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International Falcon Movement- Socialist Educational International



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, educating on the basis of our values of equality, democracy, peace, co-operation and friendship, and advocating for children's rights globally.

Education for Social Change

The period 2013-2014 has seen a buzz of activity in IFM-SEI, kicking off with the Congress in June 2013 in Manchester that brought together around 90 delegates and guests from all regions of the world. Hosted by woodcraft folk and the Co-operative Group, the delegates adopted a new constitution for IFM-SEI, elected a new leadership and celebrated the successes of IFM-SEI in the past years and the friendships between our members.

The momentum continued in the summer when hundreds of children met at the international summer camps of Nuoret Kotkat in Finland and Esplac in Catalunya. Both organisations invited many sister organisations to join their camps to celebrate friendship and diversity.



The camps were followed by another activity in Manchester, again hosted by the co-operative movement. The Co-operACTION project of IFM-SEI brought together young people from our member organisations who learned about ethical models of business, experienced the benefits of cooperation and, through the income of their own local cooperative enterprises, now contribute financially to other activities of their groups.

The end of 2013 saw a focus on our new global volunteering project 'Getting out, Getting skills'. 24 volunteers from Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe left their homes to spend a year volunteering in another IFM-SEI member organisation. The volunteers are working together with local leaders and children's groups, contribute with the experiences from their home organisations and get new skills, attitudes and knowledge from their host organisations.

2014 kicked off with new activities on equality and inclusion. Through social media we promote gender equality and raise our voice against sexism in a big photo campaign in which many young people from around the world have already taken part. With our European members, we currently develop a new social inclusion strategy 'All Together 2.0' that includes a second edition of our successful publication Rainbow Resources.

IFM-SEI has moved from strength to strength in the past year. More and more people are getting involved on the international level and more children and young people are taking 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 2013-2014.

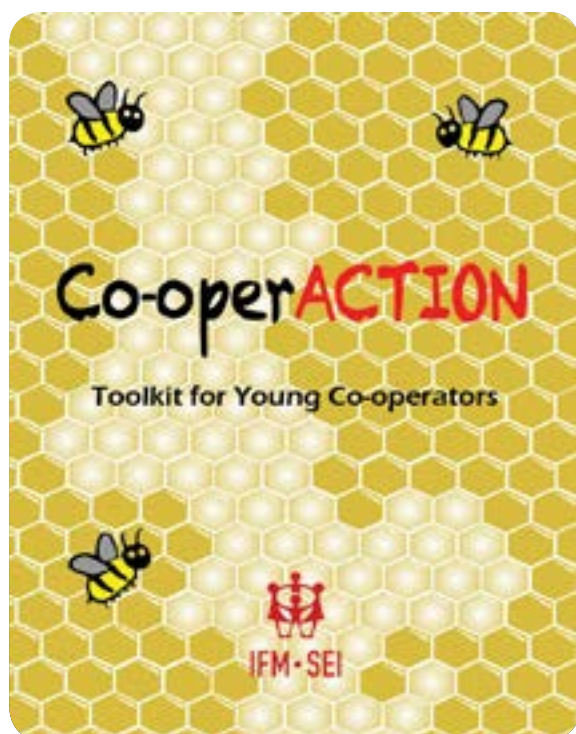
Friendship,

Christine and Ana

Co-operACTION: Putting co-operatives into action

Co-operACTION has been IFM-SEI's global project in 2013 and aimed to educate young people about co-operatives as a positive alternative form of enterprise. In 11 local communities across Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America young people now run small co-operatives, deciding together what they want to produce, sell or offer.

During a seminar in March 2013 in Colombia, peer educators learnt about co-operatives, their history, values and principles and the impact co-operatives have to shape a better world. They also planned an educational process for their youth groups back home so that they could start setting up their own youth co-operatives. The local groups developed ethical business ideas based on market research, decided on rules, roles and responsibilities in their co-operatives and prepared their business plans.



In August 2013 four members of every local co-operative came together in the birthplace of the co-operative movement, Manchester, to share and finalise their business plans. There they got support from experts on aspects such as ethical finance, marketing and Fair Trade. The young people also raised awareness of the co-operative movement during an exciting Action Day in the city centre of Manchester.

After the event, the development of 11 local co-operatives took on full speed. Young people now engage for example in sales of food and hand-made bags and use the experience from their Falcon organisations to work as party planners and educators. The income directly supports the activities of their organisations.

One of the project outcomes is the Co-operACTION toolkit for young co-operators. The aim of this educational resource is to support groups in setting up a co-operative. Youth leaders, but also individuals and teachers will find food for thought and inspiration, information about the co-operative movement, its values and principles, co-operative games for children and young people and an easy step-by-step guide on how to set up a co-operative.

