

Directory of International Youth-led Youth-serving Organisations

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

In 1995, fourteen associations and youth movements founded the African Youth Network, following the Stockholm Appeal, in order to unite youth aims and concerns. The AYN aims to promote and mobilise youth. It is an regional non-governmental organisation which serves as a platform for various national and sub-regional structures.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

- To address the different challenges facing young people today and to give them more visibility in public life.
- To encourage African youth to help in the development of the continent.
- Implementation of a network system to strengthen young people's organisational capacities and to facilitate the creation and animation of regional, sub-regional and national organisations.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Create national databases on youth issues
- Share information
- Promote and encourage inter-regional exchanges between youth and youth organizations
- Promote sustainable development and good governance
- Encourage cooperation between governments, youth non-governmental organisations and international organisations.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Received financial support for the realisation of the « Caravane de la jeunesse pour la paix et l'intégration africaine ».

PUBLICATIONS

- Reports of training seminars
- Bulletin (planned)

MEMBERS

22 youth organisations across Africa.

DOMAIN(S) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTIONS BY ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

Peace and Human Rights, Youth and School Exchanges, Protection of the Environment, Literacy, Fight for Child and Human Rights – Education for Peace, Preventive Education and Health Care, Leadership Training.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Formed in July 1972 as a non-governmental international student union to bring together all African students; to co-ordinate their efforts at building a strong and vibrant continent.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

Struggle for equity and equal access to education; to defend and protect all students' rights; promote socio-economic and political integration of states and peoples in Africa; advocate peace and justice in globalisation.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Undertakes programmes on environment and development; campaigning against illiteracy, drug abuse and AIDS; develops co-operation with other regional and international youth and students ORGANISATIONS; net-working with related NGOs and IGOs on issues of common concerns; to facilitate youth/student participation in local and international seminars, workshops, symposia and conferences; collects information on students for policy purposes, etc.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

- Maintains Operational Relations with UNESCO.
- Member of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee.

PUBLICATIONS

- AASU newsletter.
- AASU Student/Youth magazine.

MEMBERS

- AASU has 42 member ORGANISATIONS in Africa.

DOMAIN(S) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTIONS BY ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

Peace and human rights, youth and school exchanges, developments actions, voluntary service, youth workcamps, preservation of cultural heritage, protection of the environment, literacy, fight for children's and human rights-education for peace, preventive education and health care, leadership training.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Established in 1974, AYU defends the rights of Arab youth.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

- To defend Arab youth regarding their political, economic, social and cultural rights.
- To defend their freedom of organizing, expressing themselves and mobilizing.
- To defend their rights in education, work, health and healthy development.
- To encourage youth activities in scientific, economic and cultural fields.
- To struggle against domination and aggression.
- To organize youth's festivals, cultural and intellectual seminars, voluntary workcamps and arts exhibitions.
- To enhance the communication of information among young people.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Arab Youth Union holds yearly conferences, dealing with youth related cultural and intellectual issues.
- Organizing environmental work camps.
- Social development actions, dealing with social questions at the regional level such as those relating to young women.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

AYU participated in the first Arab Youth meeting which was organized by UNESCO in Cairo, December, 1997.

PUBLICATIONS

Arab Youth Union publishes a monthly newspaper titled "Alshabab Al-Arabi" (Arab Youth). It also publishes many other non-periodical publications.

MEMBERS

33 youth ORGANISATIONS in 17 Moslem countries in Asia and Africa.

DOMAIN(s) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTIONS BY ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

Peace and Human Rights, Development Actions, Voluntary Service, Youth Workcamps, Preservation of Cultural Heritage, Protection of the Environment, Fight for Children's and Human Rights-Education for Peace, Scientific and Technical Activities, Preventive Education and Health Care, Physical and Cultural Activities, Leadership Training, Student ORGANISATIONS.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Formed in 1969 as a student alliance of national student associations in Asia and Pacific. Developed philosophy of activism through meetings, campaigns and publications around issues confronting students and their communities.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

- Foster student's solidarity in people's struggle for self-determination, social justice, women's liberation, sustainable environment.
- Capacity-building for students and their organisations to respond to the needs of their communities.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Training for the 2001 Nepal Poverty Eradication Group.
- Joint campaigns amongst student movements, e.g. to end the sex-traffic of women and children in Asia.
- Fact-finding mission to occupied countries for solidarity work.
- Media centre which produces research on issues, selected by student movements, e.g. education, privatisation.
- Represent student movement in Asia-pacific in UN bodies.
- Foster relationship between indigenous students and other student platforms.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

NGO Consultant on World Conference on Higher Education

PUBLICATIONS

- ASA Movement News (monthly newsletter).
- ASA magazine (quarterly magazine of research).
- Currents (quarterly publication focusing on education trends from students perspective)

MEMBERS

55 member organisations in 32 countries. West Asia, East Asia, South Asia, S.E. Asia and the Pacific.

DOMAINS OF THE ORGANISATION ACTION

Peace and Human Rights, Development Actions, Protection of the Environment, Leadership Training, Student Organisations, Solidarity Research and Campaigns on Youth Student Issues, Education Access and Control.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

The Asian Youth Council (AYC) is a regional coordinating body for youth in the Asia and Pacific region. It is a voluntary ORGANISATION seeking to promote peace, goodwill and solidarity among member ORGANISATIONS in order to foster greater international understanding and respect for the wide variety of cultural values in the region. The Council, created in 1972, includes members and observers from 26 countries. AYC plays an active role in development among its youth while upholding the basic principals of a peaceful and prosperous world. The AYC has consultative status with ECOSOC, UNESCAP and the World Assembly of Youth (WAY).

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF ORGANISATION

- Respect the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as the basis of its action.
- Implement development programmes on the basis of economic, social and political justice
- Promote peace, goodwill and solidarity among member ORGANISATIONS and Asian nations.
- Assist young people in Asia to focus attention on their rights and responsibilities as citizens of democratic societies.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Numerous programmes related to youth and community development in Asia and the Pacific, are organized regionally or at the national level. Themes related to youth are incorporated in seminars, work camps, workshops, conferences or training sessions. Opportunities are given to youth leaders from member and neighbouring non-member countries, to discuss and debate issues with a view to playing a positive and constructive role in the overall development of their respective countries.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

- INFOYOUTH
- Regional Collective Consultative Meeting on Youth Asia Pacific (RCCAP)

PUBLICATIONS

ASIAYOUTH

MEMBERS

National Youth Committees from the following countries are members and observers:

Pacific: Australia, Fiji,

South Asia: Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, India, Maldives, Sri Lanka

South East Asia: Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore, Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia,

East Asia: China, Mongolia, Korea, Japan,

Far East: Iraq

Observers: Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Mauritius, Russia

DOMAIN(s) OF THE ORGANISATION's ACTION

Voluntary Service, Youth Work Camps, Leadership training.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Founded in Switzerland in 1897 to support young girls leaving families, cities or countries in search of work. Encouraged by the Vatican, it rapidly spread throughout most of Europe. It is also present in Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

The ACISJF endeavours to help young women to develop their capacities and to find a place in society. The specific services are adapted to the necessities of different regions and countries. It welcomes all young girls and young women, with respect for their cultures and religions and without distinction of race or nationality. It gathers together individual youngsters with common needs.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Residences for disadvantaged girls, young women in difficulty, school pupils, students, single mothers. Center for life training –literacy, up-grading for school level, languages courses- Pre-professional, professional, social, cultural and religious training –Schools for nursing helpers and social workers- Cultural and Sports Centers- employment bureaus- Employment for au pairs- Continuous assistance for information, listening and counseling- Reception areas in railways stations, coach terminals, air terminals, etc.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Maintains Operational Relations with UNESCO.

