



## International Fellowship of Reconciliation

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Dear BGAs,

In 2006, the last Council founded a Youth Working Group to improve youth work within IFOR. We have been meeting online and occasionally also face-to-face since, and have begun to create plans for several youth-related activities that could take place on an international level within IFOR.

One of these plans was the implementation of an international Youth Council: we are now proud to announce that this Youth Council will take place parallel to the IFOR Quadrennial Council to be held in the Netherlands this November. We want to invite young members of all BGAs to apply to attend an exciting and inspiring week of activities in which we will facilitate networking among young peacebuilders from different parts of the world, an exchange among and between old and young, and in which we want to acquaint a new generation of IFOR peace activists with the formal mechanisms of decision making with IFOR. More information both on the event and on how to apply will be sent around soon!

To make this Youth Council most useful to IFOR's young peacebuilders, we need to know more about what youth work all IFOR BGAs are doing. At the end of last year, we sent a questionnaire to all of you to gain an up-to-date overview of all member organisations' youth work, as well as needs or ideas that IFOR members might have. We have so far received only very few answers, which were published in our Youth Opportunities Newsletter and distributed among our youth network.

We now would like to ask all of you to **please answer the "seven" brief questions on page 2** to help us gain an understanding of your youth work, your interests within youth work, and your needs during the Youth Council in November. Please take the time and respond to this questionnaire by returning it as soon as possible to [YWG.IFOR@gmail.com](mailto:YWG.IFOR@gmail.com). Your help will be greatly appreciated, and your answers used to publish a short informational article on your organisation in our Youth Opportunities Newsletter, "YO!"

Should you have any further questions, comments, or concerns, please contact us via email address [nina.perkowski@googlemail.com](mailto:nina.perkowski@googlemail.com).

Also, **if you can offer any support** to us in organizing, implementing, or evaluating the Youth Council, **please contact us** – any help will be needed and appreciated!

Best regards,

The IFOR Youth Working Group

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### **Questions**

1. How many members below the age of 35 does your organization have? How are they represented and involved within the organisation?
2. Does your organization have somebody who is responsible for youth related activities? If yes, please provide us with his or her name and contact details.
3. Does your organization cooperate with other IFOR members or organizations in its youthwork?
4. Would your organisation be interested in knowing and possibly getting involved in IFOR's youth work? If yes, what would you like to offer (organizing summer camps for IFOR youth, inviting young members of other branches as interns, etc.)?
5. Do you have any experiences, recommendations, or ideas regarding the empowerment of youth that you would like to share with the Youth Working Group?
6. How can IFOR and/ or the YWG better support you in further developing youth work within your organisation?
7. What are your wishes and requests regarding the programme / activities of the Youth Council to be held in the Netherlands this November?