual, merchandise and materials to support their action days. The International Action Day preparations were coordinated by a working group who came together in early September in Tbilisi. The uptake in the action day was much a great testament to IFM-SEI member organisations and the online engagement with I Act has been high, showing a need for this topic to be tackled. I Act has had a noticeable external impact, being used by youth workers and peer educators from outside of IFM-SEI and the project received a positive reception at a range of European Youth Forum activities where I Act was shared.



I ACT: EXPLORING MASCULINITIES

I Act - Exploring masculinities was the second edition of I Act project. The aim was to engage young men in the discourse around sexual violence to be ambassadors on challenging sexual violence in their organisations and societies.

We had 27 participants from different parts of Europe joining our week-long seminar in Milan. During the seminar, we shared knowledge and skills and shared experiences about attitudes encountered. We made stop animation videos and learned how to be an active bystander. After the seminar participants took their knowledge to the local level by organising small projects in their home city.



IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

The IFM-SEI Code of Conduct was developed over three years and was agreed at the XXVII Ordinary Congress of IFM-SEI in 2016. This document outlines IFM-SEI's approach to conduct in relation to our socialist values. The Code of Conduct has been introduced in IFM-SEI programmes and activities as a core governing document, and has been used by many member organisations as inspiration to underpin and launch their own safeguarding policies and the development work associated with this. The Code of Conduct has been used as a pedagogical tool to explore safe(r) spaces, solidarity, respect and challenging discrimination.

INTERNAL STRUCTURES AND PROJECTS

SEEKING NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Many new funding opportunities have been sought, including collaborating and applying for funding from new sources such as the United Nations' Development Fund, Open Society Foundations, EuropeAid and the European Commission's Directorate General Justice. This mandate has opened the doors for a new partnership with the Party of European Socialists, which has seen the establishment of the Proud and Visible events. The IFM-SEI Presidium has approved an Ethical Funding Policy and have been working strategically on a funding and fundraising strategy for the next mandate.

GOVERNANCE REVIEW

A Governance Review Group was launched in 2018 with an open call to the membership. The group was tasked with the responsibility for reviewing and analysing the governance structures of IFM-SEI through consultations with the membership. The group analysed the current strengths and weaknesses of our governance bodies, reviewed current role descriptions and terms of reference, and collated good practice and opinions of members. This resulted in a new proposal for the XXVIII Ordinary Congress of IFM-SEI with the aim to making IFM-SEI's governance bodies more effective.

NEW MERCHANDISE

Who doesn't love to wear a cool t-shirt or hoody promoting the values of IFM-SEI? We launched our new merchandise range in 2018, which includes an online shop where you can pick your design, your garment and your colours in a mix and match styling process. There is still a pre-order options for on activities too, but this new initiative gives added flexibility and personalisation to our merchandise - and it will be delivered directly to your front door. Our new range of designs aim to stimulate curiosity and initiate conversations about IFM-SEI and its values, as well creating our shared identity through our clothing. As well as the new designs we also have many items with classic IFM-SEI logos. Bright colours and different fits for all ages to ensure we have something for everyone.



COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

There was a new addition to the IFM-SEI secretariat in 2018 with Sarah Farndale joining us as our Communications Developer to come up with a communications strategy for the movement that began to be rolled out in 2019. Many of you inputted into our consultation on our communications, brand and image - the outcomes of which were fed into our meaty new strategy. We are very much looking forward to making our communications more effective, efficient and impactful in the near future! In 2017, the IFM-SEI website was updated with a new format and content to make it more user-friendly and easier to find content. A new addition is our opportunities timeline, so you can find all of our upcoming activities in a visually appealing way. We also welcomed many new web features to support our members, group leaders and educators.

POOL OF REPRESENTATIVES

This International Committee 2018 recognised that many representation opportunities are very last minute so there is not enough time to do a comprehensive, wide call in the membership. Therefore many representation roles are either not filled or need to be taken up by the IFM-SEI Secretariat. The Pool of Representatives was established to offer a structure where the shortlisting of representatives is conducted in advance of opportunities arising, where groups of volunteers are identified for a finite number of thematic areas. This pool will serve as a pre-application process for opportunities with short deadlines and is open to members aged 18-30 that have an in-depth understanding of IFM-SEI and its structures, be able to be a positive ambassador for IFM-SEI externally.

COMMON GROUND 2020

The preparation for our next IFM-SEI international camp are well underway, with the Common Ground board moving forward on many exciting new progressions. The camp will take place on 11-11 August 2020, taking place in Kent, UK, hosted by Woodcraft Folk. The camp will focus on three key areas:

1. It will be open and accessible for young children, with specific programme for young teens and under 10s
2. Systems are being put in place to support volunteers and recognise their work, so that everyone can have a brilliant time
3. It will be a proper international camp, supported by IFM-SEI, bringing together thousands of young people from IFM-SEI member organisations with international representatives on all levels of decision-making and delivery



Three members of IFM-SEI have been elected as international reps on the camp board. A dedicated website and social media channels were launched in 2018, as well as the announcement of the programme theme areas. The 13 Common Ground theme centres will be: Hands On (science, bushcraft, games), Arts, Media, Heritage, Training, Anti-Racism & Anti-Fascism, Environment & Migration, Rainbow (LGBTQI), Feminism, Sex & Relationships, Conflict & Peace, Cooperation and the Under 10s Area. We can't wait to welcome you in Kent in 2020!