PUBLICATIONS

Contacts, published in French, Spanish and German.

MEMBERS

Collective membership: national committees and ORGANISATIONS. Present in 27 countries. Europe: 12, Latin America: 6, Caribbean: 2, Africa: 6, Asia: 1.

DOMAIN (s) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTIONS BY ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

Development actions, Literacy, Preventive education and health care, Physical and cultural activities.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

AEGEE was founded in 1985 in Paris by a group of students from the "Grandes Ecoles" under the name *EGEE* - Etats Généraux des Etudiants de l'Europe. The name is related to the Aegean Sea (la Mer Egée) where democracy was created 2,000 years ago. Due to a name collision with another organisation, the name was changed to *AEGEE* in 1988.

EGEE wanted to be a platform for young Europeans to discuss the future of Europe, to present their ideas to the officials of the institutions of the EC and national governments, and also to give students a voice to try to influence European policy in favour of students. At that time, EGEE concentrated only on EC member states, but then supported the development in Central and Eastern Europe.

AEGEE is a voluntary, non-profit organisation that operates without links to any political party. It is a network of young Europeans desiring to spread our ideals and ideas concerning Europe

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF ORGANISATION

AEGEE is one of Europe's largest interdisciplinary student associations, which promotes a unified Europe, cross-border co-operation, communication, integration among students and strives to create an open and tolerant society for tomorrow. Our aim, while cherishing our diversity and respecting the character of our regions, is to establish an open Europe which recognises the importance of all cultures in the shaping of its past, present, and future and which plays an active role in fostering peace, stability and prosperity throughout the world. Our intention is to promote unlimited access to education as being of fundamental importance to increase mutual understanding and to encourage student mobility in order to fight prejudice and xenophobia by increasing people's awareness of different cultures. We believe that our association is a unique platform enabling us to contribute to these visions of Europe.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

We organise conferences, seminars, case study trips, exchanges, recreation activities, summer universities, develop several projects (Quo Vadis Europe, Building Language Bridges, Education for Democracy, Socrates on the Move, Global Employee etc)

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

- We maintain operational status with UNESCO
- We have a Liaison Officer for UNESCO

PUBLICATIONS

- Key to Europe (annual)
- NewBulletin (semestrial)

MEMBERS

AEGEE is represented in 271 university cities, in 40 countries all around Europe and has about 17 000 members.

DOMAIN(s) OF THE ORGANISATION's ACTION

Higher education, Active Citizenship, Cultural Exchange, Peace and Stability

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Founded in 1986 to serve as a Caribbean- wide regional organisation to defend and promote the welfare of youth..

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

The CFY stands for the advancement of the interest of youth and seeks the active involvement and participation of youth in the process of progressive social change.

- To unite all youth in the Caribbean with no discrimination.
- To act as a representative body for youth organisations in the Caribbean and to address problems faced by caribbean youth at sub-regional and internaitonal levels.
- To co-ordinate the work of national youth organisations in the Caribbean and to assist them in the formulation of their policies, management practice and programmes.
- To promote the active participation of youth in economic, social, cultural and political life of the Carribean.
- To strengten the integration process of Caribbean youth through netwroking, information sharing, and youth exchanges.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

CFY comprises a number of avitties such as Conferences for youth leaders, a regional workstudy camp that brings together representatives from member organisations of National Youth Councils, Co-ordination of regional youth programmes to encourage and support the formations of national youth structures

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

PUBLICATIONS

- Newsletter

MEMBERS

7 National Youth Council and 5 Youth Council.

DOMAIN(S) OF THE ORGANISATION's ACTIONS BY ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

Development Actions, Voluntary Service and Youth Workcamps, Preservation of Cultural Heritage, preventive education and Health Care, Fight for Chil and Human Rights – Education for Peace, Student organisations.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Created in 1948 with the support of the UNESCO. Previously, the organisation was the International Voluntary Service created in 1920 with the idea of reconstructing Europe. Nowadays, CCIVS is a platform for dialogue between organisations all over the world.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

Since its beginning, the main aim of the voluntary-service movement has been the quest for peace..

To facilitate the flow of information between member organisations, to promote the concept of international voluntary service, to improve the quality of voluntary-service projects.

MAIN ACTIVITES :

Joint thematic campaigns, organisation of seminar and meetings, presence at important events, representation of voluntary service movement, contributions to publications on voluntary service.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

- Various contracts concerning publications or specific voluntary service projects
- Short term and long term projects and Pilot projects in 2001/2
- Joint Campaign on the International Year of Volunteers 2001,

PUBLICATIONS

- CCIVS Newsletter (every 4 months)
- Volunteering in conflict areas,
- National service, what are the choices
- How to run a Workcamp
- The Leader Trainer Handbook
- Fundraising Strategies for NGOs

MEMBERS

114 member organisations, including 9 international members with 152 branches

DOMAIN(S) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTIONS BY ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

Peace and Human Rights, Youth and School Exchanges, Development Actions, Voluntary Service, Youth Workcamps, Preservation of Cultural Heritage, Protection of the Environment, Literacy, Fight for Children's and Human Rights – Education for Peace, Preventive Education and Health Care, Leadership Training.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

ESIB was founded in 1982 as the West European Student Information Bureau (WESIB). In 1992 the name was changed to reflect the decision to become a political platform for National Unions of Students in Europe.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

- promote the views of students on economic, social and youth issues and the educational system as a whole.
- promote European/global co-operation to facilitate information exchange with students and student organisations.
- provide assistance and support NUSes in their work to protect student interests.
- promote equal opportunities for all students regardless of political belief, religion, race, gender, sexual orientation, social standing or disability.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- represent students in all relevant European institutions and organisations and defend their economic, social, cultural and educational rights.
- organisation of seminars and workshops on different issues (e.g. youth participation in Democracy, stability pact in South East Europe, seminars on social welfare, education, mobility, student rights etc).
- lobbying at European/international institutions (Council of Europe, European Rectors Conference, UNESCO, European Commission).
- collaboration with other international student/youth organisations

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

- participation in World Conference on Higher Education, there special attention on the Thematic debate of student vision of Higher Education
- member of the international follow-up committee on the World Conference on Higher Education

PUBLICATIONS

- Link magazine (6 issues per year)
- Newsletter (monthly)
- reader on seminar/conference related issues
- web site

MEMBERS

41 member organisations in the following countries: Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovenia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Yugoslavia.

DOMAIN(S) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Peace and Human Rights, Youth and School Exchanges, Scientific and Technical Activities, Student Organisations.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Founded in 1957.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

- Further and promote the activities of rural youth organisations
- Educate and train young people and create an awareness of the issues of the countryside
- Promote intercultural understanding through international meetings
- Focus the attention of international and national institutions and organisations, as well as of the general public on the problems and needs of rural youth

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- International seminars and meetings about different themes (participation, rural development, nature protection and understanding, human rights, traditions...)
- Edition of a newsletter «Rural Youth Info»
- Member of the Youthforum Jeunesse (lobbying for Youthwork by the European Commission and the Council of Europe)

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

PUBLICATIONS

Rural Youth Info: newsletter focusing on diverse themes and reporting on our activities. Published three times a year.

MEMBERS

22 member organisations in: Austria, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Ulster, Norway, Poland, Scotland, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Wales, Czech Republik.

DOMAIN(S) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Peace and Human Rights - Youth and School Exchanges - Physical and Cultural Activities - Leadership Training

**EUROPEAN CONFEDERATION OF YOUTH CLUBS
(ECYC)**



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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

ECYC is an International non-governmental organisation youth organisation that was founded in 1976.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

Advocating the benefits of youth work and promoting cooperation between youth centres in Europe.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Organising seminars for young people and young workers, promoting exchange amongst member organisations, developing new open youth work initiatives, facilitating networking amongst members on topics of common concern, developing policy guidelines on relevant youth work issues, promoting training courses for youth workers.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

PUBLICATIONS

ÉCYC NEWS, monthly e-mail newsletter.