You can find the Co-operACTION Toolkit for Young Co-operators in English, Spanish and French in our educational toolbox www.ifm-sei.org/toolbox.

Getting out, getting skills: IFM-SEI's volunteering programme

In October 2013, 24 volunteers from Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe left their homes, families and friends to spend a year volunteering for an IFM organisation on another continent. For the first time, two EVS volunteers are also hosted in the Middle East Region.

The volunteers bring 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 Belgium, from Catalonia to Senegal and from England to Indonesia, the volunteers share their experiences and learn a great deal from their hosts. The project is organised in the framework of the European Voluntary Service (EVS), a programme funded by the European Commission.



On their blog (blog.ifm-sei.org), the volunteers write about their life in the host communities, sharing photos and videos from children and youth organisations that might work very differently from their own, but have the same values and belong to the same family.

The common theme of the programme is outdoor education, something that connects all members of the IFM-SEI. Together, the volunteers learn about the possibilities and benefits of outdoor education, share their favourite activities and plan outdoor education projects with their host organisations.

All Together 2.0: mainstreaming inclusion at all levels



2014 sees the continuation of IFM-SEI's work on social inclusion in Europe with the 'All Together 2.0' project. In 2007 IFM-SEI initiated its 'All Together' inclusion strategy, aiming to include more young people with fewer opportunities in our activities and structures. The strategy included training courses, the production of an inclusion handbook and study visits. The latest result was Rainbow Resources, a manual for human rights education with children on gender and sexuality rights that is widely recognised for its quality and for being the first manual for children on this topic.

In 2014, IFM-SEI revised and re-launched this strategy, now called 'All Together 2.0'. A group of ten volunteers from IFM-SEI

member organisations take the lead in strengthening social inclusion in IFM-SEI on all levels through a variety of activities. The group evaluated IFM-SEI's inclusion work of the past years and developed a set of clear objectives and action lines to make our movement more inclusive of young people with fewer opportunities.

All Together 2.0, funded by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe, includes a two-stage training course in which group leaders receive inclusion training and support to develop and implement inclusion strategies in their local groups. We will furthermore publish a new edition of the successful 'Rainbow Resources' publication on gender and sexuality rights education with children. Participants of the annual 'Queer Easter' seminar developed new activities for this resource, and an editing group will revise the content of Rainbow Resources to make it even more useful. It will be published in December 2014 in 7 languages.

Gender equality campaign

IFM-SEI's gender equality campaign was launched on International Women's Day, 8 March 2014. The campaign includes a video and a poster campaign that can be followed at the IFM-SEI Facebook page. IFM-SEI members from across the globe told us why we should include girls and women in our work and why we shouldn't be sexist. Photos of young people holding cards with their reasons against sexism and for gender equality are uploaded to the IFM facebook page to raise awareness of the ongoing discrimination of women everywhere in the world.

The campaign group will also produce an educational resource on gender equality that children and youth groups can use to tackle this topic. We are thrilled to say there is now also a Feminista section in each IFM-SEI newsletter where members can read (and write) about all things feminism and gender related.



Visa campaign

Visa regimes are one of the biggest obstacles for international camps, meetings and youth exchanges. IFM-SEI and its member organisations therefore want to better support young people in overcoming these obstacles, and raise this issue in international conferences and our regional and national networks.

An IFM-SEI working group, made up of members from all IFM-SEI regions, started the campaign in autumn 2013. A website, launched by Woodcraft Folk, gives hints and tips for getting visas, offers a platform to share information on rejected visa applications and allows members to receive updates on the visa campaign. 2014 will also see the publication of a 'how to' guide for obtaining visas and an awareness-raising video about visa restrictions facing young people around the world (visas.woodcraft.org.uk).



Regional updates

IFM-SEI in Europe

The European region has been very active in the past year, with a high number of activities organised by IFM-SEI and the European member organisations. The European Presidium members focus in their mandate on supporting struggling organisations, developing IFM-SEI in Southern Europe and the Mediterranean (a 'blank spot' for IFM in Europe), connecting grassroots groups, the visa campaign and of course organising an interesting educational programme for the region.

In the summer of 2013, many children and youth groups from all over Europe met during camps that brought together IFM-SEI delegations from many different organisations. Esplac's 'Together for Diversity' international camp took place in July 2013. At the same time Nuoret Kotkat hosted their international Camp 'Kamu' (Friendship). IFM-SEI delegations also joined Woodcraft Folk's Venturer Camp, with the theme of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.



