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Annual Report

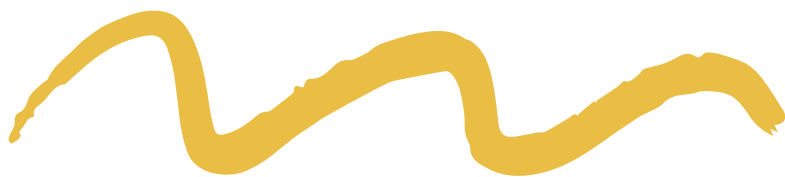
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INTERNATIONAL FALCON
MOVEMENT – SOCIALIST
EDUCATIONAL INTERNATIONAL

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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 based on our values of equality, democracy, solidarity, peace, cooperation and anti-capitalism.

It is our firm belief that children's voices are valuable in decision-making processes both on issues directly affecting them and on global issues. IFM-SEI non-formal education principles and methods aim to empower and equip children and youth to be active participants in civil society and to have their voices heard, despite their background.

Every year around October, the IFM-SEI praesidium and secretariat develop the implementation plan for the year to come, so in October 2022, the implementation plan for 2023 was circulated to the members addressing the activities that would be implemented based on the Strategy and Work Plan 2022-25. In this report, we intend to evaluate our work in 2023 and look at it critically, from what went well and what could be improved. This report is based on our Strategy and Work Plan 2022-25.

Our Message

**By children and young
people, for children and
young people**



MISSION

WHAT OUR ORGANISATION DOES

The mission of IFM-SEI is to contribute to the education of young people, through socialist values and non-formal education, enabling children and young people to become critical thinkers and active decision-makers in their lives and communities. We believe that through empowering our members to bring about smaller, local changes we can bring about a bigger, further reaching change in society - we call this education for social change.