MEMBERS

Full members: Austria (ARGE), Belgium (VFJ), Cyprus (P.C.C.Y.C.), Denmark (Ungdomsringen), Finland (SETNL), France (FFMJC), Germany (JuNet e.V.), Great Britain (Youth Clubs UK), Ireland (N.Y.F.), Iceland (S.A.M.F.E.S.), the Netherlands (IOTA), Norway (Landsforeninngen Ungdom and Fritid), Russia (Russian Union of Youth), Sweden (Fritidsforum).

Associate members: Luxembourg (Daachverband Vun de Letzebuerger Jugendklub), Spain (Ajuntament de Barcelona), Italy (Arci Nuova Associaze), Bulgaria (B.A.S.H.).

Observer members: Ukraine (Our Children).

MAIN DOMAINS OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Voluntary Service, Youth Workcamps

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Founded in 1971, as a result of contacts since 1964 between European national exchanges within the AFS network, to coordinate exchange programs involving AFS's European partners, initiate new forms of exchanges and other intercultural learning activities.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

To be a service ORGANISATION that promotes opportunities in the field of intercultural learning and global education. This service consists of active lobbying with the appropriate European governmental institutions and NGOs to ensure the largest possible support for the members activities, to coordinate those activities and programmes that can best be coordinated at an European level , to strengthen the networks' human resources through seminars and joint training activities .

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Intercultural exchange programs (students, young workers and teachers); global education, projects with secondary schools, seminars on relevant issues in the context of intercultural and global education.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Maintains Operational Relations with UNESCO.

PUBLICATIONS

EFIL Latest Edition (monthly), seminar reports, Annual Report, Global Education Bulletin.

MEMBERS

European AFS national volunteer ORGANISATIONS.

22 Member ORGANISATIONS, in Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom.

DOMAIN(s) OF THE ORGANISATION's ACTIONS BY ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

Youth and School Exchanges, Youth service, Youth Workcamps.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Established in 1981 by law students from Germany, Hungary, Poland and Austria. Around 25000 individual members in 39 European countries and is the largest independent law students' association in the world.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

To contribute to legal education through international co-operation and critical dialogue; to foster cultural understanding, respect for cultural diversity; to develop internationally-minded and professionally skilled individuals; to promote social responsibility for the good of society. Non-political and independent.

MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANISATION

More than 200 seminars and conferences, organised each year all over Europe, 50 of them international, treating topical legal themes, which are not in the university curricula.

Academic activities, including legal research groups, essay competitions.

Students trainee exchange programme: international exchange of students' jobs. These jobs are always related to legal profession. 400 traineeships each year.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Maintains Operational Relations with UNESCO. Member of UNESCO/NGO Collective Consultation on Higher Education since 1998. Regularly attends the follow-up sessions. We often have speakers from UNESCO at our events.

PUBLICATIONS

Synergy: members magazine, twice a year.

SPEL (selected papers on European law), once a year.

GLSE (Guide to Legal Studies in Europe), every two years.

IFP Book (International Focus Programme Book), every three years.

MEMBERS

39 European countries (also includes some countries that are not geographically Europe, but are former URSS countries). Over 200 law faculties. Around 25000-30000 individual members.

MAIN DOMAIN OF THE ORGANISATION ACTION

Peace and Human Rights, Youth and School Exchanges, Fight for Children's and Human Rights-Education for Peace, Leadership Training, Student Organisations.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

The European Youth Forum is an international ORGANISATION, comprised of national youth councils and international non-governmental youth ORGANISATIONS. It has incorporated the Youth Forum of the European Union (YFEU), which acts as a bridge between the European Youth Forum and the institutions of the European Union.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

The European Youth Forum endeavours to serve the interests of young people all over Europe, encouraging their active participation in the construction of a Europe based on the values of human rights, democracy and mutual understanding.

The European Youth Forum:

- promotes coherent and integrated youth policies in Europe.
- influences international institutions' policy on youth related issues.
- promotes the rights of young people in Europe and maintains political dialogue with European decision makers.
- is consulted by international institutions on issues relevant to young people and youth ORGANISATIONS.
- promotes mutual understanding, respect for human rights and equal opportunities.
- supports and co-ordinates the work of its member ORGANISATIONS.

MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANISATION

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Maintains Operational Relations with UNESCO.

Representative from UNESCO attended the 1998 General Assembly of the European Youth Forum, in Salzburg.

PUBLICATIONS

Report *Get in!* Youth Convention and Social Exclusion and Employment, the *Youth Access* guide for disabled people on international youth activities, the representation brochure, the membership directory, the brochure of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, the brochure of the European Youth Forum's pool of trainers and the report on youth unemployment. Report on the Human Rights Week organized on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Council of Europe. The profile on youth policy "Country by Country Profile" in Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and Slovenia also started in 1999, as well as a book on the history of youth work in Europe. The European. Two studies, one on social protection for young people in Central and Eastern Europe, and one on the recognition of non formal education. The monthly magazine "Youth Opinion".

MEMBERS

Full members : 28 National Youth Councils (NYCs) ; 46 International Non-governmental Youth ORGANISATIONS (INGYOs).

DOMAIN(S) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTIONS

Fight for Children's and Human Rights- Education for Peace- Aid for the Disabled; Leadership Training; European Youth Policy; Education; Mobility; Social Affairs; Interdependence and Solidarity; Equality and Human Rights; Participatory Democracy; Training.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Founded in the USA in 1932 as the first organization of its kind to engage individuals in intercultural living and learning. EIL introduced the HOMESTAY concept to the world by carefully preparing and placing 'Experimenters' in the homes of host families to study other languages and cultures firsthand. In 1954 Experiment national offices worldwide joined together to form the Swiss-registered Federation EIL. The Federation EIL network continues to develop and maintain high standards of programme quality, as well as providing access to partnerships, information, and training.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

The mission of the Federation EIL is to facilitate its member organizations in the lifelong involvement of individuals in intercultural learning experiences. This process helps develop understanding of and respect for people throughout the world.

MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANISATION

Annually, more than 20,000 participants are involved in EIL's educational programmes consisting of homestays, short-term group travel, academic study abroad, language training, internships, voluntary service projects, and au pair/homestays. The US member maintains the School for International Training (USA), a fully accredited institution granting masters degrees in international administration and the teaching of languages. The School also offers university semester abroad programmes for over 1400 US students per year to more than 40 countries.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

EIL is in partnership with UNESCO in celebration of the International Year for the Culture of Peace. It endorses Manifesto 2000 and collects signatures for that initiative. Four of EIL's programmes in 2000 were designated by UNESCO as Flagship Events in the IYCP.

PUBLICATIONS

Federation EIL international brochure, In the Loop (quarterly newsletter), annual report, member profiles, program portfolio, and address directories. Each national EIL representation has its own publications.

MEMBERS

Over 20 national representations of EIL which have met our standards are the member organisations. In turn, these national organizations have their own (national) structures; networks of local representatives, board members, and individual members. Member organizations also co-operate with outside organizations around the world.

