



# International Opportunities for Woodcraft Folk members



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You might not know, but Woodcraft Folk is a member of the International Falcon Movement – Socialist Education International (IFM-SEI) - the international umbrella body for socialist educational organisations across the world. You can find out more about IFM-SEI and see where all of our sister organisations are at the IFM-SEI website: [www.ifm-sei.org/members](http://www.ifm-sei.org/members)

There are lots of ways you can get involved in their projects, seminars, camps and exchanges. We will post regular updates on the Woodcraft website and newsletter but the International Opportunities Facebook group is also a good way to stay up-to-date <https://www.facebook.com/groups/174662155058/>

As well as circulating opportunities, we're here to help districts make contact if you'd like to host or exchange and can co-ordinate delegations for things like international camps.

Here's a flavour of some of the upcoming activities... Span the world with friendship!

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## Opportunities for Groups

### Reach Out: Global to Local – Venturer/ DF group

The *Reach Out: Global to Local* project is a youth exchange whereby 67 people will come together for one week to discuss internationalism and how to bring this concept to grassroots groups in IFM-SEI. Delegations of five young people aged 13-17 from nine countries will come together, along with their group leaders and members of the facilitation team, in Barcelona.

Keep your eyes peeled for more info if you're interested!

<http://ifm-sei.org/en/2018/01/reach-out-global-to-local/>

### Summer camp for Venturer group in Catalonia

"Hi!

We are an Esplai group from Santpedor (Barcelona, Catalonia) with about 25 members from 14 to 16 years old and 5 leaders. Our group has been organising summer camps since 2008, and this year we want to celebrate these 10 years in a special way! For that reason we would love to exchange our experience with a similar group from another European country, in order to learn and improve from each other. This youth exchange will be focused in the common values of freedom, tolerance and respect of the human rights, through non-formal learning activities and environmental education interacting with nature.

This year we are going to camp from 1-10 AUGUST in a beautiful place (to be confirmed) in the middle of Pyrenees, near to the ORDESA y MONTE PERDIDO NATIONAL PARK. We are looking for a group equally enthusiastic about participating in outdoor activities the whole day, playing games,

trekking, debating and promoting our self-developing and critical thinking. We expect you to agree with our camping method. We are going to share the camp and the experience with 25 younger members and seven more leaders of our scout group, with shared bathrooms and showers as unique available services.

We hope that this is something that you would like to do. If so, please contact us.  
[esplaigeps@gmail.com](mailto:esplaigeps@gmail.com)"

## **Participation Island, Finland, 25<sup>th</sup> July - 1<sup>st</sup> August**

Come and join our Finnish sister organisation's 75 year Jubilee camp on Bengtsår Camp Island, Hanko, roughly 120 kilometers west of Helsinki. The camp is for children and young people of all ages in groups as well as families. It will be held on the rocky, forested island of Bengtsår with a full programme of activities and lots of opportunities for swimming, fishing, Finnish sauna and water sports. Sign up by 30<sup>th</sup> April and let Tamsin or Frankie know if your group is planning to go!

<http://nuoretkotkat.fi/category/participationisland2018/>

# **Opportunities for individuals**

## **Common Ground 2020**

Woodcraft Folk are hosting IFM-SEI's next international camp in 2020 and work is already underway. If you have skills or experience in French and Spanish translation or visa applications and would like to be involved in helping international delegations from all of IFM-SEI's member organisations (<http://ifm-sei.org/en/members/>) come to the UK then please get in touch with Frankie - [international@commonground.camp](mailto:international@commonground.camp)

## **YO-Fest**

The 10<sup>th</sup> edition of YO!Fest (**Y**outh **O**pinion **F**estival), Europe's biggest youth political festival is taking place this June in Strasbourg, France. As well as running several workshops at the event, IFM-SEI is sending a delegation, which you can be part of! Participants must be aged 18 – 30 and live in an EU member state or an accession country.

31<sup>st</sup> May - 3<sup>rd</sup> June, deadline for applications 25<sup>th</sup> January

<http://ifm-sei.org/en/2017/12/yofest-2018-call-for-participants-2/>

## **'Feel the thrill' - seminar on emotional education**

Esplac, our sister organisation in Barcelona are running an international seminar and are looking for both trainers and participants! Find the calls attached.

*Have you ever felt that a conflict within your group or organisation gets out of hand?*

*Do you think that the management of the emotions might have something to do with contemporary challenges such as hiperconsumption, environmental crisis, crisis of values, the commodifications of politics, radicalisation of youth...?*

*What can we do as youth leaders and educators from the emotional education to address issues such as depression, anxiety, stress or even youth suicide?*

**Dates:** 25<sup>th</sup> March - 1<sup>st</sup> April

**Venue:** El Masnou Youth Hostel near Barcelona

**Participants:** 2 from Woodcraft Folk, 18-26 years old

**Participation fee:** 50€ (travel reimbursed up to 275€)

## “Let’s talk about sex”

With this project we want to raise awareness of how lacking and non-inclusive sex education is. We want to educate young people and youth workers and develop a comprehensive alternative sex education manual, aimed at children and young people, which is inclusive with the whole spectrum of genders and sexualities and also with people with disabilities, as well as promoting body positivity and bodily diversity.

The call for participants in the May seminar will go out in February - so keep an eye out!

<http://ifm-sei.org/en/2017/12/in-2018-lets-talk-about-sex/>

## Queer Easter

Queer Easter is one of the biggest LGBTIQ+ events in Europe, and unique in investigating LGBTIQ+ issues from a left perspective and bringing together socialist activists who work in the field. This year’s topic is ‘solidarity versus segregation’, which wishes to look at the ways in which various struggles are connected to one another, and how we might build spaces of solidarity across different interests. LGBTIQ+ movements have long built spaces in which they are able to organize and discuss, yet these run the risk of becoming depoliticized or insular. Our seminar wishes to give tools for a re-imagining of Queer politics as one inherently linked to the goals of socialism, and to enable participants to discuss and address this in their movements.

**When?** 26 March 2018 (around 16h) – 02 April 2018 (around 12h)

**Who?** 80-100 participants from IUSY, YES and IFM-SEI

**Working Language?** English

**Fee ?** 30-80€ depending on country of residence

**Where to register?** <https://kurtloewenstein.wufoo.eu/forms/queer-easter-2018-solidarity-versus-segregation/>

**Deadline?** March 1, 2018

We are looking forward to see you soon! Also check out the facebook event <https://www.facebook.com/events/14016578332481/>.

## Project Officer vacancy

IFM-SEI is looking for an enthusiastic and experienced person to join the Secretariat team in Brussels for one year, with a possibility for extension. As the Project Officer of IFM-SEI you will undertake project management for a wide range of IFM-SEI global projects on topics such as children in conflict, progressive sex education, challenging racism and populism, and developing a Pool of Trainers.

<http://ifm-sei.org/en/2018/01/new-project-officer/>

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