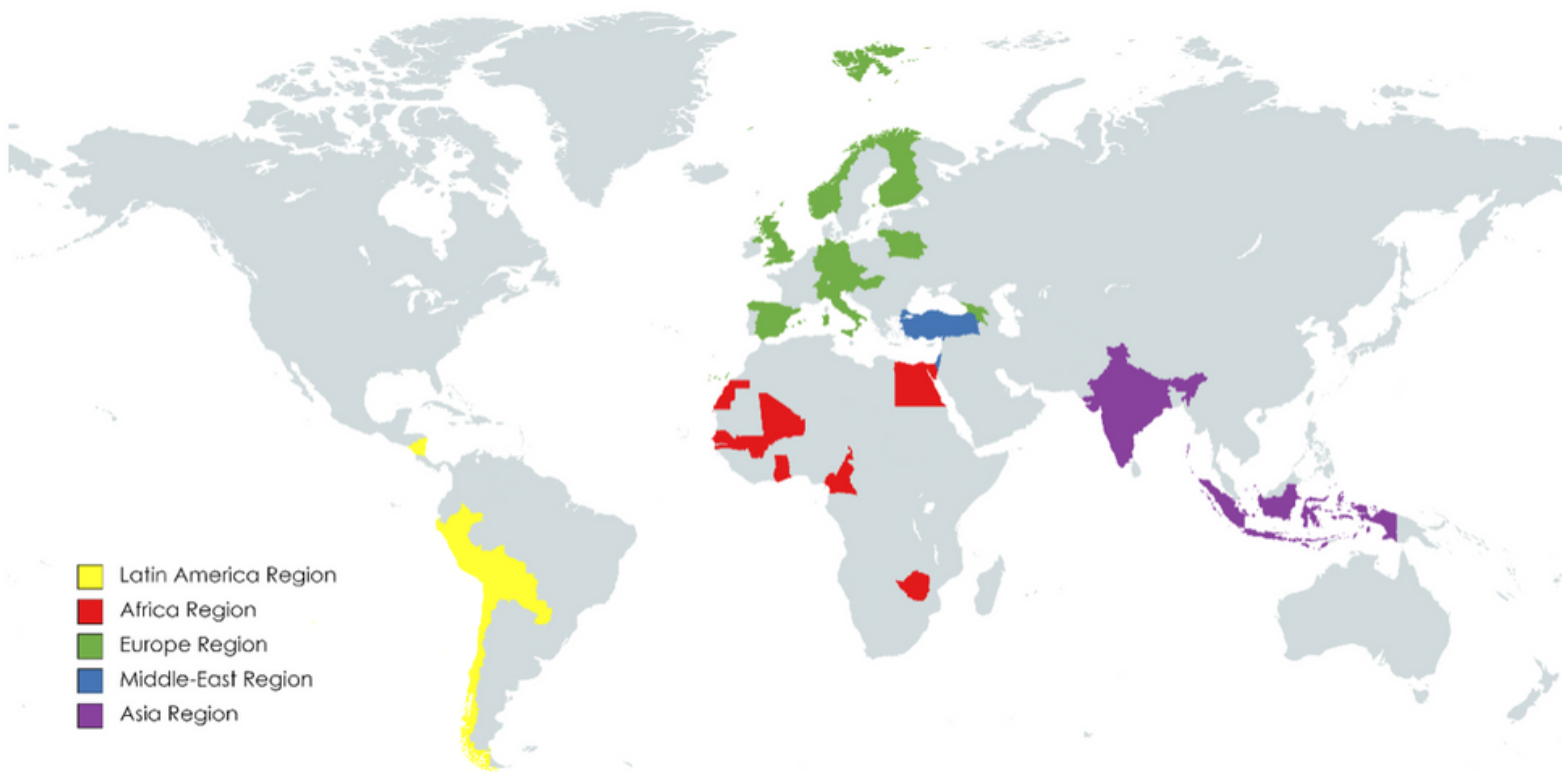
VISION

WHERE WE WANT TO GO

By 2025, our vision is to create more spaces within the movement where children and young people from different socio-economic backgrounds feel empowered to raise their voice and are able to actively and meaningfully impact and participate in decision-making process that affect their lives.

OUR MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

With this map, you will get a glimpse of our member organisations all over the world.





PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES 2023



In 2023 we implemented several diverse projects that corresponded to our ongoing Strategy and Workplan 2022-2025 on the topics of children's rights, peace education, digital competencies and meaningful youth participation.

We have kicked off the year with "Journey of Youth Leadership", a project that aims to strengthen the concept of youth leadership and good governance in member organisations. We continued with the three-year project "E-mpACT: Youth for inclusive e-education" which focuses on addressing digitalisation and developing young people's understanding of peace education and non-violence.

Last but not least, we started and finished the annual work plan "Choosing Anti-Racism: choosing the radical re-orientation of our consciousness", a project that aims to provide space for IFM-SEI and its members to reflect on social and organisational attitudes, beliefs and practices, create a better understanding of power structures and dynamics by analysing the roots and mechanisms of racial discrimination, and empowering them to take anti-racism actions.



Overview:

Journey of Youth Leadership is a two-year-long project funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. After multiple postponements because of COVID-19, it was launched in January 2022 and it focuses primarily on youth and youth participation. Mainly, it targets young people aged between 18-25 who are interested in taking on youth leadership positions as well as existing governance bodies of youth organisations. This project is also tailored to young people with fewer opportunities, who are usually less likely to participate in decision-making.

The project aims to strengthen youth leadership in 12 member organisations in four world regions by building the competencies of young people under 25 who will take on leadership roles.

The following member organisations were taking part in the project as partners: Faucons Rouges, Kindrfreunde/Rote Falken, Fénix, Nuoret Kotkat, Esplais Catalans, Pionniers du Mali, Woodcraft Folk, Action Enfance, MILAVF, Manque Chile, Antar Bharati.





Accumulative Event

The "Accumulative Event" took place at the international camp of Nuoret Kotkat, in Nurmes, Finland, from July 24th to July 29th 2023, and marked the end of the two-year project. The event was designed to empower young leaders, provide them with a platform to showcase their work in youth participation and emphasize non-formal education techniques and knowledge sharing.

