



## European cooperation workshop “How to Establish a UN Youth Delegate Programme”

### – Call for Applications –

We are pleased to announce a call for applications for our European cooperation workshop “How to Establish a UN Youth Delegate Programme”, to take place in Mannheim, Germany from 11 – 13 November 2011. The workshop aims at enabling young people to start a national United Nations Youth Delegate Programme in their country, based on the guiding principles of widespread youth participation, transparency and continuity. We would be grateful for widespread circulation in Europe of our call in Europe.

# Application Requirements

## Eligible countries

Due to the YiA funding criteria, eligibility is limited to EU member states and YiA partner countries. Also, eligibility is limited by the fact that a number of European countries already have stable UNYD programmes. As a result, the following countries are eligible to apply:

EU Member States: Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Slovenia, Spain

Partner countries: Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein.

## Team applications only

Applicants must apply in teams of two. Individual applications will not be considered.

## Individual requirements

- minimum age: 18 years; maximum age: mid twenties
- experience in project work/ youth organizations/ NGO work
- excellent communication skills
- fluency in English
- preference will be given to applicant teams which have the backing of a national youth council, national youth organization, United Nations Association, United Nations Youth Association or Model United Nations group

## Time Compatibility

Please download the document “UN Youth Delegate Programmes & Phases of Establishment” from <http://startingunyidprograms.wordpress.com> to get an idea of the estimated voluntary time needed to establish a UNYD programme. Please consider whether you are ready for such a commitment in the years 2012 and 2013.

# Workshop Information

## Workshop Partners

Co-Founders of the Bulgarian, German and Romanian UN Youth Delegate Programmes, United Nations Associations of Germany and Bulgaria, United Nations Youth Associations of Germany, Bulgaria and Hungary

## Workshop Date and Location

The workshop will take place at the University of Mannheim in Mannheim, Germany. It will be held in the framework of the annual youth conference of the German UN Youth Delegates to the UN General Assembly, hosted by the UN Association of Germany (DGVN) and the UN Youth Association of Germany (JUNON). The closest airport is Frankfurt International Airport and there are excellent train connections from Frankfurt to Mannheim (30 minutes by Inter City Express). The dates are:

Thu	10 Nov 2011	Arrival Day
Fri	11 Nov 2011	Workshop Day
Sat	12 Nov 2011	Workshop Day
Sun	13 Nov 2011	Workshop Day
Mon	14 Nov 2011	Departure Day

## Funding

The workshop is funded by the Youth in Action (YiA) Programme of the European Commission and the United Nations Association of Germany. Each participant will receive a travel grant of up to € 200, accommodation will be provided free of charge in a youth hostel. Each participant will receive two free meals per day (breakfast and lunch).

## Sponsors

Youth in Action Programme of the European Commission, United Nations Association of Germany

## Distance-Learning Course (DLC)

Before approaching your Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other actors about establishing a UNYD programme, you will need to gather knowledge about international youth policy, the workings of UN intergovernmental bodies, negotiation processes and relevant national and international actors.

We have compiled an electronic distance-learning course (DLC), to be completed by all participants before the workshop. The DLC comprises of specific research questions to be answered and emailed to the workshop trainers in written. Relevant research links will be provided where needed. The majority of answers can be found in the Guide for Youth NGOs at UN meetings (download link at <http://startingunyiprograms.wordpress.com/resources>)

Week	Research Tasks	Estimated research time	Deadline
10 – 16 October 2011	- The work of your country's Permanent Mission to the UN in New York - NGOs & Umbrella NGOs	10-15 hours/ week	Sunday, 16 Oct 2011, 12 p.m.
17 – 23 October 2011	- National partners of UNYD programmes - NGO accreditation and status at the UN	10-15 hours/ week	Sunday, 23 Oct 2011, 12 p.m.
24 – 30 October 2011	- Relevant UN bodies: GA3rd, CSocD, CSD, CSW - Resolution negotiations in New York - Other activities of UNYDs in New York	10-15 hours/ week	Sunday, 30 Oct 2011, 12 p.m.

Participation in the DLC is **mandatory**. Funding of participants' travel and accommodation costs will depend on completion of the DLC.

# Application Process

## Deadline

Please submit an electronic team application to Elizabeta Petrova at [startingunyprograms@gmail.com](mailto:startingunyprograms@gmail.com) no later than Friday, 30 September 2011 at 12 p.m.

## Selection

The workshop trainers will select the most suitable candidates and inform them of the outcome a couple of days after the application deadline. Please note: in the event of your selection you will need to book your flight/ train/ bus ticket to Germany immediately. You will receive a travel cost refund of up to € 200/ participant in cash at the workshop. Also, you will need to start working on the DLC in the week 10 – 16 October 2011, the first deadline being Sunday, 16 October 2011.

## The team application should include

- Two CVs (one for each applicant), specifying: age, experience in project work/ youth organizations/ NGO work, communication skills, English language proficiency level.
  
- 1 team letter of motivation (maximum 1 – 1.5 pages) specifying
  - How did you learn about this call for applications?
  - What benefits would a UN Youth Delegate Programme bring to your country?
  - When did the two of you first become interested in youth participation and in the United Nations and how?
  - How do you know each other? Have you worked together in the past, if yes where?
  - In your effort to establish a national UN Youth Delegate Programme, do you have the backing of a national youth council, national youth organization, United Nations Association, United Nations Youth Association or Model United Nations group?
  - In the event of success, do you want to be the first UN Youth Delegates yourselves (“pilot year” concept) or be the coordinators of the first UN Youth Delegates?
  - What is the average time commitment your school/ university/ training/ job takes up (hours/week), any other significant obligations such as project/ volunteer work (hours/week)? Would you be able and willing to cut back on other project/ volunteer work in order to establish a UN Youth Delegate Programme?
  - What are your rough plans for the next two years? Will you be physically present in your country?