In the past 12 months, the Kurt-Löwenstein education centre in Germany has hosted a number of educational seminars with participants from a wide range of IFM-SEI organisations. International Summer School in August discussed anti-Semitism, anti-Muslim discrimination and anticiganism. The annual International Winter School took place over New Year 2014 on the theme of capitalism and neo-liberalism with over 130 participants from IFM-SEI and the Young European Socialists (YES). Queer Easter in April brought together 80 people to explore the theme of activism and discrimination within the left.

IFM-SEI in the Middle East

IFM-SEI organisations in the Middle East work together very closely for a long time already, with a leading group of members from all movements steering the cooperation process and learning from each other. The group discusses educational concepts and political issues, goes on camps and coordinates common projects.



The last year saw a very successful training process for new guides from Palestine and Israel. The young people participated in a series of seminars and training courses. They reflected on different and shared identities and their dream society. Together they also learned practical methods of team building and outdoor education. During the process, the guides became good friends and could discuss the role of youth and peace in their societies in a very relaxed and positive atmosphere. As one participant pointed out after a seminar, "we have to understand how important our platform is: that I can have my identity, and still meet another identity. It is important to bring yourself and at the same time to be willing to learn from the other".

The process will go on with a seminar on peace education.

IFM-SEI in Latin America



In 2014 the Latin American region engaged particularly in IFM-SEI's global Gender Equality Campaign. The movements in the region want to raise awareness especially of the 'macho' culture that many of them have to deal with, and of violence against women. The region is enthusiastic about tackling these problems through communication and education, and to make clear that education is capable of changing attitudes and stopping the inequality between genders.

Of course our movements in Latin America also remain active in other areas such as education for children's rights and friendship between children in the whole region. Integridad Absoluta Chile for example published a book of stories by children from all over Latin America about their dreams, 'Sueños para Latinoamerica'.

IFM-SEI in Africa

During the last African Falcon Network meeting held in 2012, the movements decided that they want to focus their cooperation on the theme of gender equality, an issue that is high on the agenda of all IFM members in Africa. OGCEYOD Cameroon for example took part in the 'One Billion Rising' campaign on violence against women, giving women a space to share their experiences with outrageous practices such as breast ironing. Action Enfance Senegal currently prepares a regional seminar on gender equality that will take place in September 2014. Both organisations receive support in their work from European volunteers who are hosted in Cameroon and Senegal. At the same time, volunteers from both countries volunteer in Woodcraft Folk and Kinderfreunde Austria as part of the 'Getting out, getting skills' volunteering project.

The African movements were also very active in IFM's 'Co-operACTION' project, with youth co-operatives up and running in Senegal and Cameroon. The Pioneers of Mali supported the project greatly by translating the Co-operACTION toolkit into French and thus making it more widely used among French-speaking youth activists.



IFM-SEI in Asia



In 2013 and 2014, KKSP Indonesia put all their energy year into supporting refugees of the Sinabung volcano eruption in Sumatra. Right from the start they offered nonformal education activities to the children in the refugee camps; they lifted up their spirits by offering games, distributed educational materials and worked day and night to support the refugee children.

KKSP and Antar Bharati from India also participated in IFM-SEI's Co-operACTION project. In Pune, India, two youth co-operatives are still running very successfully after three of their youngsters received training on co-operative enterprises through the project. In one of them, young people

offer computer classes to their neighbours in a poor area of Pune, while the other gives young rural women the opportunity to sell handmade handbags to get a first employment.

Co-operation in the youth field

Global co-operation

IFM-SEI participates in ICMYO, the International Co-ordination Meeting of Youth Organisations, which co-ordinates the input of youth organisations into international affairs, particularly UN processes. In 2013, IFM-SEI was elected into the ICMYO taskforce for the first time, ensuring that IFM-SEI has a strong voice and is better known in global policy developments.

ICMYO organisations also selected IFM-SEI to be one of the organisations representing the network in the International Youth Task Force for the World Conference on Youth that took place in May 2014 in Sri Lanka. Together with other representatives of international youth-led organisations and Sri Lankan youth, Christine Sudbrock advised the Sri Lankan government on the political process leading towards the 'Colombo Declaration on Youth' (www.wcy2014.com). This declaration, for the first time jointly adopted by governments and young people, identifies how youth must be mainstreamed in the future development agenda. Around 1000 young people and government representatives from around the world, including 5 representatives of IFM-SEI, gathered in Sri Lanka to discuss youth rights and development.



Youth co-operation in Africa



Co-operation in the field of youth in Africa took on full speed in the last two years, with NIYOA, the Network of International Youth Organisations in Africa, having been founded in 2012 by several youth organisations, among them IFM-SEI. Delphine Konda has been re-elected into the board of NIYOA in 2013 to represent IFM-SEI.

