

Call for applications Palestinian Young Leaders Program “New Generation” (YLP III)

The Young Leaders program (YLP) of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung is being implemented in Palestine, in cooperation with WATC, as part of the foundation's strategy to support young adults in the MENA region. Launched in 2015, the YLP aims at promoting the involvement of young Palestinians in the political life of their country by providing training for a selected group of young adults who are deemed to be capable, in the medium term, of assuming positions of responsibility in politics and public life and thereby of making a contribution to solving the problems challenging their society.

By means of its YLP Generation III, WATC and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung offers selected young Palestinians the possibility of:

- Forming a network that includes both peers and representatives of political life and civil society;
- Strengthening and improving their communication, analytical and activism skills;
- Participating in debate on priority issues of current interest at regional, national and international level;
- Gaining access to regional and international networks;
- Improving their knowledge and understanding of politics and social issues and enhancing their skills for advocacy in these fields.

Various networks similar to the YLP network already exist or are being established in a number of countries in the MENA region. This network structure allows for the creation of synergies, provides an immensely enlarged number of contact opportunities and supports efforts to solve the socio-political problems shared by countries in the Maghreb region and the Middle East.

YLP is a 12 to 18 months program intended for selected young adults between 19 and 25 years of age who demonstrate the necessary motivation and willingness to make a constructive contribution to socio-political progress in their country.

The program allows these young adults to acquire a better understanding of policy issues and a better command of the corresponding practical advocacy skills. The intended outcome is an enhancement not only of the individual participant's own competences, but also in strengthening of the abilities of the group as a whole to actively contribute to and participate in the political process.

A selection conference will be held on 25th August 2017 in Ramallah to select 25 applicants who will be invited to become members of the next generation Palestine Young Leaders Program. If you are selected you will be eligible to participate in the one and a half year YLP to be held from September 2017 to September 2018 which consists of 12 workshop series to be held in various cities all over the West Bank and the implementation of initiatives of the participants' design that could benefit their communities.

The program entails:

I. Education and training modules

- Leadership skills
- Team-building
- Communication skills and strategies
- Project management

II. Discussions and debates

- Fundamental values of social democracy

- Democratic system and democratic transition
- Civil rights and citizenship
- Human rights, freedom of opinion and the role of the media
- Issues of national and regional relevance
- National issues of current socio-political interest
- Religion and politics
- Gender
- Environment and climate change
- Sustainable economic policy/effects of globalization
- Social security systems
- Social forces: the work of trade unions

Your required personal contribution to the program:

Each participant is expected to make a personal contribution to the program in the form of a written submission, participation in a relevant training event, or implementation.

Application procedure for the Palestinian Young Leaders Program

If you are between 19 and 25 years of age and wish to participate in the program organized by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) in cooperation with Women's Affairs Technical Committee (WATC), please submit:

- the fully **completed application form**,
- **CV**,
- and a one-page **letter explaining the motives** for your application

all in Arabic merged into **one single PDF-file** to Pylp@watcpal.org

Deadline for acceptance of applications is: 1st of July 2017 midnight

Rules and procedures:

1. Once your application has been received (by email), a confirmation of receipt will automatically be sent to you at the email address given in the application form.
2. Incomplete applications will not be processed. WATC and FES moreover reserve the right to reject any application received after the announced application deadline.
3. Within four weeks of the deadline for acceptance of applications, successful applicants will receive an email informing them that they have been selected. Eligible applicants will also receive an invitation to the selection conference. Due to the high amount of applications there will be no response to applicants who were not selected.
4. The selection conference will extend over a period of two days. A mixed jury will select, on the basis of established criteria, a maximum of 25 participants, young women and men, for participation in the program.
5. One week after the selection conference, all candidates will receive an email informing them whether or not they have been selected for participation in the program.
6. Candidates who have been accepted will be invited to participate in the first workshop of the next generation of the Palestinian Young Leaders' program to be held on September 8th, 2017.

If you require additional information on the RJME program or on the selection process, please contact us by email only at the following email address: Pylp@watcpal.org