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Who are we?

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, and advocating for children's rights globally.

By children and young people, for children and young people

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 competent to make decisions and have strong opinions on global issues as well as matters directly affecting them. They only need the empowerment to feel that their voices will be heard in society.

EDUCATION FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

The past year has seen a buzz of activity in IFM-SEI. We kicked-off with our International Committee meeting in Berlin, Germany bringing together around 50 delegates from all our world regions. The meeting was the most regionally diverse ever seen, with each region being represented by at least three different member organisations. This added great value to our discussions, ensuring that the perspectives from members in all corners of the world were given equal weight. The IC meeting had a special focus on the development of the African region, creating a regional development strategy, new partnerships and making the proposal to host the next IC meeting in Africa. The proposal was accepted and the IC meeting 2012 will be held in Dakar, Senegal. The Middle East regional group also presented the fruits of their common work, running a workshop to explain their educational guidelines to delegates of other regions.



The momentum continued in the summer when 3500 young people participated in the co-operative-themed 'cocamp' hosted by Woodcraft Folk in Nottinghamshire. The camp programme was developed co-operatively and several IFM-SEI projects were showcased at the festival. The Rainbow Resources team and the All Together Against Climate Change group took part, running workshops for children and young people and testing the resources due for publication in the Autumn.

The end of 2011 and the beginning of 2012 saw a focus on our exciting global project 'Volunteering Against Poverty'. 17 volunteers from Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe left their homes in January to spend up to a year volunteering in another IFM-SEI member organisation. The volunteers are working together with local volunteers and children's groups to produce a documentary looking at child and youth poverty.

IFM-SEI has moved from strength to strength in the past year. More and more people are getting involved on the international level and children and young people are taking more decisions about our future. None of this could have been achieved without the commitment and energy of our volunteers all over the world. Their contribution is invaluable and the results are visible for all to see.

We hope you enjoy this review of 2011-2012.

Friendship,

Tamsin and Tim

VOLUNTEERING AGAINST POVERTY

January 2012 saw 17 volunteers from Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe leaving their homes, families and friends to spend up to a year volunteering for an IFM organisation on another continent. The volunteers are bringing the spirit of IFM to the grassroots of the host organisations, working with groups of children and contributing to their local and national work. From Colombia to England, from Catalonia to Senegal and from Latvia to Indonesia, the volunteers are sharing their experiences and learning a great deal from their hosts. The volunteers are participating in the European Voluntary Service (EVS) programme of the European Commission, co-ordinated and organised by IFM-SEI.



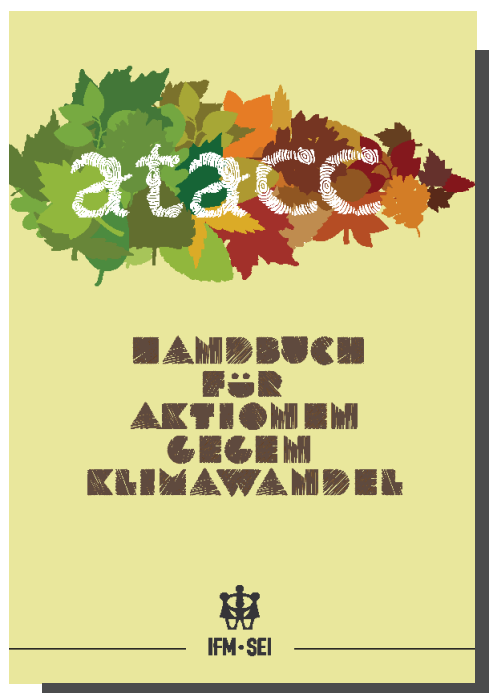
The volunteers were met by warm and welcoming hosts in their new homes. They spent time trying the food, taking in the community atmosphere and adjusting themselves to a year in a very different environment. All the volunteers are embracing the differences with open arms – despite the culture shock! For volunteers arriving in the middle of winter in Europe the cold has been a constant source of surprise – Eko and Angelica even took to wearing coats and hats inside! On the other side of the world, volunteers living in Africa are adjusting to 'African time', training themselves to relax and enjoy the slower pace of life. Despite these small challenges, the volunteers are all working with 100% commitment to get and give the most they can this year.