The last activity of JYL experienced a fundamental transformation. Originally conceived as a closing conference in Salzburg and intended to engage project partners and EU institutions for the presentation of project outcomes, the project's nature evolved over time. This shift led to the reconfiguration of the final activity, which engaged participants from the previous Journey of Youth Leadership activities, including the Toolkit Development Workshop and the Leadership Academy.

The event brought together 13 participants, including both youth leaders and staff members. These participants represented a diverse spectrum of backgrounds, cultures, and experiences, ensuring a rich and dynamic learning environment. The diversity of perspectives enriched the event and created an inclusive atmosphere.

E-MPACT

YOUTH FOR INCLUSIVE E-EDUCATION

Overview:

In 2022 we launched the E-mpACT project, a three-year project that focuses on addressing the needs of the youth during and post COVID-19 pandemic. It primarily addresses digitalisation, non-formal education, and international solidarity. The project provides an analysis of the social impact and youth workers' perceptions of the challenges of digital literacy.

It also tries to ensure that any future policies on digitalisation consider the needs of marginalised communities and address challenges and barriers that everybody, but especially marginalised communities, faces in active e-participation.



ACTIVITIES

National Co-design workshops

The National co-design workshop was one of the grassroots activities in which 19 participants from each partner organisation of E-mpACT came together to first learn about how to conduct youth-led research and then to decide what kind of topics they wanted to research as part of the project.


The activity took place between December 2022 - March 2023 in the different countries of the E-mpACT partner organisations, meaning that the national co-design activity has been implemented in Zimbabwe, Peru, Norway, Slovenia and Palestine, and UK.

National E-meeting sharing the national co-design results

The E-Meeting for sharing the National Co-Design workshop results was split into two different meetings to ensure participation from the partner organisations. The meetings were designed and hosted by Youth Policy Lab.

The main aim of the meetings was to share the research templates, plans and next steps in their research process as well as the outcomes and the process of doing the National Co-Design Workshops.

The first one took place online on the 15th of April 2023. The activity gathered (with the team) 11 people out of 18 expected due to technical issues, like network and internet connectivity, especially members from Africa and the Middle East kept being disconnected from the meeting. The activity provided space for young people from E-mpACT partner organisations to share their research designs and give feedback as well as receive feedback from other participants and researchers from the Youth Policy Lab.



The second meeting took place online on the 23rd of July 2023. The activity had 5 participants from partnership organisations, unfortunately, 3 partners were missing. The activity provided space for young people from E-mpACT partner organisations to share their research results, discuss similarities and differences in their findings, provide feedback on the research process and highlight the next steps for their research.


National Activities (E-learning & National training)

There were **two** national activities in 2023

The first one was the National E-Learning, where each of the two young trained educators implemented one peer e-learning education activity online. This activity aimed to put the learning from Phase I and Phase II into practice in an inclusive and online environment.

The National Training tackled the same aim, i.e. to put the learning from previous phases into practice, but this time in a face-to-face training where the young leaders were the trainers.

The activities implemented during the two national trainings served as the basis for the content of the Educational Toolkit, which was developed during the toolkit development workshop in Harare.



Check-in Meeting

The check-in meeting was the mid-term project evaluation, where we meticulously assessed the progress made by our project partners. In this session, we spotlight the key achievements and deliverables that have shaped our journey thus far.

Additionally, we delved into identifying weaknesses and collaboratively exploring effective solutions. As we review our progress, we also carefully look ahead, checking upcoming tasks and deadlines to make sure we stay successful. This was a hybrid meeting held both in Copenhagen, Denmark hosted by our member organisation DUI-LEG and online, during the 28-29 October 2023.

E-mpACT Toolkit Development Workshop

The Toolkit Development Workshop was the last activity of this project for 2023 - also of the year - and took place in Harare, Zimbabwe from 03-09 September 2023. In this event, 24 participants gathered to compile all the outcomes of the previous phases to develop a Toolkit addressing the youth needs during and post-COVID-19 pandemic, addressing digitalisation, non-formal education, and international solidarity.