DOMAIN(S) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTIONS

Peace and Human Rights, Youth and School Exchanges, Development Actions, Voluntary service, Youth Workcamps, Literacy, Fight for Child and Human Rights-Education for Peace, Preventive Education and Health Care (AIDS, Drugs, etc), Physical and Cultural Activities, Leadership Training, Student Organizations, Fght for Children's and Human Rights-Education for Peace, Leadership Training, Student Organisations.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Established in 1950 to promote educational, cultural and social travel among young people. In its fifty-year history, FIYTO has become the largest organisation in the youth travel industry, and is today the premier trade association for youth travel and tourism.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

To promote ethical and professional behaviour between travel operators and high-quality standards for young travellers.

To provide the pre-eminent professional forum to exchange information and advance in the interests of the young traveller.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Organises, in partnership with ISTC (the issuers of the ISIC, the international student identity card, and purveyors of the youth and student air tickets), the World Youth and Student Travel Confederation, the world's premier trade fair and conference for the youth and student travel industry.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Maintains Operational Relations with UNESCO.

PUBLICATIONS

"YTI", Youth Travel Magazine.

"Who Is Who", a handbook about FIYTO members.

MEMBERS

Nearly 400 member organisations, from over 60 countries on all continents.

MAIN DOMAINS OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Youth and School Exchanges, Youth Travel.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Since 1985, the FLAJ is a space for dialogue and coordination between non governmental youth entities in Latin America. It groups national platforms and international youth organisations working on the continent.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

- To promote encounters between national youth councils, international youth organisations and technical NGOs specialising in youth issues.
- To develop and reinforce youth participation in regional development strategies and in the improvement of young people's quality of life.
- To be a forum for dialogue, debate and consultation between youth organisations, NGOS, international cooperation agencies, governmental structures and supranational organs.
- To develop and coordinate common working and research methods and projects between member organisations.
- Reinforce the management skills of member organisations.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Organisation of assemblies and board committees.
- Co-organisation of events such as CEULAJ courses, World Festival of Youth, etc.
- Participation in working groups (Coordinating Committee for Global Cooperation, International Commission for the Rights of Youth and Adolescents)

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Co-organisation of the World Consultation of Youth NGOs.

PUBLICATIONS

MEMBERS

8 national platforms, 8 international organisations, 3 observer members, 1 consultative member.

DOMAIN(S) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTIONS BY ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

Peace and Human Rights; Development Actions; Preservation of Cultural Heritage; Fight for Children's and Human Rights; Education for Peace; Preventive Education and Health Care; student organisations.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Founded in 1957 in Tunisia, initially by 8 countries.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

To promote the mutual interests and co-operation among students of agriculture and related fields all over the world. It pursues this objective by:

Encouraging an interchange of ideas in all fields of agricultural education and practice.

Promoting co-operation and understanding among agricultural students all over the world.

Preparing agricultural students to fulfil the challenges of their future work with a practical and global view.

Encouraging the formation and development of national agricultural student organisations.

Organising international seminars and training periods abroad for agricultural students.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Exchange programme: offers students the possibility to undergo traineeships in foreign countries for periods up to one year.

Village Concept Project (VCPs): small scale development projects run together with students from other disciplines. Aims to improve the health, agriculture and socio-economic situation in rural villages. It is an initiative to encourage collaboration among student organisations.

National and Local Activities: seminars, work camps, bilateral Exchange Weeks, Symposia, Round Tables, etc.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Maintains official relations (Operational) with UNESCO.

Secretariat is focal point for the World Conference on Higher Education follow-up.

PUBLICATIONS

'The Annual Overview about activities, projects and programmes of IAAS.

The newsletter "IAAS World" five times per year.

MEMBERS

Present in 42 member countries. The structure of the association is nationally based. That means that the National Committee represents all the Local Committees in the country. It is also responsible for communication with the IAAS Headquarters.

MAIN DOMAINS OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Student ORGANISATIONS.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Formed in 1951, to allow dental students to exchange knowledge about dentistry at an international level. The only worldwide association for dental students.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

To promote the interests of dental students and help international co-operation by organizing meetings and student exchanges.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Annual World Congress of Dental Students
- International Student Exchange Programme, which allows students to visit a foreign country and experience its culture and its dentistry, both scientifically and clinically.
- Voluntary Work Abroad Scheme, run in collaboration with WHO, which allows students to experience primary oral healthcare in a developing country.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Member of UNESCO/NGO Consultation on Higher Education.

PUBLICATIONS

- Newsletter, distributed by FDI to all 750 of the world's dental schools with additional copies being sent to member associations and schools.
- Website (www.iads.ndirect.co.uk)
- Promotional Posters our activities

MEMBERS

30 Member countries

DOMAIN(S) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Youth and School Exchanges, Development Actions, Voluntary service, Youth Workcamps, Physical and Cultural Activities, Student ORGANISATIONS.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Founded in 1948, in London, on the initiative of the Imperial College Vocation Work Committee.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

- To provide students at institutions of higher education with technical experience abroad relative to their studies in the broadest sense.
- To promote international understanding and goodwill amongst the students of all nations irrespective of race, colour, sex or creed.
- To operate an exchange programme for the benefits of students, academic institutions and other ORGANISATIONS offering traineeships.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

The International Exchange Programme : Member countries collect offers from industrial and other organisations for receiving students from abroad for a temporary training period. Students pay their own travelling expenses but receive sufficient payment from industries to meet their costs of living expenses in the country visited. In most cases, the training periods are from 8-12 months.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Maintains Operational Relations with UNESCO.

PUBLICATIONS

- IAESTE Bulletin (quarterly)
- Annual Activity Report
- Annual report

MEMBERS

- Full members: 50
- Associate members: 6
- Co-operating institutions in 19 countries.

MAIN DOMAINS OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Scientific and Technical Activities, Physical and Cultural Activities, Leadership Training, Student Organisations, Provision of overseas work experience to students; promoting international understanding and good will; providing an exchange programme that benefits students, employers and educational institutions through the world.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

AIESEC has been 50 years ago to mobilise young people to contribute to developing themselves, their countries and the world.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

Peace and Fulfilment of Humankind's Potential ; Development of individuals ; International traineeship exchanges and supporting activities. AIESEC is an international, non-political, non-profit, student-tru, independent, education foundation. It is comprised of students and recent graduates of institutions of higher education who are interested in economics and management.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

AIESEC offers international exchange opportunity to around 3,000 young people every year, placing students into positions lasting up to 18 months in every sector – business, public or civil society. AIESEC also creates opportunities for them to interact with their local environment and its challenges, supported by the members of each of our local offices.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

- Accredited with ECOSOC
- Mutual conference attendance

PUBLICATIONS

- AIESEC International Annual Report
- AIESEC International Alumni Newsletter

MEMBERS

30,000 volunteer members based in around 650 local and 88 national branches which includes 5 extension countries (UAE, China, Chile, Mozambique and Zimbabwe). AIESEC is based in all regions of the world.

DOMAIN(S) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTIONS BY ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

Youth and School exchanges, Voluntary service and Youth workcamps, Leadership Training, student organisations.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Officially established in 1968 in Geneva with assistance from UNESCO to offer an international education programme for entry into higher education institutions around the world. The IBO is a non-profit educational foundation which belongs to no particular country. It now offers three international education programmes (see below). In 2001 a total of 1300 schools in 108 countries offer IB programmes. Some 43% of all IB institutions are state government schools with no tuition fees. The head office is in Geneva with regional offices in New York, Buenos Aires, Singapore and Geneva. A large office for the development of curricula and student assessment techniques (including the IB diploma annual examinations), ICT, publications, and finances is in Cardiff (UK).

The three working languages are English, French and Spanish. Pedagogical documents are becoming available in Chinese for the Primary Years Programme (PYP) and the Middle Years Programme (MYP).