In addition to their local volunteering, the VAPers (Volunteering Against Poverty volunteers) will be joined by local volunteers from Austria, Denmark, India and Peru in participating in an innovative and exciting global documentary project of the same name. The 24 volunteers will come together twice during 2012, exchanging ideas about the causes and solutions to poverty, learning about filming and making a documentary together on youth poverty and unemployment. The VAPers are documenting their experiences on a blog created for the project: blog.ifm-sei.org. They are sharing their impressions, their views about poverty and their ideas about tackling poverty. The blog is very active and dynamic, I encourage you to read the volunteers' posts, watch their short videos and look at their fascinating photos.



INNOVATIVE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

2011 – 2012 saw the production of two new and exciting educational resources. The IFM-SEI team worked with groups of very dedicated volunteers to develop, design, test and adapt methods, approaches and ideas to support local group leaders and peer educators. The resources have been widely welcomed by members and partners alike.

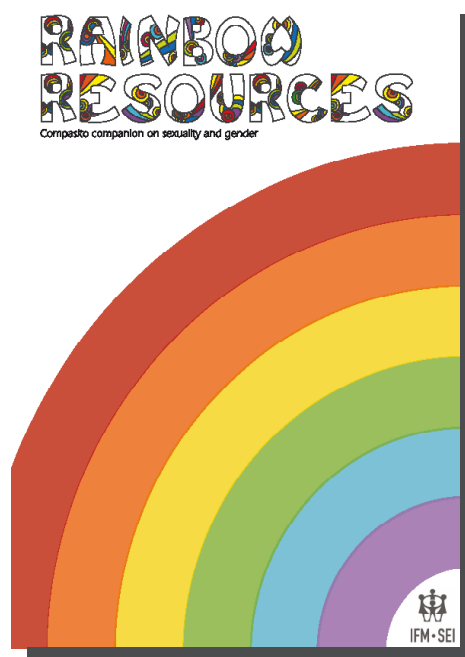


ATACC Handbook for Action Against Climate Change

The ATACC handbook was the culmination of the All Together Against Climate Change project. Young people from across Europe came together throughout 2011 to learn together, discuss and develop campaigns against climate change for their local communities. They learned about the causes and effects of climate change, considered the needs of their communities and gained skills in media and campaigning. The content of the handbook was developed by the participants, based on their experiences in running campaigns against climate change.

The publication is divided into two parts: The first focuses on climate change including theory, information and 'food for thought' on the science of climate change as well as educational methods for groups on climate change. The second part of the book focuses on campaigning. It includes a step-by-step guide to planning a campaign, tips for campaigning and methods for groups to develop their core message, slogan and campaign strategy.

The ATACC Handbook is available in English from the IFM-SEI office and in German and English in the IFM-SEI toolbox: www.ifm-sei.org/toolbox.



Rainbow Resources

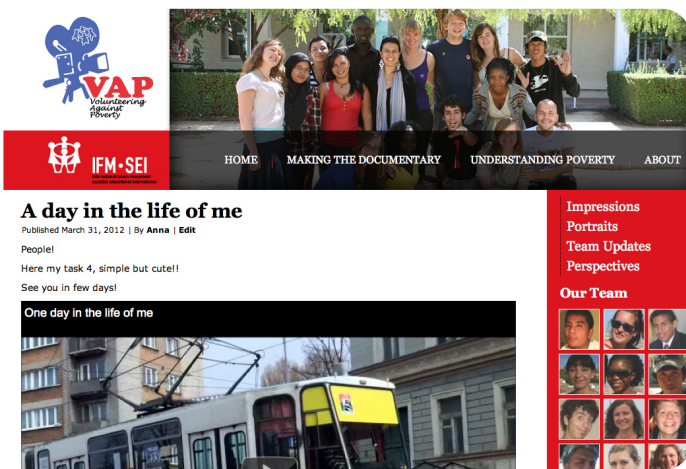
'Rainbow Resources', tackles the vitally important but often taboo subject of working on gender and sexuality rights with children. The publication is a companion to the Council of Europe publication 'Compassito', a manual for human rights education with children. Compassito is an excellent resource but our members recognised that methods on gender and sexuality were completely missing from this otherwise useful publication. The active and committed rainbow team worked together with participants at Queer Easter to develop activities and content, tested the draft methods with children at cocamp and revised them for final publication in Autumn.