CHOOSING ANTI-RACISM

Overview:

“Choosing Anti-Racism: choosing the radical re-orientation of our consciousness” is an annual work funded by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe. It aims to provide space for IFM-SEI and its members to reflect on social and organisational attitudes, beliefs and practices, create a better understanding of power structures and dynamics by analysing the roots and mechanisms of racial discrimination, and empower them to take anti-racism actions.

Activities:



ACTIVITIES


Phase I: Choosing Anti-racism

Taking place in Finland during Nuoret Kotkat International camp, 24-31 July 2023, the training gathered 14 participants and aimed to develop participants' knowledge, capacities, reflection, and skills in recognising racist actions and ways to tackle them based on intercultural understanding and conflict resolution techniques. This activity also aimed to prepare the regional online meeting to be implemented once the training was finished. In the end, there were 3 online regional meetings done in the first week of September: in the European region, Latam and Africa.

The training served as a catalyst for personal and collective growth, leaving participants not only better equipped to recognise and address racist actions but also empowered to practice meaningful change within their local communities. It also helped the participants to develop training sessions, mechanisms, and proposals implemented after the regional meetings.

Phase II: Radical Re-orientation

The second international activity took place in Mollina, Spain in the framework of the University on Youth and Development organised by the North-South Center of the Council of Europe during 16-24 September 2023. This was a seven-day training with 14 participants from different backgrounds.




In the end, the participants deepened their understanding of orientalism, the pedagogy of the oppressed, individual biases, institutional and structural racism, and critical thinking. They reinforced shared values of justice, opportunity and community equity and learned how to apply the concept of intersectionality recognising the interconnected nature of social categorisations.

The participants also improved their skills in discussing and tackling issues related to justice and equity. The main outcome of this activity was the podcasts on combating racism and individual biases from an intersectional and systemic approach.

Pedagogy of Anti-racism

The last activity of the project took place in Brussels, Belgium from 18 to 24 November 2023. In this activity, 10 participants compiled all the outcomes of the previous phases to develop an Anti-racist education toolkit, including human rights education tools, information for youth workers and theoretical background to the topic.

The Brussels activity marked the culmination of the project, resulting in the creation of tangible resources (the Anti-racist education toolkit and the interactive chart) and face-to-face meetings (the regional meetings)



European Solidarity Corps

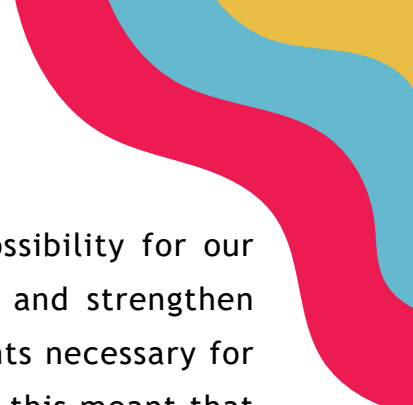
“Empower, Share, Create”

Overview:

“Empower, Share, Create” was a volunteering project under the European Solidarity Corps Programme of the European Union.



We had a chance to host Jami Ojala and Žaklin Ferencek, volunteers from Finland and Slovenia in our office in Brussels, supported by their home organisations: Nuoret Kotkat and Slovenian Falcons. The long-term volunteers had an opportunity to develop different competencies by providing voluntary activities in the areas of education, training, and youth work




The project specifically wanted to provide an intercultural possibility for our volunteers to connect with a global group of local volunteers and strengthen intercultural dialogue, as well as raise awareness of the elements necessary for the inclusion of marginalised groups in volunteering. Practically this meant that the volunteers supported the delivery of non-formal education activities and joined training teams of several seminars and training courses online and offline.

Besides this, Jami and Žaklin helped to develop educational materials, online platforms, and campaign materials. They used their time to connect to other volunteers globally and locally to implement educational activities together and have also tried themselves out in leading their own activities.

Anti-racism Reflection groups

The creation of an Anti-racism Reflection Group was intended to initiate a reflection on power dynamics, specifically addressing issues related to racial biases and systemic racism within IFM-SEI, challenging unconscious biases and examining structural racism. In this terms, 3 different reflection groups were conducted to share and lead the reflection process among member organisations. IFM-SEI used the established IFM-SEI meetings to Implement them, targeting members considering gender quota and representation from different world regions within our movement.