The main event for the region in the last 12 months was the Euro-Africa Youth Leaders' summit, taking place parallel to the 4th Africa-Europe Heads of State Summit in April 2014 in Brussels. The event brought together 100 participants - including 70 youth leaders from Africa and Europe, experts from academia, NGOs and governments. Under the patronage of the African and European Unions, the Summit aimed to address the common challenges of youth from the two continents and deliberate on some of the regional and global issues that were being considered at the Africa-EU Heads of State Summit. IFM-SEI was well represented by Delphine Konda and Marc Cases, board member of IFM. The young people identified issues such education, open borders

and free markets, mutual respect, good governance, access to information, mentorship programs and networking as crucial factors that should be considered in building youth capacities in leadership, peace and entrepreneurship.

Youth co-operation in Europe

IFM-SEI remains a strong member of the European Youth Forum, the platform of National Youth Councils and International Youth Organisations in Europe. The Youth Forum offers support to its members particularly through advocacy towards the European Institutions on issues such as funding for youth organisations, youth unemployment, participation and youth rights. Through Marc Cases IFM was represented at the statutory meetings in the last 12 months that focused on a modification of statutes and the selection of a new Secretary General for the organisation. Lloyd Russell-Moyle, Vice-President of this important platform, has been co-nominated by the British Youth Council and IFM-SEI and now coordinates the global work of the Youth Forum.



Children's Rights



IFM-SEI is a member of CRAG, the Children's Rights Action Group in Brussels. The group brings together children rights organisations in Brussels in order to jointly advocate for children in the European Union. In the light of the European elections 2014, CRAG issued a 'Child Rights Manifesto', outlining our main requests for an EU that ensures children's rights are protected (www.childrightsmanifesto.eu).

IFM-SEI in social media and communication

Since the Congress 2013, IFM-SEI made a huge step forward into a new era of communication. Today we are better able to reach our members and partners also on the grassroots level through the implementation of a new social media strategy.

A new IFM-SEI facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ifmsei>) was launched in July 2013 and attracts every day more users who receive almost daily updates on activities of IFM-SEI and its member organisations, children's rights and youth policy developments. On the occasion of special theme days, members share their ideas for group activities, and in the framework of our big Gender Equality campaign, many children and adult leaders have uploaded photos to the page showing why they fight for gender equality and against sexism. A separate facebook group only for members of IFM-SEI serves as a space for networking and direct sharing of information between members.

The secretariat and presidium also tweet directly from our activities and other meetings where we are represented, giving live updates from their work.

Finally, also the IFM-SEI newsletter comes in a new design and format. Every month our members now get an e-mail with the latest news, linking to articles on our website. The newsletter also has two new exciting sections: Feminista, in which we publish feminist articles, and 'Once upon a time...', dedicated to the history of our international.



The IFM-SEI Presidium

A new Presidium started with fresh energy and motivation into their new mandate in 2013, focusing in the first months on planning the work plan implementation. The Presidium meets three times per year and also holds regular online meetings to ensure smooth communication in the global team.



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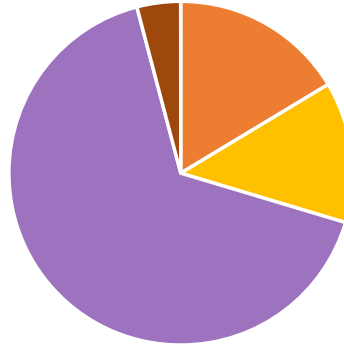
IFM-SEI Finances

2013 INCOME

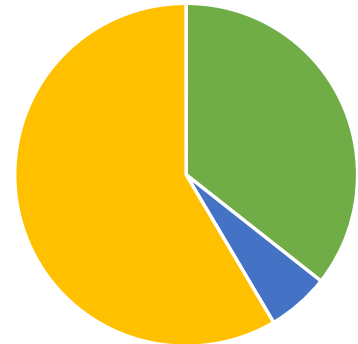
Membership fees:	74,000 €
Core grants:	60,000 €
Project grants:	299,358 €
Donations:	18,587 €
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Total:	451,955 €

2013 EXPENDITURE

Office and staff costs:	160,993 €
Governance and meetings:	26,568 €
Projects:	264,389 €
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Total:	436,103 €



Income



Expenditure

The IFM-SEI secretariat team

Our office team continues to be a committed and reliable force. Estel Buch Mundó joined the team as project officer from June 2013 to May 2014, bringing new energy and ideas into the IFM office. Sabine Troitzsch from SJD Die Falken volunteered in the secretariat from December 2012 to August 2013, ensuring great support for our educational activities and publications. She passed over the EVS torch to Carlos Alberto Guerrero Pinto from Acacia Colombia who will stay until September 2014, focusing on our publications and new materials for IFM's membership campaign.



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Secretary General



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