

# **REPORT**

## **2014 - 2015**

**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.

## Span the World with Friendship

The last 12 months of IFM-SEI were buzzing with activity, full of events and projects aiming towards a world where children's rights are respected and where equality, solidarity and peace are a reality.

The 25th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child was a major event for the international and our member organisations in the period 2014/2015. Children all over the world celebrated the declaration in November 2014 and at the same time raised awareness of how little of it is implemented in today's world.

In 2014, our biggest project was the continuation of IFM-SEI's inclusion strategy All Together. In the framework of this strategy, many European members have already made their structures and activities more inclusive for children with fewer opportunities. Last year we gave the strategy another push with inclusion seminars for young group leaders. A highlight in the campaign All Together 2.0 was the publication of the second edition of Rainbow Resources, our successful manual on sexuality and gender rights education with children. The new edition includes more activities and updated content and is available in seven different languages.

The end of 2014 saw a focus on our work to end violence against children and young people. During a study session in the European Youth Centre Budapest, young educators developed guidelines to recognize and tackle violence in their groups and created educational activities to raise awareness. The seminar also kicked off our peace education year 2015, in which we analyse both personal and political conflicts and put the spotlight on children and young people suffering under war and violence.

In October, the 24 EVS volunteers of the 'Getting out, getting skills' project returned home after learning from and supporting other member organisations for 12 months. A new group of young people met in Bolivia to prepare their volunteering service for 2015. They now work with children on their right to participation and establish partnerships between their movements and local authorities.

IFM-SEI has moved from strength to strength in the past year. More and more people are getting involved on the international level and feel that they are part of the IFM-SEI family. 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.

**Friendship,**  
Christine



## All Together 2.0

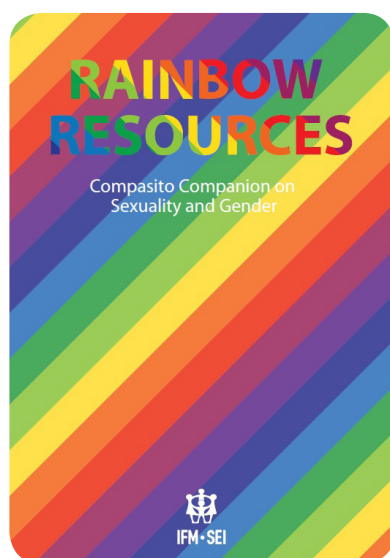
2014 saw the continuation of IFM-SEI's work on social inclusion in Europe with the All Together 2.0 project.

In 2007, IFM-SEI initiated its 'All Together' inclusion strategy, aiming to include more young people with fewer opportunities in our activities and structures. 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 took 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 the movement more inclusive of young people with fewer opportunities. Results of the new strategy are already visible: for example a collection of educational activities on inclusion as well as a clearer explanation of the values IFM-SEI is based on, which also contributed to the work on a code of conduct for IFM-SEI.



All Together 2.0, funded by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe, also included a two-stage training course in which group leaders received an inclusion training and support to develop and implement inclusion strategies for their local groups. 20 young people met in May 2014 in Germany and then again in October in Finland in order to learn together and to support each other in changing structures and activities of their organisations to become more inclusive of children and young people who usually face exclusion in our society.

## Rainbow Resources



In this second phase of the All Together strategy, IFM-SEI put a special focus on combatting exclusion on the grounds of gender and sexual identity. Young volunteers continued the Rainbow Work on gender and sexuality rights education with children and improved the already very successful publication Rainbow Resources. This book full of activities for children saw its first edition in 2011 and was quickly spread among very many educators and teachers. Many users sent positive comments on Rainbow Resources as well as good advice and tips on new content. Based on this feedback from practitioners and new work done during the annual Queer Easter seminar, the working group added more and better activities, updated information and included more tips for facilitators. A big group of volunteers translated Rainbow Resources into German, Spanish, French and even Finnish, Latvian and Lithuanian! You can order the book in hard copy (English, Spanish and German) from the IFM-SEI office or download it from [www.ifm-sei.org/bolbox/rainbow-resources](http://www.ifm-sei.org/bolbox/rainbow-resources).

