



STRENGTHENING POLITICAL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

TAKING YOUR ORGANIZATION TO THE NEXT LEVEL

14 – 26 February 2021

Online Version

ABSTRACT

Organized political youth work? This might sound rather scary to most young people. Yet, political youth organizations have remained a crucial pillar of youth participation in any liberal democracy. In fact, it is often political youth organizations that are confronted with the difficult task of laying the groundwork for political participation—as they tend to be the first contact point for young citizens entering into their political lives. This means that political youth organizations should not understand themselves as mere change-makers (although this is an important part of organized political youth work) but also as political educators. This online webinar will guide seminar participants through interactive tasks, online lectures, daily check-in and AMA sessions, and expert Q&As. Due to the constraint of the different time zones, participants will be working on their daily projects in regional teams. Each team will have a dedicated facilitator (available online) to guide them through the process.

Duration: 10 days, six full content days + 1 onboarding/logistics + 1 final presentations + breaks

This seminar is a fully fledged IAF program. It will require participants to dedicate their time fully to this program from 15 – 25 February. We highly recommend keeping this timeframe free from other obligations like work or other obligatory courses at university.

Logistics/Needs:

- (Mostly) stable Internet connection
- Zoom (*for daily check-in, online lecturers and expert sessions*)
- YouTube Videos (*for task explanations and context*)
- Notion (*for resources and eLearning components*)

- GSuite (for cooperative group work)
- Participants are expected to have smartphones or other cameras/recording devices

Building Blocks:

- ★ **Strategy** of Political Youth Work
- ★ **Structure** of Political Youth Work
- ★ **Organization** of Political Youth Work
- ★ **Communication** of Political Youth Work
- ★ **Facilitation** of Political Youth Work

Participation Requirements:

Participants successfully qualify if they fulfill the following requirements:

- 80% of the Video Tasks fulfilled
- 80% of the Expert Sessions attended
- 2/3 of the Daily-Check-in Session attended

All active participants will be awarded an official certificate by the International Academy for Leadership for completing this course.

Participation of the online seminar will be free of charge.

FACILITATORS



Sven Gerst

Sven Gerst is a PhD Student in Political Philosophy at the Department of Political Economy at King's College London His research mainly focuses on matters of global justice, democratic responsibility, and individual accountability. At King's College London, Sven also teaches courses on political and economic philosophy, environmental economics, meta-ethics, and contemporary issues in applied ethics. He holds a M.Sc. in Philosophy from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) as well as a M.Sc. in Management from the University of Mannheim. Previously, he also studied at Harvard University, St. Petersburg State University, and National Taiwan University.



Petra Franke

Petra Franke became involved with politics in different youth organizations at the early age of 15. Focusing on policy development and political programs she later became president of her regional branch and vice president at the state level. Today she continues her political commitment at the local level as member of the regional parliamentary group. By profession, she is a political scientist and facilitator; her areas of work are liberal values, policy development, strategic planning and campaigning . She currently works for the parliamentary group of the FDP in the state parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia as a Strategic Consultant.

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