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

- to promote international understanding and respect regardless of ethnic origin, religion, sex or disability
- to provide an internationally recognised diploma for entry to higher education institutions
- to promote critical thinking skills
- to develop the whole person through the inclusion of activities relating to creativity, action and community service
- to develop an ethic of sustainability for the planet Earth

MAIN ACTIVITIES

The provision of three international education programmes: Diploma Programme for students in their last two years of secondary education: 1010 schools in 108 countries. Middle Years Programme (MYP) for students from 11-16 years of age: 175 schools in 52 countries. Primary Years Programme (PYP) for students from 3-11 or 12 years of age: 75 schools in 40 countries

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Status with UNESCO since October 2001: formal consultative relations as a network.

Joint action with UNESCO: a) July 1999 a joint UNESCO/IBO seminar on intercultural understanding with teachers and secondary students from different ethnic schools around Johannesburg: b) ongoing research project into inter-generational learning with the UNESCO Institute, Hamburg: c) training of primary-school teachers in Cambodia in 2001 to adopt an enquiry-based approach for the education of young children, d) the senior programme specialist, transdisciplinary project, education for a sustainable future, UNESCO, Paris, is external advisor on the IBO MYP committee for curriculum development, e) IBO is a member of UNESCO's secondary education reform group

PUBLICATIONS

- *IB World* appears four times a year
- Brochure about the IBO's educational programmes available in English, French and Spanish
- *Coordinator's Notes* for each of the three IB programmes appear four times a year
- Curriculum guides, regularly revised, for all components of each of the three IB programmes

MEMBERS

Total of 1,260 schools in 108 countries are authorized to teach IB programmes. The IBO has regional offices for North America, Asia-Pacific, Latin America and Africa/Europe/Middle East. In May 2001 42,000 students sat IB diploma examinations around the world.

DOMAIN(S) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Peace and human rights - Voluntary service, Youth Workcamps - Protection of the Environment – Literacy - Fight for Child and Human Rights-Education for Peace - Aid for the Handicapped - Preventive Education and Health Care (AIDS, Drugs, etc) - Physical and Cultural Activities - Leadership Training

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

In 1949, 50 German teenagers were welcomed as ICYE exchangees by American families in the United States. Soon after, a reciprocal programme was established, with US youth invited to spend a year with European families. More and more countries have joined the program since then. Building bridges of peace, justice, and understanding through personal encounters has been our goal throughout the past 50 years.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

ICYE is committed to:

- Justice for all persons who suffer from social, political, economic and personal injustice
- Breaking through the barriers between cultures and peoples
- Equality among cultures, nations and sexes.

National Committees are committed to:

- providing experiences that will encourage international and intercultural understanding;
- helping participants to become aware of the problems in local and national communities in order to better understand worldwide socio-economic-political issues and problems;
- encouraging commitment to act on this understanding, both during the exchange experience and beyond.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

The Federation of the International Christian Youth Exchange, which comprises 26 National Committees and four regional bodies, is a non-profit NGO. ICYE promotes short and long-term youth exchanges combined with voluntary service activities. ICYE enhances youth mobility and intercultural learning through exchange programmes, study visits, training and issue seminars.

The ICYE Federation co-operates with the World Council of Churches and is a full member of Mobility International.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

ICYE maintains Operational Relations with UNESCO . It is a full member of CCIVS and of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee.

PUBLICATIONS

Information Brochure

MEMBERS

ICYE Member National Committees are represented in the following regions/countries:

Africa: Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria

Asia/Pacific: India, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Taiwan

Europe: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

Latin America: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Honduras, Mexico

DOMAIN(s) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTIONS

Youth and School Exchanges , Voluntary Service, Youth Workcamps , Leadership Training.

**INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF MEDICAL
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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

IFMSA is an independent, non-political organisation comprising 68 medical students associations globally. Founded in 1951, IFMSA is recognised by the World Health Organisation as official international forum for international medical students since 1969.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

- Empowering medical students to use their knowledge and capacities.
- Providing a forum for medical students throughout the world.
- Promoting and facilitating professional and scientific exchange.
- Providing a link between members, medical students associations and international organisations.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Professional exchange.
- Research exchange.
- Medical education.
- Public health.
- Refugees and peace.
- Reproductive health including AIDS.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

- Maintains Official Relations with UNESCO.
- Follow-up to the World Conference on Higher Education.
- HIV/ AIDS and Human Rights.
- International Year for a Culture of Peace.

PUBLICATIONS

VAGUS (two monthly newsletter)
MSI (Medical International) half yearly.

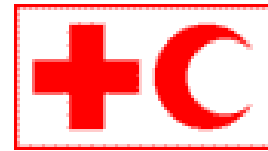
MEMBERS

70 members (national students organisations) from Asia, Africa, Europe, America and Australia.

MAIN DOMAINS OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Peace and Human Rights, Development Actions, Fight for Child and Human Rights-Education for Peace, Preventive Education and Health Care (AIDS, Drugs, etc), Student Organisations.

**INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF RED CROSS
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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Founded in 1919, it is the world's largest humanitarian organisation, with a worldwide network providing assistance without discrimination as to nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political opinion. 80% of its members are young people.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

To improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilising the power of humanity.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- To disseminate RC/RC Principles through activities that encourage the RC/RC ideals
- To encourage community service with training and educational activities
- To protect life and health through training and educational activities teaching safety, primary health care, and healthy living
- To promote international friendship and understanding with activities that will promote the humanitarian spirit.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Maintains Operational Relations with UNESCO.

PUBLICATIONS

"Red Cross and Red Crescent" Magazine, 3-4 year.

MEMBERS

176 Red Cross, Red Crescent National Societies in 176 countries. 105 million volunteers working around the world.

MAIN DOMAIN(s) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Peace and human rights, Development actions, Voluntary Service, Fight for children's and human rights-Education for Peace.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

IFSA developed from a series of annual meetings of forestry students, namely the International Forestry Students Symposium (IFSS). The first IFSS was organised in Great Britain, in 1973, and since then has been held every year in different countries. The first accomplishment of these meetings was the creation of INFOCENTER, an office to co-ordinate the exchange of information among forestry students. At the 18th IFSS in Portugal in 1990, the participants decided to expand the co-operation between forestry students beyond the annual IFSS. Thus the secretariat of the association was set up, and the association was officially registered as a non-profit organisation with its seat in Germany in 1994.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

The primary goal of IFSA is to enrich forestry students' formal education, especially in terms of a wider, more global perspective through extracurricular activities and the exchange of information and experience. IFSA promotes co-operation among forestry students, and establishes links with other international organisations in areas such as forestry, environmental protection, higher education, economy and social development. IFSA intends to contribute to a more complete professional preparation for its members, as well as to represent their interests in the international community.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- to organise, promote and support technical, scientific, professional and socio-cultural activities for forestry students on an international level;
- to represent its member associations at international meetings (UNESCO, FAO, IUFRO, UN-ECE Timber Committee, EFI, FSC, ATIBT, ITTO, WWF, and IMISO);
- to organise the annual International Forestry Students' Symposium (IFSS);
- to offer the international students' Exchange Program (EP), designed for forestry students as an opportunity for international exchange of technical, scientific and working experience;
- to co-ordinate communication among associated members and to compile a database (e.g. study abroad programs, literature, etc.) through its secretariat;
- to co-operate with other associations involved in the Village Concept Projects (VCP), e.g. the VCP's in Ghana and Mexico, and other similar intersectorial projects. to organise a variety of activities at local or regional levels, such as bilateral student exchanges, study tours, forestry games and competitions and forest work camps.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

IFSA is a collective consultation member in the World Declaration on Higher Education (WDHE) Follow-up (1996 – 2001) and has applied for formal operational relations with UNESCO in 2000.

PUBLICATIONS

IFSA-news – newsletter published quarterly.