The resources include stories from educators, support and advice for facilitators and educational methods in three themed sections: Identity and Being, Families and Relationships and Bullying and Discrimination. The resources are available in hard copy from the IFM-SEI office and online in the IFM-SEI toolbox: www.ifm-sei.org/toolbox.

GETTING OUR MESSAGE ACROSS

New Website

IFM-SEI launched its new website in 2011 including a dynamic database of tools accessible online making it easy for members to share ideas and activities. The website brings together our various project sites, our toolbox of inclusion resources and our main IFM-SEI website. Members can read news from IFM-SEI and its member organisations, browse pictures in our gallery, watch films from projects and camps and create an account to share and access educational resources. You can also download statutory documents, newsletters, reports and logos.



VAP-blog

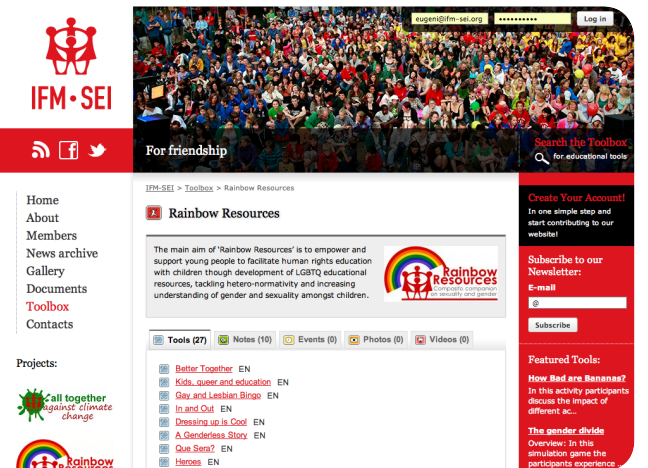
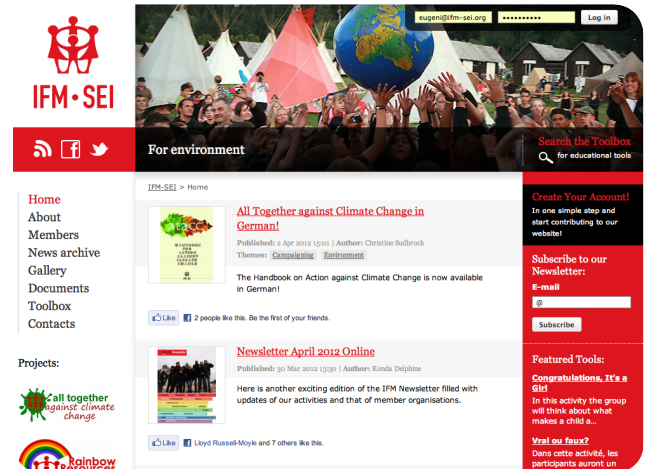
In addition, IFM-SEI launched a blog in the framework of the Volunteering Against Poverty project. blog.ifm-sei.org Here volunteers can share their experiences, ideas, pictures and short videos giving the world a flavour of this unique project.

Newsletter

The quarterly newsletter remains an important communication tool which members and supporters can sign up to receive by emailing office@ifm-sei.org or direct on the website www.ifm-sei.org.

Merchandise

IFM-SEI offers a range of branded hoodies, pin badges, cotton badges, bags and lanyards for members to buy. These can be purchased at most of our events or ordered by emailing office@ifm-sei.org.



REGIONAL UPDATES

Latin America

The Latin American regional network has worked hard in the past year, pushing both internal development and external relations to new levels. Following the acceptance of Integridad Absoluta Chile as an observer of IFM-SEI, a seminar was organised in Chile entitled: 'In the Mirror of Culture: Heritage, Culture and Gender Identity'. Eight IFM member organisations met for three days of exchange and discussion focussing on the relationship between culture and gender.

