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Call for Applications:

YES Youth Europe Self-Empowerment Cooperative
26th April to 3rd May 2015 – Sunday to Sunday – Schloss Tempelhof Germany
<http://www.schloss-tempelhof.de/service/english/>

December 2nd - 2015

Selection of young people from Europe to be invited on a journey to form a self-empowerment cooperative. Young people from between 18 and 30 shall meet to form an initiative leading to a strong self-deciding youth movement. The main purpose is to overcome youth unemployment of more than 10 million in Europe...

In a second phase, this initiative can serve as a model of self-empowerment for all youth in the World to form an independent Cooperative.

Eligibility Criteria:

National of a European country

18-30 years old – in possession of a valid passport or ID card

Fluent in written and spoken English

Ability to pay his/her own travel and accommodation costs (this is regarded as a first step on an entrepreneurial journey, to self organization and self responsibility...)

All young people whether employed or unemployed can apply. Experience in social media, community movements, academia, social entrepreneurs, civil society organizations, faith based organizations and others are welcome.

How to apply:

Email the following documents no later than 15th February 2015 to
sesto.castagnoli@evolutant.com

1. Application form (see application guidelines)
2. CV (in English)
3. Scanned copy of Passport/ID (front and back)

(see application form for more information)

Important notice:

Make sure you send these 3 documents in a single email before the final date. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Thank you!

YES Gathering:

28 young people from the 28 EU Countries will be meeting for a gathering to explore and work on the YES initiative.

Objectives of the gathering:

The gathering has 3 main points to start with. From there, the rest is up to the imagination of the participants...

1. How do we reach out to the 10 Million unemployed young people in Europe?
2. How can we motivate them to join YES and form an independent cooperative together empowering them to buy empty houses, manufacturing plants, land, and so on and run their own businesses, giving thousands of young people the chance to work.
3. How do we finance the start-up of the venture and the running costs of our cooperative and how do we organize the national, regional and local communities?

For the first gathering we will strive to achieve the following:

50/50 gender balance

Not more than 1 participant from the same European country

Balance in the professional background of the participants

APPLICATION FORM

YES Gathering 2015

PHOTO (include here your portrait)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please complete your Application in English only

Please answer honestly and to the point.

Please do not modify the format of this form and answer the questions in the same order.

This form alone is not a complete application, see the call for applications announcement for details on other documents required.

Only COMPLETE APPLICATIONS SENT BEFORE THE DEADLINE WILL BE CONSIDERED

Your complete application needs to be sent to sesto.castagnoli@evolutant.com within the established deadline.

Do not attach additional supporting documents other than those specifically requested in the call for applications.

If you meet all the eligibility criteria stated in the call for applications please complete the information below as indicated in the instructions:

FIRST NAME SURNAME

Male Female

Date of Birth(dd/mm/yyyy)

CITIZENSHIP COUNTRY OF BIRTH

COUNTRY OF CURRENT RESIDENCY

PASSPORT/ID NUMBER

PASSPORT EXPIRY DATE

PROFESSION (IN NO MORE THAN 3 WORDS. EX: SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR, JOURNALIST, SOCIAL ACTIVIST, GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL ETC.)

CONTACT INFORMATION: (Address where mail will reach you before and after the gathering)

Street and number

City/TownState/Province

CountryPostal Code

Phone landline and mobile

E-mail 1 E-mail 2

Emergency Contact (name, relationship, address, phone, and e-mail):

Yes No

If selected, will you be available to travel on your own expenses to the destination mentioned in Europe?

Would you be able to pay the amount for accommodation and lodging until 15 March 2015?

If selected, which city would you be departing from:

To which city would you return:

Are you willing to complete all required evaluations and write a short essay report on your experience?

Have you ever participated in this kind of gatherings? Where, about what and when?

Are you fluent in written and spoken English?

Provide a brief justification for your fluency in English: (English is your mother tongue, you spent an extended period in an English speaking country, you can verify that you have studied English etc. Do not attach any certificates)?

SHORT ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please respect the maximum amount of words mentioned (longer essay will not be regarded positively).

1. Tell us about your achievements in terms of influencing opinions or launching initiatives? What are you planning to achieve in the future? (max. 400 words)

2. How familiar are you with Youth unemployment in Europe in general or in your country? How much do you care? What are you doing about it? How do you understand the current relation between your country or region, and the European Commissions initiatives for youth unemployment, did you hear something about this programs? What would be the essential factors in order to promote positive cooperation between Politics, Economics, Society and the youth involved ? (max. 400 words)

3. How do you expect the YES Gathering experience will impact your current professional and community activity? (max. 400 words)

4. How do you propose to assist the organizations dealing with the youth unemployment and how do you expect you could contribute to them? (max. 400 words)

5. What is the background for your interest in such an endeavor? What has been your exposure to youth unemployment so far? Are you currently in any way engaged or have the intention of engaging with a Youth Community or Cooperative movement. (max. 400 words)

Through what channel of communication have you heard of the YES gathering?

Is there any practical information related to your ability to travel that you would like to share?

Thank you for your time.

If you pass these eligibility criteria, your application will be evaluated as explained in the next section.

Evaluation Criteria

Accomplished and personality recognized by your community (based on your CV).

Potential to become a YES promoter in your country, able to influence opinions and take concrete initiatives in your community. (Short essay)

Demonstrates willingness to engage for positive cooperation with youth throughout Europe and engage in the exchange of knowledge. (Short essay)

Demonstrates concrete ideas to build on the experience in his/her current professional and community activity. (Short essay)

Demonstrates concrete ideas in which he/she will contribute to the YES youth network

Demonstrate interest or intention to engage with the YES movement (Short essay)

Selection process

All eligible applications will be evaluated against the evaluation criteria mentioned above.