MEMBERS

63 member organisations in 47 countries in: Asia/Pacific, Eastern Europe, Latin America, Northern Africa, North America, South Africa and Western Europe.

DOMAIN(S) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Youth and School Exchanges, Development Actions, Voluntary service, Youth Work camps, Protection of the Environment, Scientific and Technical Activities, Physical and Cultural Activities, Leadership Training, Student Organisations, Support for research, Internationalisation, Institutional renewal and modernisation.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

The IHEYO is the youth wing of the International Humanist and Ethical Union, established in 1952. The IHEU is a federation of 87 organisations spread over 37 countries.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

To bring into active association groups and individuals throughout the world interested in promoting humanism by its maintenance and development of human values, cultivation of science, loyalty to democratic principles and repudiation of authoritarian principles in all social relations, and practice of good faith, without reliance upon authority or dogma.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- In the US, the Campus Freethought Association and the Secular Student Alliance work to coordinate the activities of humanists and Freethinkers at Universities
- In India, the Indian Radical Humanist Association works among slum children and adolescents, especially in Mumbai, to help them discover democratic, scientific and civic values, and the importance of hygiene and cleanliness.
- In Sweden, the Humanist youth conduct meetings.
- In Finland, Youth Camps are held several times each year.
- In the Netherlands, the Dutch Humanist Youth are at the forefront of youth organisation and development assistance.
- The American Ethical Union conducts leadership courses.
- Innovative and productive youth exchange programmes are also now being planned.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Operational relations with UNESCO.

PUBLICATIONS

International Humanist News (quarterly)

HUMLAN (quarterly published by the Swedish Humanist Association)

MEMBERS

87 Member organisations of which about 30 percent only have youth activities.

DOMAINS OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Peace and human rights, Youth and School Exchanges, Development actions, Fight for Children's and Human Rights, Education for peace, Leadership training, Student ORGANISATIONS.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Founded in 1957 in a camp for homeless organised by the late Joseph Wresinski, a Catholic priest who himself grew up in poverty.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

A human rights and peace organisation working in partnership with the poorest families to break the cycle of extreme poverty, and to create links between people of all backgrounds.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Workcamps for people aged 16-25, who seek to learn more about fighting poverty in general and the Movement's work.
- Clubs of knowledge and solidarity which bring together young people from poor and non-poor backgrounds in a effort to share what they know, and to join forces in defending the human rights of all.
- Street libraries in which young people and full-time volunteers bring books and craft material to a very poor neighbourhood.
- Special summer activities (street workshops and family holidays).

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Maintains Operational Relations with UNESCO.

PUBLICATIONS

- "The Fourth World Youth Journal" (monthly newsletter).
- "Joseph" by Annelise Wullemin.
- "Family Album"
- "Ekassi, Graines d'Espoir" by Philippe Hamel.
- "T'es Jeune ou quoi" by Francoise Ferrand.

MEMBERS

Volunteers in 27 countries on 4 continents, and correspondents in more than 100 other countries.

About 70,000 individuals, grouped into national branches.

MAIN DOMAINS OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Peace and Human Rights, Youth and School Exchanges, Voluntary Service, Youth Workcamps, Fight for Children's and Human Rights-Education for Peace.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Founded in 1921, in Fribourg, Switzerland, with the name of Pax Romana. Fribourg is situated at the frontier of the French and German speaking Switzerland; this was a sign of the will to contribute to reconciliation in Europe, torn apart after the First World War. IMCS chose higher education as the priority area for its evangelical task, trying to discover and give meaning to students' intellectual, cultural and scientific experiences in their struggle for justice and eradication of poverty, while dedicating our studies to the service of this perspective.

IMCS gathers many diverse student experiences of university apostolic –study circles, review of life movements, federation of university parishes –identified by a common mission, in the respect and the validation of their autonomy, as a sign of diversity and pluralism.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

IMCS is an educational movement wishing to develop among students certain attitudes as regards their studies, their academic training and their role in society (attitudes as regards the other, the university and society) and help them to find meaning and happiness in their studies.

MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANISATION

- Training session: leadership, human rights and education.
- Awareness building on: HIV, women, equal rights, the right to study.
- Being social actors in society.
- Citizenship and students.
- Faith and commitment.
- Ethical attitude in studies and professional life.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Operational status.

Mainly involved in Higher Education (WCHE follow-up).

PUBLICATIONS

Newsletter, IMCS Asia Newsletter, Africa IMCS Newsletter, SPES.

MEMBERS

80 countries in the world, (Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America, North America, Middle-East).

DOMAIN OF THE ORGANISATION ACTION

Peace and Human Rights, Youth and School Exchanges, Development Actions, Literacy, Leadership Training, Student Organisations.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

MIJARC was founded in 1954. It is present in about 65 countries of the world through affiliated member movements, associated movements and contact movements.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

- To promote democracy.
- To establish links with the population of the rural world in order to meet its basic needs.
- To fight for a better sharing of resources in the rural environment in order to improve life of future generations.
- To promote education and training for all young people.
- To promote equal rights for men and women.
- To develop a culture of peace.
- To promote cultural diversity for a better knowledge of the world.
- To give value to local products and promote them.

MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANISATION

- Representation in international and national bodies (Church, UN, ILO, etc).
- Exchange activities between the movements
- Training activities, ranging from literacy training to courses in new techniques for production and processing of agricultural produce and alternative marketing systems.
- Development of projects to create employment or to permit young people to set up farms.
- Organisation of cultural activities to safeguard the values of the rural world
- Training in social and political participation.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Maintains Operational Relations with UNESCO.

PUBLICATIONS

MIJARC NEWS (quarterly magazine in four languages: English, French, Spanish, German).

MEMBERS

65 members in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe.

DOMAINS OF ACTION

Peace and Human rights, Development actions, Voluntary service, Youth workcamps, Preservation of cultural heritage, Protection of the environment, Literacy, Preventive education and health care, Cultural activities, Leadership training, Others: agricultural training - training in soil preservation.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

IPFS was founded in 1963 with the aim of arranging international pen friends. It initially benefited from the help of the International Friendship League – Pen Friend Service. It became member of FIOCES (Fédération Internationale des Organisations de Correspondances et d'Echanges Scolaires, at that time actively cooperating with UNESCO) in 1973. In 1983 IPFS started its computerised matching system. In 1993 its director, Mr. Livio Tonso, became General Secretary of FIOCES.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

Arranging international pen friends through foreign language teachers (individual links only, not class to class); providing the involved teachers with 'know how' support.

MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANISATION

IPFS provides lists of pen friends to teachers.

It does not do anything for the students directly.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

No collaboration at the moment. IPFS is part of FIOCES (see 'History')

PUBLICATIONS

- Directory of Penfriend Organisations
- Flos Epistularum
- Pen Friend Ideas (various issues)
- La Corrispondenza Internazionale come mezzo didattico della lingua inglese
- Histoire de la FIOCES 1997-1987
- Descriptio Orbis Terrarum et Linguarum Gentium

MEMBERS

Members in all countries - some 200 000 new members (students applying) every year

DOMAINS OF ACTION

Youth and School Exchanges.

**INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL STUDENTS'
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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

The International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF) was founded in 1949 through the initiative of 8 countries, most of them from the Western Europe. Today, it represents a total number of around 300,000 pharmacy students from all around the world, with a total of approximately 80 nations. One of our current goals is to pursue further geographical expansion.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

“To study and to promote the interests of pharmacy students all around the world and to encourage international co-operation among them”.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Annual Congress including a Symposium, an Educational Forum, a Patient Counselling Event and a Clinical Skills event.
- Student Exchange Program
- Neema Village Concept Project
- Scientific Symposia
- International Pharmaceutical Federal/International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation Students' Day
- AIDS Awareness Campaign
- Tobacco Alert Campaign
- Research Mobility Programme on Pharmacy Education
- Pharmacy Profession Awareness Campaign
- Rational Drug Use Campaign

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

We are now trying to obtain operational NGO status within UNESCO. We have participated actively in the WCHE Conference and all follow-up meetings and cooperated fruitfully over the past decades.