Externally too, Latin American organisations have been busy. Acacia has maintained its position as Secretary of FLAJ, leading the development of the autonomous youth platform in Latin America. Acacia together with other Colombia-based youth organisations, arranged and facilitated the FLAJ General Assembly in December 2011, bringing together representatives of National Youth Councils and International Youth organisations from all over the region.

Europe

The European Falcon Network (EFN) seminar took place in October in Oslo, Norway. The meeting brought together falcons from all around Europe to discuss the challenges that young people around Europe face and how falcon groups can have an important role in overcoming them. Participants welcomed the space to share experiences from their organisations in tackling these issues and felt that they could learn much from how other falcon organisations deal with the same challenges. This exchange of experience and sharing of good practice supports member organisations in the development of their activities and policies by providing an international perspective.

Following developments on the EU level concerning the future funding of youth organisations and activities, European Falcons have begun to mobilise to lobby for a strengthened and independent youth funding programme. Working with other youth organisations, falcons are lobbying at national and European level to ensure young people can continue to participate actively in Europe after 2013.



Africa

Following the Africa network meeting and the election of a new African Vice President, Diye Diallo, at the IC meeting in Berlin, a new energy has been felt in the African region. The commitment to develop activities in the region is strong and participation in IFM-SEI activities is increasing all the time.

Action Enfance Senegal and OGCEYOD Cameroon are each hosting two European volunteers this year, setting up close and equal partnerships for the future. As part of the same project, two volunteers from OGCEYOD and one from Action Enfance are volunteering in the UK, Catalonia and Belgium during 2012, sharing their knowledge and ideas with their hosts. Most excitingly, the 2012 IC and African network meetings will be held in Dakar, Senegal this year ensuring African development remains a key priority for IFM-SEI.

Middle East

2011 saw the launch of the common educational guidelines as part of the Middle-East regional process. This was an important step for all organisations involved, marking the immense common achievements of the group. The leading group shared the guidelines with other movements at the IC meeting in Berlin, which were very well-received.

The Bridges project (a co-operation project between Independence Youth Union, Palestine, Framfylkingen, Norway and Woodcraft Folk, UK) launched their documentary film in late 2011. The Premiere took place during the EFN seminar in Oslo and was praised by all. The film followed two young Norwegians meeting Palestinian young people and learning about the occupation in the West Bank.



Asia

Indonesian children took part in a workshop striving to raise awareness of their rights and aiming to encourage children to take a more active role in the development of ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations). 19 children took part in workshops on the role of child participation in the ASEAN Process organised by KKSP Foundation in collaboration with the CRC-ASIA (Child Rights Coalition in Asia) in Medan, North Sumatra Province.

During the workshop held in October 2011, the participants discussed child rights and child participation and developed a common agenda for participating in the preparation of the report on violations of child rights in Indonesia to the ASEAN Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC).



A FLAVOUR OF THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY OUR MEMBERS...

Cocamp

In summer 2011, 2500 IFM members came together to collaborate on a fabulous international co-operative project: CoCamp. Hosted by Woodcraft Folk, UK, CoCamp was a living example of the cooperative spirit. CoCamp was based on the principle that everyone should contribute to the running of the camp. From the cooking of meals to the running of programme, from the late-night entertainment to the daily newspaper, young people from around the world collaborated to produce an alternative vision; a community that rejected competition and capitalism, and embraced co-operation and socialism. With delegations from around the world, CoCamp was a truly international event. CoCamp also gave IFM the opportunity to showcase the IFM projects: All Together Against Climate Change and Rainbow Resources. The activities that IFM project delegates shared were some of the most creative and innovative and were a clear example of the great work that these projects are doing all around the world.



OGCEYOD HIV-AIDS Project

OGCEYOD Cameroon carried out an inspiring project to celebrate World AIDS Day on December 1 2011. Members of OGCEYOD went out into the streets of Limbe to demonstrate and raise awareness of HIV/AIDS. Their target group was young prostitutes, some as young as 17, standing in dark corners waiting for men to solicit for sex. OGCEYOD went out on World AIDS Day to raise awareness amongst young women of the availability of female condoms and how to use them to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS. The main aim was to have fun trying the condoms and break down taboos about them. Young prostitutes are at high risk of contracting HIV-AIDS especially as they have little sexual bargaining power so teaching a woman to use the female condom is hugely important.