## Partnerships for Participation

With the year 2015 started the new global project Partnerships for Participation: It includes 10 EVS volunteers in 10 host organisations in 4 world regions, working with hundreds of children to fight for their right to participation.

Partnerships for Participation (short: P4P) combines two exciting elements:

- 1) Children in ten organisations set up partnerships with local councils or schools to have their say in decision-making. They develop new approaches to child participation and train decision-makers in using them.
- 2) 10 EVS volunteers support the children's groups while living in another country than their own, learning a new language and getting to know another Falcon organisation.



Before leaving to their host countries in February, the volunteers and their hosts met in La Paz, Bolivia to prepare the year ahead together. The group not only learned about child participation approaches and the regulations of the European Voluntary Service, but also formed close bonds that will help them to overcome any challenge that might lie ahead of them.

The volunteers travelled for example from SJD Die Falken Germany to OGCEYOD Cameroon, from Nueva Generacion Bolivia to Esplais Catalans and from Woodcraft Folk UK to KKSP Indonesia. They live in a completely new environment, but with friendly comrades from IFM organisations around to support them in their projects.

Together with children in their host organisations, the young people research different child participation approaches already in use, discuss how children want to be involved in decision-making and show decision-makers how they can involve children to benefit from children's perspectives, creativity and experiences.

The group will meet again in July 2015 together with children from their local groups to share their ideas and to train how to train decision-makers in involving children. At the end of the year, IFM-SEI will publish a guide to child participation for children, educators and decision-makers.



## Tackling the Culture of Violence



In cooperation with the Council of Europe, IFM-SEI held a successful study session at the European Youth Centre in Budapest in November 2014. The topic of the study session was 'Tackling the Culture of Violence – Methodology for Human Rights Education with Children'.

25 young educators from KKSP Indonesia, Mirim Brazil, Action Enfance Senegal, Esplais Catalans, SJD Die Falken, Georgian Falcons, Woodcraft Folk and Unga Ornar as well as new partners of IFM-SEI came together for one week to learn together, share experiences and develop new ideas on how to tackle violence against children and young people.

The study session aimed to empower young leaders of children and youth groups to educate for an environment free of violence. The participants spoke particularly about bullying, gender-based violence and corporal punishment and reflected on their societies that deem violence acceptable. Together they produced guidelines and educational materials that can help other educators to create violence-free education. The friendly atmosphere and the well thought-through programme led the participants to develop creative and useful ideas. They designed, practised and evaluated activities on the topics of bullying, corporal punishment and gender-based violence and furthermore planned strategies for a future work on the topic in their organisations.

## Human Rights Education and Education for Democratic Citizenship

In another study session in May 2015, IFM-SEI introduced young people to some of the basic content and methodology of our educational work – Human Rights Education and Education for Democratic Citizenship. In the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg, 26 participants learned about Human Rights and were introduced to the right to Human Rights Education as established in the Council of Europe Charter on Human Rights Education and Education for Democratic Citizenship.

The young people discussed how best to educate for, about and through Human Rights and Democratic Citizenship and practiced how to be Human Rights educators through the development and trial of educational activities on issues such as peace, solidarity, equality and inclusion. In a safe and supportive atmosphere they could try out their skills as educators and practice for their work back home. Finally, the group also analysed how well their own organisations respect and work for Human Rights and planned how to become activists and educators for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights in their youth movements.



The participants came from Nuoret Kotkat, Faucons Rouges, Esplais Catalans, Woodcraft Folk, Georgian Falcons, Unga Ornar, Lithuanian Young Falcon Union, Mundo Nuevo, CHAP, Independence Youth Forum and Pionniers du Mali as well as new partner organisations outside IFM-SEI.

## Peace Education Year in IFM-SEI

Violence and war are all around us and affect everyone, no matter where. Children and young people are victims of armed conflicts, they are exposed to war propaganda and violence in the media.

Peace is the absence of wars, terrorism, torture and violence. But it is much more than that. Peace achieved through respect, solidarity, through the absence of economic and social inequalities. Peace is something that concerns whole states, ethnic groups and religions, but also interactions between individuals, between peers, between children and adults.