PUBLICATIONS

- NewsBulletin (3 issues/year)
- Information booklets on various themes : aids awareness, tobacco alert, rational drug use, women's health
- Pharmacy Education, a vision of the future – a comprehensive study of pharmacy education, written in cooperation with the European Pharmacy Students' Association.

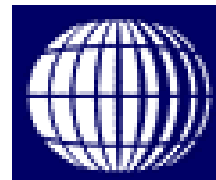
MEMBERS

70 member associations (comprising full members and members in association) - 100 individual members – Regions : America, Asia, Africa, Europe

DOMAIN(S) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Youth and School Exchanges, Development Actions, Voluntary service, Scientific and Technical Activities, Preventive Education and Health Care, Student organisations, Pharmacy Education.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), established in 1952, is the world's largest voluntary organisation in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights, including family planning.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

IPPF works for the sexual and reproductive health, choices and rights of women, men and young people. It collaborates worldwide with governments and international, national and community organisations.

MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANISATION

- promoting information and education on sexuality
- providing and supporting comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services, including a full range of contraceptives
- promoting and protecting the sexual and reproductive rights of young people
- fighting for the elimination of sexual violence and abuse of young people
- enabling young people to participate fully as active members of IPPF
- producing publications by and for young people

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

IPPF has had official relations with UNESCO since 1969. We work with a focal point for IPPF at UNESCO and collaborate on appropriate activities and events.

PUBLICATIONS

- Mezzo- A magazine for young people with lots of sexual and reproductive health information and answers to some questions young people have on sexuality and relationships
- X-press: a Bi-annual newsletter written by and for young people with articles from all over the world on programmes, gender, sexuality, HIV/AIDS, participation etc
- Voice: introduces the IPPF/Youth manifesto and gives examples of different projects from around the world that support the goals of the manifesto (there is an article in about working with young sex offenders in the Netherlands).
- Activate: a workbook for young people to look at their community and sexual and reproductive health
- Generation '97: lots of quotes from around the world which give a range of views young people have about relationships, love, marriage, etc.

These publications can be found on the IPPF website <http://www.ippf.org/youth>

MEMBERS

IPPF works through more than 150 family planning associations worldwide in at least 180 countries.

DOMAINS OF ACTION

- Preventive Education and Health Care (AIDS, Drugs, etc)
- Sexual and reproductive rights advocacy work

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Founded in 1949 as a loosely-knit federation to represent the expanding network of Student Travel Bureaus, the non-profit travel departments of the National Unions of Students. At the 1990 ISTC Annual General Meeting, in Poland, members agreed to restructure the ISTC for the 21st century. The ISTC changed from a conference to a Confederation of independent associations with activities in many areas of student and youth travel.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

- Increases international understanding through promotion of travel and exchange opportunities among students, young people and the academic community.
- Secures for student, youth and academic travellers the availability of a broad range of reliable, attractive and distinctive travel services and educational exchanges.
- Provides a framework for facilitating and extending international representation, trading amongst members and with the travel industry and educational community, and for central administrative, financial and marketing services.
- Encourages, supports and co-ordinates activities of member associations.
- Formulates and enforces a common code of conduct.
- Represents interests of members to international, national, regional and local bodies.
- Undertakes research and disseminates information.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Annual conference for student and youth travel organisations worldwide (The World Youth and Student Travel Conference); travel exhibitions ; training seminars; professional advice and facilities for discussions.
- Sponsors the International Student Identity Card Scheme world-wide, set up together with IUS.
- International Associations Services, owned by ISTC, provides general services to international associations, including clearinghouse facilities, airline ticket production and rail ticket distribution.
- Maintains and administers fund to provide additional financial security to customers and members.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Maintains Operational Relations with UNESCO.

Works with UNESCO to promote student travel and international understanding.

PUBLICATIONS

The ISTC Student Travel Handbook (annual)

“Communique” (electronic newsletter, 4 times a year)

MEMBERS

Members in 90 countries and territories.

MAIN DOMAINS OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Student and Youth Travel.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

IUSY was founded in 1907 in Stuttgart, Germany. It was reorganised under its current name in 1946. It has expanded a lot during the last two decades: in the 1980s in Latin America and in the 1990s in Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

Promote democratic socialism, freedom, equality and international solidarity. Functions as a network for the member organisations, and co-ordinates their work with the United Nations System.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Biannual World Congress, youth festival, annual regional meetings on all continents, seminars, series of Balkan Round Tables for more than 20 organisations from all countries in the Balkans since 1998, working groups for women's, students' and homosexual/bisexual issues.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Co-operation in the International Planning Committee of the World Youth Forum of the United Nations System, participation in the Conference on Higher Education. The IUSY Secretary General is presently the Co-chair of the UNESCO Youth Council. Works with UNESCO in the campaign to raise awareness of the plight of AIDS victims.

PUBLICATIONS

Newsletter 'You see us in Action', congress reports, documents on www.iusy.org, e-mail flash with more than 3000 subscribers.

MEMBERS

135 member organisations in more than 100 countries

MAIN DOMAINS OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Peace and Human Rights, Developmental Action, Leadership Training, Student Organisations.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

The International Union of Students was founded on 27 August 1946 in Prague, and was a continuation of the war-time anti-Nazi student coalition, known as the International Student Council. The IUS comprises 150 national student unions from more than 115 countries and is the the biggest, independent, international student organisation. Besides faculty or regional student organisations, the IUS is the only general, broad-based worldwide student organisation.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

The aim of the IUS is to recreate a better world of liberty, peace and progress and to play a vanguard role as we have done before in the course of history. The IUS considers the unity of all democratic forces which work for progress and base their activities on the principles of the United Nations to be an indispensable condition for the realization of a just and lasting peace and the equality of all peoples. The purpose of the IUS, which is founded upon the representative student organizations of different countries, is to defend the rights and interests of students to promote improvement in their welfare and standard of education and to prepare them for their tasks as democratic citizens.

The IUS, as a representative international broad based, universal, unique, democratic, pluralistic, independent non-profit, non-governmental, syndical (trade union-like), non-partisan student organization seeks to embrace, represent and defend the interests of students throughout the world

MAIN ACTIVITIES

The IUS holds its own constitutional events, such as Congress and Council meetings and meeting of the Executive Secretariat ; maintains contact with member unions and friendly organisations ; promotes student exchange and travel ; supports the campaigns and efforts of member unions, and sends missions to participate in organising and campaigning at the grassroots level ; conducts and shares research on important student issues ; runs awareness and political lobbying campaigns on student social issues and wide political and economic issues ; publishes popular materials for distribution ; voices students' concerns in international venues, such as UN bodies, events and meetings, and works in cooperation with like-minded youth, student and other organisations ; participates in cooperative efforts to organise student and youth festivals, conferences, and other events.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

The IUS has consultative status within ECOSOC at UNESCO. The organisation participates in all major activities of UNESCO relating to post-secondary education and youth, and also works with the United Nations Youth Unit. The IUS works with youth offices in any UN bodies that have such structures.

PUBLICATIONS

IUS Urgent Action Bulletin - IUS Bulletin (newsletter) - IUS Circular Letters to the Members - IUS Women's Bulletin.

MEMBERS

The IUS has members in all regions.