Young Farmers resist the occupation

In 2011, IYU organised a children's camp in Hebron aiming to educate children about how to cultivate land to help their families to farm and keep hold of their lands. The idea developed as a result of the high number of settlements and settlers who steal land around Hebron, IYU hoped to support Palestinian families to fight back peacefully.

Help me to fit in: First steps in school

For the past two years, the Lithuanian Young Falcon Union has been carrying out its inclusion project inspired by the long term IFM-SEI "All Together" Project. Around 20 volunteers from LYFU have been working every week organising group activities as well as individual assistance for Roma children that are territorially and socially excluded and marginalised from the rest of the society. The name of the project is "Help me to fit in: first steps in school", because one of the main aims is to assist children, strengthen their social skills, as well as target schools and parents to prevent early school drop outs due to poverty, lack of attention from the school, lack of adapted school curriculum for non-native Lithuanian speakers, constant bullying and discrimination not only by children but also by some teachers and school administrators. The project has faced many obstacles including public resistance and threats by public officials and schools but LYFU is continuing its work. Xenophobic attitudes in the public sphere and even in governmental institutions only make them 'want to work harder to try to convince' people that children who are left unattended, living in poverty, sometimes not eating for days, cannot choose whether they want to go to school or not, because their essential needs are often not being met.

Acacia fights the rising tide of violence and wins!

Santa Cecilia, an area in Bogotá situated at the top of the mountains, used to be an extremely dangerous place where young people and children were at risk of becoming gangsters or were very close to or even touched by violence. After years of working intensively through arts, literature, movies, empowerment and leadership programmes, IFM-SEI member organisation Acacia managed to reduce by 30% the number of murders in 2011. When they arrived in Santa Cecilia in 2006 they started to help the community to put together a local library that could become a meeting place and also a meaningful space for reconciliation. During 2008, with a bleak picture ahead, they decided it was time to go further in fighting against fear, trusting that non-violence was the key to open hearts and would bring back hope and trust. So they started doing what they knew best: Non-formal education. First in arts, crafts and literature, finding the true spirit of this amazing community: combining courage, resistance, love, friendship, empowerment, fighting for rights, non-violence and care. IFM-SEI has been part of the journey with Acacia: Several members of the Santa Cecilia project from Acacia participated in the fruitful project 'Peers Without Frontiers', and now with much hope and strength Acacia is participating in the new IFM-SEI project 'Volunteering Against Poverty', hosting a volunteer from the UK and sending volunteers from Santa Cecilia to the UK and Catalonia.



APFUTU fights child labour and presents an alternative vision

IFM-SEI member organisation APFUTU published a report in 2011 on core labour standards in Pakistan, including the worrying prevalence of child labour. The report revealed that many children are victims of the worst forms of child labour in industries ranging from carpet-making to agriculture to domestic service and most worryingly, prostitution. They often have to carry heavy loads, work long hours and handle pesticides and other dangerous substances. A survey found that 500 000 working children between the ages of 5 and 14 in key industries perform unpaid work. Girls are often employed as domestic servants where they work long hours and are vulnerable to sexual and physical abuse. APFUTU continues the struggle to ensure these children are freed from child labour and are given the opportunity for a childhood and an education. In 2012 APFUTU will open its new school for child labourers thanks to a fruitful partnership project with Woodcraft Folk.



World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse

In the framework of the World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse and the Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Action Enfance showcased their work on children's rights together with their partner organisations in Senegal. A demonstration of 500 young people was welcomed by the mayor and the administrative team of the city of Mbaou to discuss their actions against children having to beg on the streets. On the same day the leaders of the organisations met with children to share experiences and develop their strategies to strengthening the fight for children's rights.