1. At the European Falcon Network (online) on the 22nd of November with 4 participants.
 2. At the Choosing Anti-Racism project (in Brussels) on the 23rd of November with 10 participants.
 3. At the E-mpACT project (in Harare) on the 8th of December with 20 participants.
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EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION






External representation

In a time of struggle, we have also been able to engage in some dynamic external engagements. The presidium of IFM-SEI, has significantly advanced our mission of cross-border collaboration and reactivating regional networks.

In a demonstration of our commitment to fostering inclusive and balanced relationships in all regions, the Presidium's engagement in Israel, led by Vice President Jami Ojala, was established. Jami met with various member organisations, including AJYAL, NOAL, and Hashomer Hazhair, as well as engaged in discussions facilitated by the German Falcons through the Willy Brandt Centre Jerusalem. These interactions were marked by constructive dialogues and mutual respect, reflecting our dedication to maintaining an even-handed approach in regions with complex socio-political landscapes. Our efforts in Israel are part of a broader strategy to engage equitably with members across diverse geopolitical contexts, including our continued commitment to our members in Palestine.



This approach was further exemplified in Finland, where Jami, alongside Interim President Jess Gallardo Sanchez, commemorated Nuoret Kotkat's 80th anniversary. Their presence at the celebratory seminar symbolised our dedication to honouring the milestones of our member organisations while fostering shared learning experiences.

Moreover, Babacar Toure's (African Presidium Member) involvement with the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organisations (ICMYO) task force has been very important, while actively participating in discussions to enhance the role of umbrella organisations in global youth advocacy.

Martin Adrians from the Control Commission also attended COMEM of the European Youth Forum, participating in important discussions on the biggest platform of Youth Platform in Europe.

Overall, these activities have not only brought us closer to our members but have also been instrumental in reactivating the Middle Eastern Region and strengthening our global network. This year's efforts represent a significant stride in our ongoing journey towards creating a more interconnected and impactful global community.





STATUTORY MEETINGS

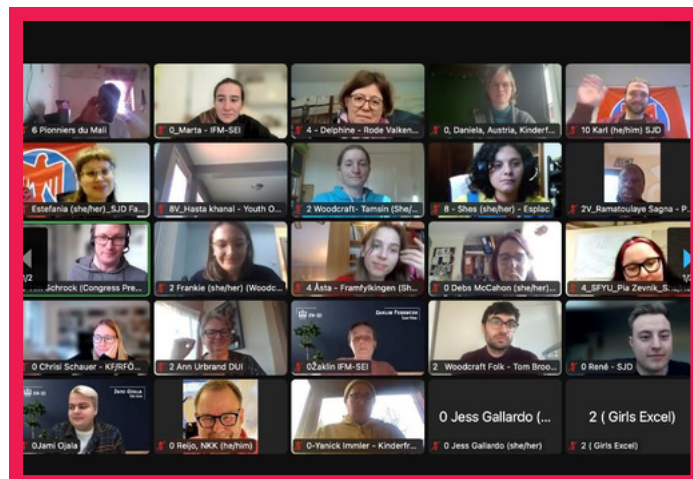


Statutory Meetings

extraordinary Congress March 2023 – Online

The Congress is the supreme body of IFM-SEI. It is convened every three years and takes place within six months of the end of the preceding financial year; however, an extraordinary Congress can take place if 10 member organisations or 20% of member organisations or the Presidium asks for it. The Congress makes decisions on all matters relating to the IFM-SEI. Decisions that the Congress makes are on the report of the organisation and its finances, the Control Commission's report, Amendments to the Constitution and Rules of Procedure, level of membership fees, and work plan for the coming period, and it also elects its new President, Vice-president, members of the Presidium, Control Commission, and Secretary-General.

