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## **Young Leaders' Forum Belarus 2012**

### **Call for application**

## **Training program for the active youth**

### *General information*

Young Leaders Forum is an annual educational project, which aims to educate new generation of Belarusian young people, who will be ready to take the responsibility for their country in the future. Young Leaders Forum is a part of worldwide program of Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) for the youth. In Belarus, the program was launched in 2010, this call is the second one.

Friedrich Ebert Foundation is the oldest political foundation in Germany, founded in 1925 under the will of Friedrich Ebert, the first democratically elected President of Germany.

The starting points of the international activity of FES, which has offices in more than 100 countries around the world, are general support of democracy and progressive development, promotion of preservation of peace and international security system, taking into account the interests of all participants in the process of globalization, intensification of integration within the European Union. Through projects worldwide, the Foundation actively accompanies the creation and consolidation of social and state structures that facilitate the development of democracy and social justice, strong and free trade unions, as well as human rights and gender equality ([www.fes.de](http://www.fes.de)).

In Belarus the Foundation works since 1993. At the present time the main activities of its work are the development of trade unions movement, labor relations and social partnership, promotion of social-oriented market economy, improving the efficiency of local government



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structures, freedom of expression and information, promotion of youth involvement into social and political life, as well as the development of Belarusian-European relations.

### ***Program***

Training course program consists of seminars, workshops, discussions, and will continue one year. The project is addressed to young people from 20 to 25. The goal of the project is personal development, development of skills in project work, learning the basics of project management and strategic planning. Moreover, participants will receive a great opportunity for close cooperation with like-minded people inside the country and abroad, as well as an opportunity to deepen their knowledge in the field of politics, economy and society.

### ***Mission of the project:***

Our mission is to develop and promote debate clubs, formal and informal meetings, conferences, summer schools, for the purpose of development of communication skills and team spirit of young people, to train them to articulate, to demonstrate and to defend their opinions and civic stand. We share such values as strong initiative, ambitious commitment and creative approach to the tasks and the succession of generations.

Program content:

1. several 2-days out-of-town events, aimed at developing of skills of strategic planning, eloquence and oratorical skills, and skills in campaign planning and quick-wittedness, the ability to conduct negotiations, public speaking ability advancement and ability to resist manipulation, etc.
2. Informational visit abroad for the replication of good practices in the field of youth policy, of the work of trade unions, student government, NGOs and others or the participants showed the greatest activity and initiative.
3. "Evenings by the fireplace" - informal discussions with successful Belarusian and foreigners who have influence on political, economic and cultural life in Belarus and European countries.
4. Practicing the developed leaders' skills in arranging, moderating and being experts at the Debate Club (another regular FES project).

After completing the learning course all participants receive a certificate of Friedrich Ebert Foundation.

The program is an open educational forum, which is guided by principles of active learning method. Program participants develop their potential on the basis of existing knowledge and during the process of learning and acquirement of new skills. Theoretical and practical trainings are conducted by experienced trainers.

The participants of Young Leaders Forum 2011 actively take part in the learning process. Sharing the values of unity and succession of generations, the Forum aims to create a group of young people of different ages from different fields who are ready to cooperate for building of strong civil society in Belarus, and to influence decision making process.

### ***Requirements to candidates***

To participate in the project Young Leaders Forum Friedrich Ebert Foundation invites young people with high intrinsic motivation and active lifestyle, who are actively involved in public life and are ready to comply with the requirements of the program during the year. It means participation in the process of preparation and holding of regular events (meetings), participation in trainings and willingness to share own knowledge with other members of the Forum.

If you wish to participate in the competition, you should be:

- be 20 -25 years old;
- be ready to participate actively and regularly in the program of the Forum;
- speak English at the level, necessary, to work together and to participate in discussions;
- be well informed about their country, as well as the political processes taking place at the regional and European level;
- be positive-minded, respect the views and opinions of other people.

If you meet these requirements, please fill in the enclosed form and send it till **November 21, 2011** by mail to the following address: \* [ylfbelarus12@gmail.com](mailto:ylfbelarus12@gmail.com)

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Short listed candidates will be invited for a testing held on December 3, 2011.

Participants of the program YLF-2012 will be determined by an independent jury after the testing is completed.

The questionnaire can be downloaded from the website [www.fes.kiev.ua](http://www.fes.kiev.ua)