In May 2015, IFM-SEI organised two seminars on peace education that took place parallel to each other in the Kurt-Lowenstein Education Centre in Wertpflu, Germany. One of the seminars focussed on mediation – how can young educators become mediators for youth organisations or schools? How do interpersonal conflicts develop? How to transform them? The participants from Europe and the Middle East were introduced to the basics of mediation of interpersonal conflicts and received training in mediation and communication skills. The second seminar dealt with political conflicts and wars – what causes these conflicts? Who gains from them? How are children and young people affected by them? This group developed peace education activities that can be used in their organisations. Together, the 40 participants discussed the link between capitalism, war and violence, shared experiences with peace education approaches and created a strong network of peace educators within IFM-SEI. They also launched an online campaign called ‘Stories of Conflict’ that collects the experiences of children and young people with conflicts and conflict transformation. The results of the seminars and the campaign will be published in a peace education handbook at the end of 2015, bringing together information and educational resources for youth organisations.

The project can be implemented thanks to a grant of the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe.

## Campaigns

IFM-SEI continues to run two campaigns with the help of engaged working groups. After a successful facebook campaign to promote gender equality in IFM-SEI member organisations, the gender equality working group published a short manual with educational activities on gender equality to share the work done by member organisations around the world. The manual brings together activities for different age groups and on different sub-themes – all have been tried out by IFM-SEI members.

The **visa working group** keeps campaigning against unfair and complicated visa regimes particularly in Europe. 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. Through an online survey, the working group collects information from young people who already applied for visas in order to better inform other applicants and use the information to campaign for better regulations.



## Welcome to Another World: IFM-SEI Camp 2016



Since 2014, IFM-SEI and its German member organisation SJD-Die Falken are busy planning the next big international IFM-SEI Camp that will take place from 23 July to 5th August 2016 in Reinwarzhofen, Germany. The camp will bring together 3000 children, young people and adult leaders from all around the world for two weeks of friendship, education, activism, fun and discussions, to live and build another world together.

Participants will live in tent villages of around 100 people, with whom they will self-organise parts of the programme, enjoy their meals and take decisions about the village life. Of course there will also be central programme with workshops, special events and evening activities.

The camp will focus on all thematic areas of the IFM-SEI strategy and work plan. There will be workshops about peace and conflict, programme on anti-capitalism, activities against racism, debates about equality, discussions on democracy, workshops on children's rights and child poverty, cooperative games, media workshops, training for future group leaders and much more. Finally, all camp participants can also feed into discussions to be held at the next IFM-SEI Congress which will take place directly after the camp, on the campsite. Through this close link the Congress will be much more inclusive and participatory and will bring together more delegates than usually.

Such a big camp requires thorough preparation by a lot of people. And so an international working group discusses how the programme can be prepared in a cooperative way, how decisions at the camp will be taken, how members can fundraise for their groups and how everyone will live together during the camp. The German Falcons don't only contribute to these discussions, but are also already busy putting in place the logistics and fundraising to make this camp possible. And the member organisations start preparing their delegations, fundraise and organise solidarity projects between groups. All together we will make Another World possible in the summer of 2016!



## 25 years of the United Nations Conventions on Children's Rights



On 20th November 2014, the United Nations Convention on Children's Rights celebrated its 25th anniversary.

This convention is a major document for IFM-SEI and all its members, as it ensures children their own specific set of rights that can enable them to live, learn and participate in society in a safe, decent and meaningful way. The UNCRC includes the children's rights to play, to participate, to be free from harm, to get an education, to be protected, to be listened to, to be alive, to receive healthcare and so on.

On the occasion of the 25th anniversary, many member organisations of IFM-SEI had special events to raise awareness of Children's Rights and of the lack of implementation of the UNCRC everywhere in the world. Children organised demonstrations, met politicians, distributed birthday cakes and learned together about their rights.

The Presidium of IFM-SEI sent an open letter about the lack of implementation of children's rights to decision-makers on international, regional and national level and created an activity pack for children's groups to help in the organisation of UNCRC birthday parties and awareness raising events.

Children still suffer tremendously from poverty, are victims of abuse, are dragged into wars and armed conflicts and lack opportunities to really participate in society. IFM-SEI calls on all UN member states to fulfil their obligations and implement the UNCRC, so that children can live in and contribute a world of peace, solidarity and prosperity for everyone.







