

JEF International Seminar

Belarus | 11 – 16 November 2014

Co-organised by JEF Europe and JEF Belarus, the International Seminar “United Europe – Democracy at all levels” will take place in Belarus, from 11 to 16 November 2014.

About the Seminar

Ever since 2006, The Young European Federalists have called out for more democracy and freedom in Belarus with our annual « Free Belarus » action which aims at raising awareness on the Belorussian situation, calling to end the only remaining dictatorship in Europe. As JEF Europe considers that a united Europe cannot become a reality before democracy has reached all corners and levels of Europe, Belarus was a perfect choice to organise the last activity of our 2014 work-plan « The Young European Federalists for a Tolerant and United Europe ».

The seminar aims at analysing the state of civil liberties in Europe and to agree on actions that JEF can organise to guarantee democracy in a more united Europe. The participants will have the opportunity to learn more about the history of Belarus, to meet informal organisations active in the field and reflect on the role that Belarusian and International youth organizations can play to remove the only remaining dictatorship in Europe.

How will we work?

The methodological approach of the seminar will ensure that the principles of non-formal education are fully respected. This means that the participants will be offered possibilities to be fully engaged in planning and achieving their learning, through various experiential processes (role plays), small group work, expert input and open debates. Related to the inputs provided by external speakers, JEF Europe and JEF Belarus will ensure that the speakers who will come to address the participants with their expert input will be very experienced and able to engage youth in active and meaningful dialogue.

Application

Who is eligible to apply: Young people aged 18-30 years who are citizens of one of the 47 member states of the Council of Europe + citizens of Belarus. Applications from non-eligible persons will not be taken into account.

To apply please fill out the application form [HERE](#)

Deadline for applications: **24 September 2014**

Successful applicants will be contacted by the 26 September 2014.

The project is financially supported by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe. The European Youth Foundation (EYF) is a fund established in 1972 by the Council of Europe to provide financial support for the European youth activities. Since 1972, more than 300,000 young people, aged between 15 and 30 and mostly from member states, have benefited directly from EYF-supported activities.

Practical Information

Participation fee: 120€ for JEF Members, 150€ for Non-JEF Members, 30€ for Belarusian participants. (There are 10 scholarships of 50€ provided upon request).

The participation fee covers full board and lodging during the seminar (11 – 16 November 2014).

Travel reimbursement: 70% of the travel costs (up to max 200€) upon presentation of original travel tickets. JEF Europe will only issue travel reimbursement by bank transfer and upon presentation of all original travel documents after the end of the seminar.

Do not book your ticket and/or pay the participation fee before you receive an e-mail confirmation regarding your selection. Confirmation emails will be sent by 29 September 2014.

Visa

JEF Europe and JEF-Belarus will assist in visa procedures if needed.

JEF Europe will reimburse the visa costs to all participants. In order to be eligible for the reimbursement, you will need to send via post to the European Secretariat the proof of payment/invoice (translated to English) together with a photocopy of your visa and the reimbursement form provided by JEF Europe.

Participants requiring a visa for Belarus are requested to complete the dedicated questions in the application form.

Detailed agenda

The detailed agenda of the seminar and an Info-Kit will be sent to the participants shortly after their selection.

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