In March 2023, we held an Extraordinary Congress from 31 March - 2 April bringing together 40 delegates from 22 organisations globally. The Congress was conducted online, but it was a productive meeting where the delegates went through the financial activity and praesidium reports of the year and the situation of IFM-SEI. The meeting served as an opportunity for member organisations to organise themselves to address the IFM-SEI situation and know what steps to take.



Second Extraordinary Congress

The **second Extraordinary Congress** of the year was held online from 13-14 May 2023 to continue the steps started by the first Extraordinary Congress. The meeting brought together 63 delegates from 28 different organisations. The main aim of this second meeting was to present the financial report, the secretariat report, the resolutions (stated below) and hold elections.

Resolutions adopted:

- Resolution on the Political Removal of the current Secretary General
- Resolution on the forming of an investigation committee
- Resolution on the resignation of the Presidium

Elections:

- Jami Ojala (NKK) as Vice-president
- Jess Gallardo (Kinderfreunde) as European Presidium Member
- Eduardo Flores (Manque Chile) as Latin American Presidium Member
- Martin Adrians (SJD-Die Falken) as Control Commission member.

International Committee Meeting

In the years without a Congress, the focus shifted to our International Committee meetings. These are essential smaller international assemblies designed to discuss the progress of our movement, conduct any necessary by-elections, and provide a conducive environment for mutual learning and decisive political actions. Typically, within each three-year cycle, one

International Committee meeting is held inside Europe, and another takes place outside the European region. In 2023, from 29 September to 1 October, the IC meeting was a hybrid meeting held in Austria, hosted by Rote Falken / Kinderfreunde, and brought together 50 delegates from 25 organisations.

Resolutions adopted:

- Future workshop: Let's talk about the future of IFM-SEI
- Structure Review Resolution
- Hosting IFM-SEI Camp Resolution
- Resolution on Antisemitism

Elections:

- Mohammed Diab as Middle-East Presidium Member





OUR STRUCTURES



Presidium

The role of the Presidium is vital to our movement: to lead the implementation of our Strategy and Work Plan, to ensure that resolutions are implemented, and to discuss political issues concerning IFM-SEI and liaise with member organisations. The Presidium continued to hold its meetings online throughout 2023.

Control Commission

The Control Commission's role is to monitor the finances of IFM-SEI and our compliance with the IFM-SEI Constitution. The Control Commission meets at least twice per year. So far in their mandate, the Control Commission has approved IFM-SEI's Budget for 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 as well as supported the Presidium to further develop fundraising strategy for IFM-SEI.

Our Current Presidium Members are

Jess Gallardo - Interim President/European Region.

Jami Ojala - Vice-President.

Eduardo Flores - Latin America Region.

Babacar Toure - African Region

Mohammed Diab - Middle-East Region

The Control Commission consists of the following people:

Deborah McCahon - Control Commission Member.

Etaka Bibiche - Control Commission Member.

Martin Adrians - Control Commission member.



The IFM–SEI Secretariat

Our office team has had some changes this year. This year we have welcomed Marifé Gómez as the new Project Manager and Gigi Solans and Max Homan as Project Coordinators. In August we said goodbyes to two long-term volunteers, Jami Ojala (Nuoret Kotkat) and Žaklin Ferencek (Slovenian Falcon Youth Union). Iris Garcia also joined the office for 3 months to assist with reporting and project implementation. Finally, Dea Bakashvili was welcomed to the office as a new ESC volunteer. They all joined Ingrid de Kock, who keeps her position as the backbone of our organisation, celebrating 45 years of working for IFM-SEI.

Ingrid de Kock - Office Secretary.

Marifé Gómez - Project Manager (from July 2023).

Pia Slogar - Project Manager (May 2021- April 2023)

Marta Marza - Project Coordinator (December 2022 - April 2023).

Delphine Konda - Project Coordinator (from December 2021).

Gigi Solans - Project Coordinator (from August 2023).

Max Homan - Project Coordinator (from September 2023).

Iris Garcia - Project Officer (October 2023 - December 2023).

Jami Ojala - European Solidarity Corps Volunteer (September 2022-
August 2023).