PARTNERSHIPS AND REPRESENTATION

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

IFM-SEI was elected onto the Advisory Council on Youth - the co-management decision-making body for the youth department of the Council of Europe - for the first time in over 25 years, where our Secretary General leads on the global education and disability portfolios, as well as sitting on the Programming Committee on Youth (the body deals with the budget and funding). This high-level representation body means that IFM-SEI is able to have a greater impact on a global level and has offered space to forge many new partnerships and cooperation opportunities.



EUROPEAN UNION AND COUNCIL OF EUROPE PARTNERSHIP IN YOUTH

We have been involved with many projects involved in this cooperation, including the opportunity to present the history of IFM-SEI as part of a project on the history of youth organisations and will have a chapter in a new book on the topic. We also were on the delivery team for the Partnership's consultative meeting on citizenship education. IFM-SEI contributed our expertise on volunteer management and support at a meeting on youth work and volunteering alongside two other youth organisations and representatives from member states and researchers.



EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM

IFM-SEI has been active in the work of the European Youth Forum in order to work together with other organisations to influence youth policy. We have contributed our expertise and good practice through our participation in various networks and expert groups including the Funding and Erasmus+ Expert Group, Education Expert Group, Migration and Human Rights Network, and Youth Rights Expert Group. Through the input into policy papers and statutory meetings, IFM-SEI has been a regular contributor to European Youth Forum's work.



SOCIALIST FAMILY

IFM-SEI has collaborated with partners from the socialist family through our new Proud and Visible initiative as well as representing IFM-SEI at many other of our partners' activities to foster solidarity and cross-sectorial cooperation. This includes meeting comrades in International Union of Socialist Youth, the Party of European Socialists, Progressive Alliance, Young European Socialists and Rainbow Rose. As recognition of our expertise in LGBTQI and gender issues, we were pleased to be invited to speak at the World Pride Summit in Madrid as well as the Party of European Socialists' World Pride Forum.



ERASMUSX10 CAMPAIGN

IFM-SEI joined the Erasmusx10 Campaign as a partner, calling for ten times more funding for youth in the next EU budget.



#WITHREFUGEES CAMPAIGN

IFM-SEI is a coalition partner in the United Nations' #WithRefugees campaign, coming together with other civil society organisations to advocate for support of migrants and refugees on a global level.

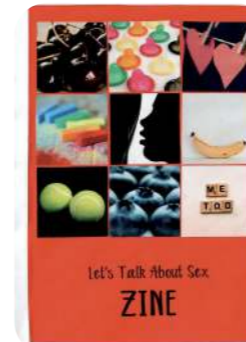


ICMYO

During 2017 the IFM-SEI President sat on the Task Force of the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organisations (ICMYO), the body bringing together the large international youth networks.



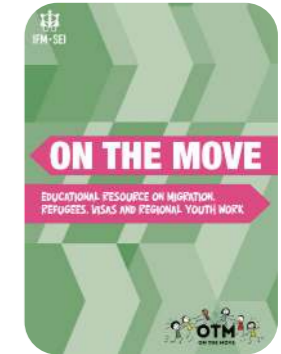
NEW EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES



Let's Talk About Sex zine on inclusive sex education for kids and young people - available in English



Rainbow Resources manual on gender and sexuality education for children - Italian language edition



On The Move handbook on migration, refugees, visas and regional youth work - available in English, Spanish and French



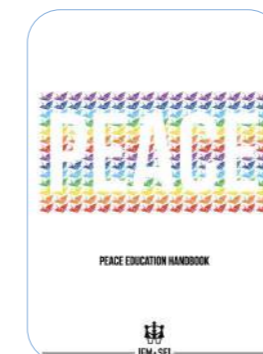
This toolkit is one of the follow-up projects of our On the Move project from 2016 to 2018.



The I Act handbook contains activities for educators on the prevention of sexual violence using the bystander model.



IFM-SEI was featured in the 'Investing in Services for People's Well-Being' by the socialplatform.



The Peace Education handbook contains educational activities on the causes, consequences and dynamics of conflicts, conflict transformation and mediation.



This toolbox has been developed for the local to global Peacemakers of Tomorrow event in 2019.

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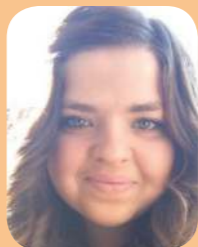
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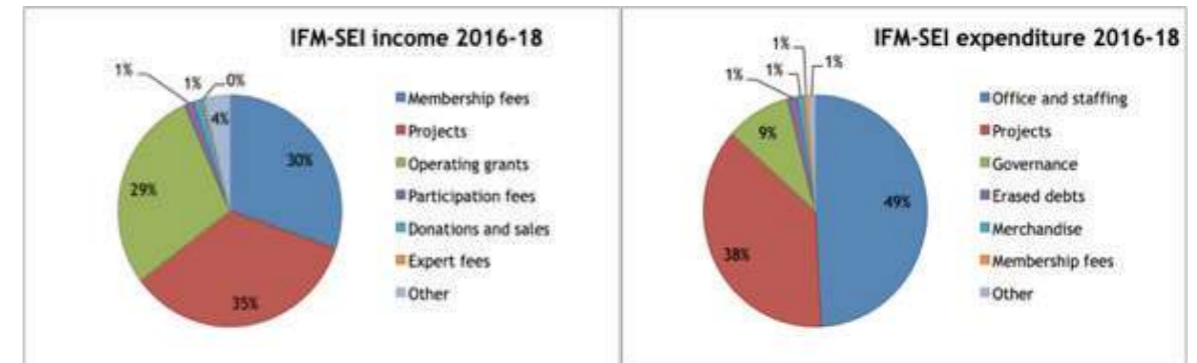
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