IFM-SEI SECRETARIAT

Income

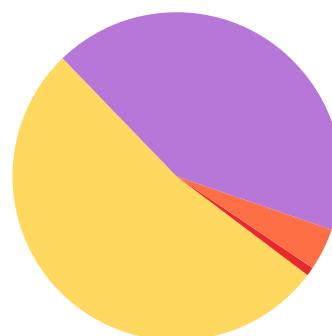
Membership fees:	78,000 €
Core grants:	60,000 €
Project grants:	130,000 €
Donations:	9,500 €
Total:	277,500 €



Income

Expenditure

Office and staff costs:	118,000 €
Governance and meetings:	11,500 €
Projects:	145,000 €
Materials/publications:	3,000 €
Total:	277,500 €



Expenditure

Finances

In the last year IFM-SEI finances have remained stable. We were again successful in securing a three-year operational grant from the European Commission for the period 2011-2013 as well as annual administrative funding from the Council of Europe, totalling 60.000 euro per year.

In 2011 we were successful in securing 130.000 euro in project funding, including a grant of 100.000 euro for our "All Together Against Climate Change" project. In 2012 we were additionally successful in raising almost 250.000 euro to fund our ambitious "Volunteering Against Poverty" project involving four world regions.

The pie charts above illustrate the main income sources and expenditure lines in 2011.

Secretariat developments

We're happy to report that our office team continues to be a committed and reliable force. During 2011 and 2012 the Secretariat has remained five-strong, comprising three staff members and two volunteers. A strengthened secretariat allows us to support volunteers in different regions more effectively and enables us to be more ambitious in achieving elements of our three-year plan. In September 2011 Eugeni Brigneti Masgrau from Esplac Catalonia joined our team for a year as an EVS volunteer, focusing on our Volunteering Against Poverty project and ensuring the continued high quality of our publications. Delphine Konda from OGCEYOD Cameroon arrived in January 2012, committed to working on the VAP project and supporting the development of the African region in IFM-SEI. We are really pleased to continue to have a Spanish speaker in the team, ensuring more fluid communication with the Latin American region.

Secretariat Team June 2011 - May 2012

Tamsin Pearce, Secretary General

Ingrid de Kock, Office Secretary

Christine Sudbrock, Project Officer

Lloyd Russell-Moyle, European Volunteer (Until August 2011)

Ana-Maria Almario, Vice - President - Latin America (from May to December 2011)

Eugeni Brigneti Masgrau, European volunteer (from September 2011)

Delphine Konda, European volunteer (from January 2012)



STATUTORY MEETINGS 2011 – 2012

Our year started successfully in Berlin in June 2011 with the International Committee meeting. More than 50 delegates participated from all over the world making the meeting the most diverse ever seen. At least three different organisations represented every world region, leading to lively discussions and ensuring perspectives could be heard from all corners of the globe. During the meeting delegates took part in animated discussions about important internal issues such as the organisation of our democracy and our political priorities for the years ahead. A new Vice President was also elected at the meeting and the Presidium welcomed Diye Diallo to the team from Action Enfance Senegal. There was a special focus on Africa during the weekend, prioritising the support and development of the African region and ensuring African falcons are supported to be heard on the world stage via the newly established network of African youth organisations and the Africa-Europe platform. Another highlight of the meeting was the launch of the Middle East educational guidelines resulting from years of co-operation and discussion.

The Presidium met three times during the year, planning our common tasks and debating priorities. A core piece of our work has been the long process to review and alter our ways of working. A small team has been working on our statutes, considering how to ensure we are as democratic and accountable as possible. We have been looking at reforming the structure of the Presidium, our membership levels and voting procedures. The reforms were discussed by the International Committee in 2011 and will be presented to the Congress for decision.

Presidium members 2011 – 2012



Tim Scholz,
President



Tamsin Pearce,
Secretary General



Diye Diallo,
Vice President



Jiri Let,
Vice President



Birute Sabatauskaite,
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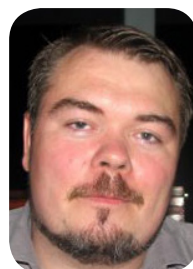


Ali Hyalel,
Vice President

Control Commission 2011 – 2012



Gunter Leeb,
(Chair)



Morten Lyager



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