Žaklin Ferencek - European Solidarity Corps Volunteer (September
2022-August 2023).

Dea Bakashvili - European Solidarity Corps Volunteer (from December
2023)



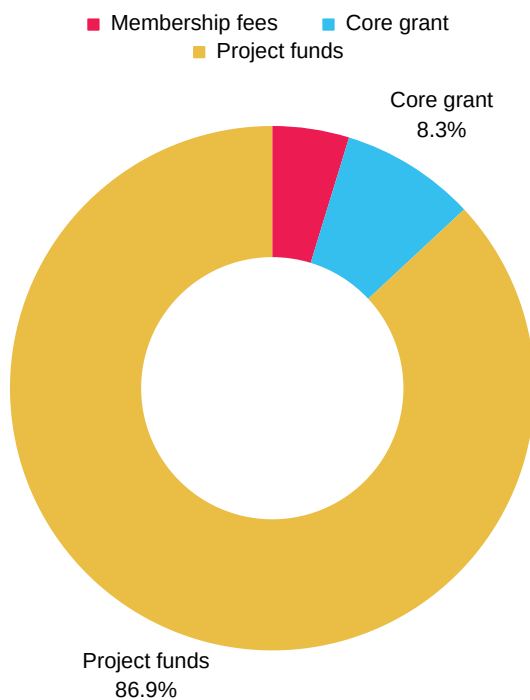
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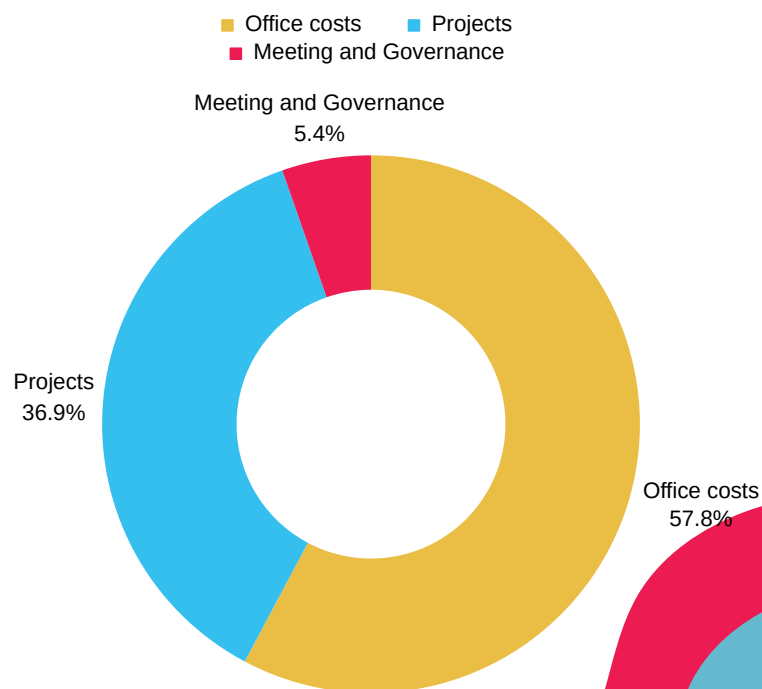
In 2023, IFM-SEI secretariat was able to run the activities planned for the year. The IFM-SEI Secretariat was able to continue and complete its work thanks to the support of the Operating Grant of the European Commission and the Structural Grant of the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe. And we do not forget you, member organisation, for your contribution in membership fees.

Despite the difficult year that IFM-SEI has had, we are grateful and happy to say that the IFM-SEI office is up and running again, looking forward to carrying out non-formal education projects that help young people in our organisations to grow up in a fairer and more equal world.

