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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

IFAIR is looking for NGO representatives
for the project
Common Remembrance, Future Relations
Experiences from Armenia, France, Germany, Israel and Turkey

The Young Initiative on Foreign Affairs and International Relations (IFAIR) brings global issues into everyday life and gives young people the opportunity to participate in international affairs. As an open think tank, center for skill development and incubator for volunteer work, IFAIR connects young talents, who seek to actively shape the world: It enables them to meet today's high-profile decision makers and to develop skills and knowledge in order to impact international relations for the years to come.

What is the project about?

The burden of the past and blind spots in the construction of national historical truths often manifest in obstacles to intergovernmental cooperation. However, the mutual exchange of societies' experiences and their understanding of past events can facilitate processes of remembrance, reappraisal and reconciliation. By connecting NGOs and guiding a structured exchange of the culture of remembrance as well as memorial practices in Armenia, France, Germany, Israel and Turkey, the project is designed to reduce images of the other, to initiate reciprocal learning processes in remembrance, commemoration and reconciliation work, and to foster intercultural cooperation by planning and launching collaborative projects.

The project is divided into three phases:

1. First meeting in Yerevan, Armenia:

This first session aims to provide a platform for NGOs to connect with each other. It further enables the dissemination of knowledge as well as the exchange of the countries' specific cultures of remembrance. (03.05. - 07.05.17)

2. Second meeting in the respective country:

The second phase provides a work shadowing opportunity. Each NGO representative teams up with a partner NGO in order to gain deeper insights into their understanding of past events, to understand their approaches of reconciling with the past and to learn about different ways of communicating knowledge. (5 -7 days)

3. Evaluation meeting in Berlin, Germany:

The last session provides a forum to exchange ideas about the work shadowing, to discuss challenges for the work of NGOs regarding remembrance, reappraisal and reconciliation and to plan future projects to create lasting bonds. (3 days)



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What do we want to achieve with this project?

The project offers a platform for exchange and networking. Our focus is to support activists in

- sharing their knowledge and ideas in the field of culture of remembrance
- reappraising the past, breaking stereotypes and deconstructing images of the other
- bringing NGOs together and creating lasting bonds of exchange and cooperation between them

Who is our target group?

We are looking for 20 representatives from NGOs

- who organise and carry out projects in the field of remembrance culture or international political dialogue
- who live and work in Armenia, France, Germany, Israel and Turkey
- who have experience in project management.

How can I participate?

If the above criteria apply to you and you are interested in learning about other countries' processes of remembering, in sharing your own expertise and knowledge of the field and in contributing to a better understanding between societies, then please send your application (CV, letter of motivation, certificates) by **15th of March 2017** to joana.westphal@ifair.eu

Your motivation letter should include the following information:

- Your present occupation (project, challenges, plans)
- Your motivation to participate at the project; how the project will benefit yourself and your organization.

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The working language is English.

Travel expenses and accommodation during the time of the project will be covered by the organizers. Participants are required to pay a participation fee of 60 Euros only.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Joana Westphal via joana.westphal@ifair.eu

We are looking forward to your application!

Who are our partners?

We are grateful for the generous support of the Federal Foreign Office and cooperation of the Armenian Progressive Youth NGO in this project.