## The IFM-SEI Presidium

The Presidium meets three times a year to oversee the development of the international movement. The Presidium controls the finances, takes decisions on the implementation of the strategy and work plan and discusses political issues concerning IFM-SEI.



Ana Maria Almario  
(President)



Christine Sudbrock  
(Secretary General)



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## Control Commission



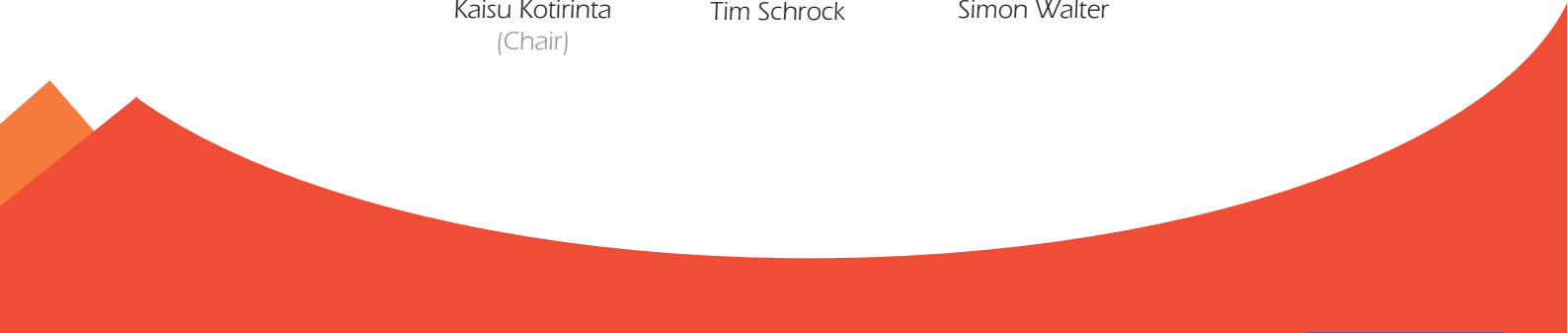
Kaisu Kotirinta  
(Chair)



Tim Schrock



Simon Walter



## IFM-SEI Finances

In 2014, IFM-SEI's finances remained stable. Thanks to our operative grant from the European Commission, the annual administrative grant from the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe, project grants and membership fees, we are able to run an effective secretariat in Brussels and organise meetings and activities.

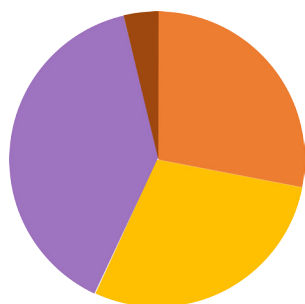
### 2014 INCOME

Membership fees:	64,000 €
Core grants:	66,000 €
Project grants:	89,382 €
Other (donations, sales, reimbursements):	8,451 €
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>227,833 €</b>

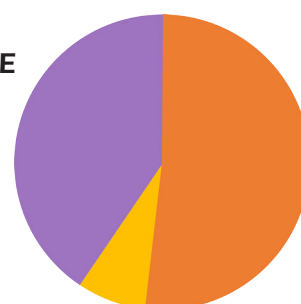
### 2014 EXPENDITURE

Office and staff costs:	116,184 €
Governance and meetings:	17,411 €
Projects:	90,827 €
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>224,422 €</b>

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## The IFM-SEI secretariat team

Our office team continues to be a committed and reliable force. Besides the office manager Ingrid de Kock and Secretary General Christine Sudbrock, EVS volunteers regularly support the activities organised by the IFM-SEI secretariat. Until October 2014, Carlos Guerrero Pinto contributed greatly to the development of publication materials and supported us with the translation from English to Spanish. He then passed over the EVS torch to Teona Katsitadze from the Georgian Falcons who is involved in our educational projects. In February 2015, our office team became bigger again with the start of the Partnerships for Participation project for which Arnold Kamdem from OGCEYOD Cameroon joined the secretariat in Brussels.



Christine Sudbrock  
(Secretary General)



Ingrid de Kock  
Office Secretary



Carlos Guerrero Pinto  
EVS volunteer  
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