Income

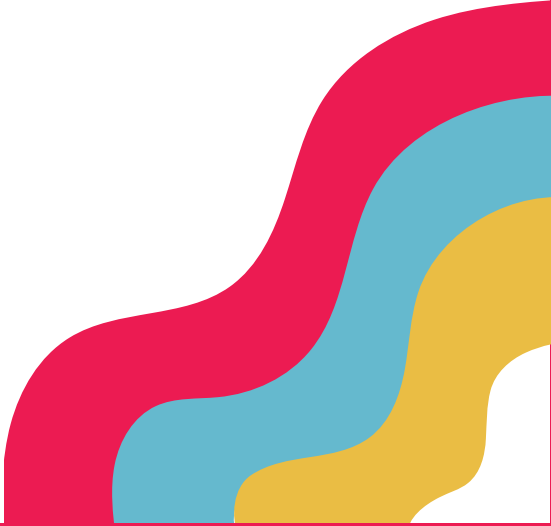


Expenditure





EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES



Educational Resources

We have expanded our library of educational resources with publications and educational animated videos on the topics of children rights, peace education, democracy, socialist education and publications and videos focused on our Centenary Celebrations.

Journey of Youth Leadership Toolkit

This toolkit has been created by young people based on their own experiences, and concrete challenges and practices within their own organisations. It comprises a number of examples of leadership practices, as well as accompanying activities for you to use in your own group meetings, workshops, camps, and other events. There is also a card game included, to reflect on different leadership qualities.

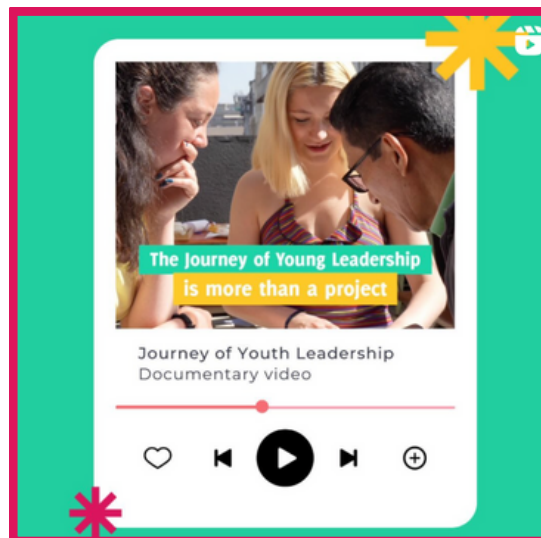


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The Journey of Youth Leadership Documentary

“Journey of Youth Leadership” takes you on a ride through the toolkit development workshop. From the creative brainstorming sessions to the remarkable planning of the workshop in Chile, you'll witness the passion and dedication of our global family. Plus, there's a special message from our young leaders who share their experiences and insights. It's a testament to the power of youth-led organisations and the impact they can make.

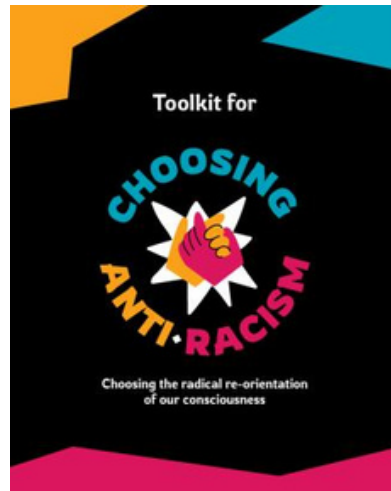


Choosing Anti-Racism Toolkit – The Radical Reorientation of our consciousness

This educational toolkit aims to provide space for IFM-SEI and its members to reflect on social and organisational attitudes, beliefs and practices, create a better understanding of power structures and dynamics by analysing the roots and mechanisms of racial discrimination, and empower them to take anti-racism actions. The toolkit includes human rights education tools, activities and campaign tools on anti-racism, as well as support/mentoring information for youth workers, and theoretical background.

Anti-Racist Interactive Chart

The Anti-Racist Interactive Chart outlines what actions individuals and organisations need to take in order to tackle individual bias and institutional and structural racism.



Podcast on combating Racism

The podcasts intend to combat racism and individual biases from an intersectional and systemic approach. Our goal is to bring you the most insightful conversations and stories from around the world in an informative and fun way.





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IFM-SEI thanks its funders for their generous support in funding our different projects in 2023. We hope to continue working with you all in 2024.



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