MAIN DOMAINS OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Peace and Human Rights - Youth and School Exchanges - Development Actions - Voluntary service, Youth Workcamps - Protection of the Environment – Literacy - Fight for Child and Human Rights-Education for Peace - Scientific and Technical Activities - Preventive Education and Health Care (AIDS, Drugs, etc) - Physical and Cultural Activities - Leadership Training - Student Organizations - Women's Rights - National Struggles for Self-Determination - Aboriginal Peoples Rights - Anti-globalisation movement

**INTERNATIONAL YOUNG CATHOLIC STUDENTS /
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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

YCS was born in the 1920s in Europe, and grew in strength until 1946, when the international_IYCS was founded. IYCS is an evangelical movement in and at the service of the student milieu: it follows in Jesus' footsteps, primarily within secondary school and university but also in society as a whole, struggling for justice and peace and paying heed to the real needs of the poor. The movement is organized on local, diocesan, national, regional and international level.

As an evangelizing student movement, IYCS has its roots in specialized Catholic action and in the social teaching of the Church. The movement constantly promotes the participation of students in society and Church through active involvement in the issues of justice and peace.

IYCS follows a pedagogy, starting from reality, and reviewing it on the basis of the Gospel and human common sense. This pedagogy, this education, is less a method and more a style of living in this world, more a way to understand each other, and understand reality, more a style of spirituality. It gives a deep and elementary training to each member in all dimensions of his/her life.

MAIN OBJECTIVES

IYCS as a lay movement, promotes active lay participation in the life of the Church. We are convinced that it is through being in touch with the world that the Church is built.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

IYCS is an international Catholic organization, recognized as such by the Holy See. IYCS makes use of its contacts with various Pontifical Councils of the Vatican, with CELAM (Episcopal Conference of Latin America), FABC (Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences), and SECAM (Symposium of Episcopal Conferences for Africa and Madagascar), in order to make the voice of youth heard within the Church.

IYCS holds its World Council or International Committee every 4 years in order to reflect on its work and to formulate orientations for the following 4 years. The theme of the last IYCS International Committee 1999 was "Students Ethics and Spirituality to rebuild Utopia".

There is also the Annual International Co-ordination Meeting, bringing together regional representatives from the 7 regions and the international team.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

IYCS takes an active part in the work of the UN system and UNESCO, especially on issues concerning youth, education, human rights, development and gender.

PUBLICATIONS

MEMBERS

IYCS is present in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Latin America, North America and the Pacific with over 110 national movements and more than 4 million students.

All member movements are members of the World Council, the supreme body of IYCS, and each one has the right to vote. . IYCS has no pyramidal structure : it is rather a close network among all the YCS movements. IYCS has regional co-ordination bodies in the respective continents or regions. Secretariats are based in Manila, Philippines; Nairobi, Kenya; Quito, Ecuador; Brussels, Belgium; and Beirut, Lebanon. Some YCS movements also exist in North America and the Pacific region.

MAIN DOMAINS OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Peace and Human Rights, Youth and School Exchanges, Leadership Training, Student organizations.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

The YCW began in Laeken, Belgium, in 1912 to improve the working and living conditions of young workers. In 1925, it adopted the name “Young Christian Workers”. By the early 30’s, the YCW had reached Africa, America and Asia. The first IYCW International Council opened in Rome in 1957 after a World rally of 32,000 young workers from all over the world.

MAIN OBJECTIVES

- To allow young workers to discover dignity as men and women.
- To train young people to assume responsibilities for finding solutions to their problems at local, national and international levels.
- To promote interreligious dialogue and create an intercultural society where solidarity prevails.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Workplaces: to improve working conditions.
- Neighbourhoods: to improve living conditions, such as housing for all, drinking water, creation of schools, organisation of transport, etc.
- Campaigns against unemployment, unfair dismissals, racial discrimination against immigrants.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

- Maintains Operational Relations with UNESCO.
- Participation in the conference “Building a Culture of Peace”, Paris, 1999.

PUBLICATIONS

- IYCW Bulletin, 4 times a year
- Dossiers: “Living on the Edge”, “We cannot wait any longer”.
- A series of books on the history of the IYCW movement, published in March 2000.

MEMBERS

59 countries. Africa: 14; America: 19; Asia-Pacific: 17; Europe: 13; Arab States: 1

MAIN DOMAINS OF THE ORGANISATION’S ACTION

Peace and Human Rights, Youth and School Exchanges, Development Actions, Voluntary Service, Youth Workcamps, Fight for Children’s and Human Rights-Education for Peace, Leadership Training.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

International Young Naturefriends is the international umbrella organisation of the Young Naturefriends movement which has national member organisation and partners in 27, mostly European, countries. The Naturefriends Movement was founded in 1895 by Austrian socialists as a mass movement for the underprivileged and developed into a structured national organisation with the International Friends of Nature as international umbrella (NFI). International Young Naturefriends is a youth organisation and an independent part of NFI.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

To offer informal educational services and productive cultural and leisure activities to young people throughout Europe, especially to the socially disadvantaged. IYNF actively promotes peace, equality and social development, and the right for all young people to participate equally in society. It strongly opposes all forms of militarism, racism, sexism and marginalization and oppression.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

IYNF organises international activities such as seminars, training courses and study sessions. All activities are run by young volunteers and deal with a variety of subjects such as children's rights, youth participation, social inclusion, democracy, gender equality, integrative tourism etc.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

PUBLICATIONS

- *Variety of the Rainbow*, quarterly magazine.
- IYNF General leaflet
- *HOMEwork for a better Europe*, Brochure about IYNF's present campaign, also general leaflet.
- Integrative tourism: Brochure
- Reports of activities

MEMBERS

Full and associate members, partners and contact organisations: Albania, Belarus, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Tanzania, Ukraine, USA.

DOMAIN(S) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Peace and Human Rights, Youth and School Exchanges, Voluntary service Youth Workcamps, Protection of the Environment, Fight for Child and Human Rights Education for Peace, Physical and Cultural Activities, Leadership Training.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

The International Youth Foundation (IYF) is one of the world's largest public foundations working to improve the conditions and prospects for children and youth where they live, learn, work and play. IYF was launched after two years of consultation with business, philanthropic, education, government, and social-services leaders from around the world. IYF also received unprecedented support from its founding donor, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Since its founding in 1990, IYF has worked with hundreds of companies, foundations, and civil society organizations to strengthen and scale up existing programs. IYF and its global network of partners have helped more than 21 million young people gain access to the life skills, education, job training, and opportunities critical to their success.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

To have a positive impact on the greatest number of young people, in as many places as possible, in the shortest amount of time, with programmes that are effective, and in ways that are sustainable.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Build a global network of private, public, and civil society sector partners committed to children and youth. Expand the quality and quantity of investment in young people, ages 5 to 25. Increase the impact of programmes by supporting efforts that improve effectiveness, scale and sustainability. Generate greater public awareness of children and youth issues.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

PUBLICATIONS

- Perspectives on Children and Youth (newsletter, 3 per year)
- “What Works in Youth Development” Series
- Growing your Organization: A Sustainability Resource Book for NGOs
- Annual Report

MEMBERS

IYF works with 37 in-country partners and operates in more than 60 countries around the world. This is not on a “membership” basis but rather active partnerships to implement programmes for young people.

DOMAIN(S) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Youth and School Exchanges - Preservation of Cultural Heritage - Fight for Child and Human Rights- Education for Peace - Preventive Education and Health Care (AIDS, Drugs, etc) - Physical and Cultural Activities - Leadership Training - Positive Youth Development.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Founded in 1932 as a federation of independent national youth hostels associations. Based upon the philosophy of German teacher Richard Schirrmann who wished to promote the education of all young people of all nations.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

- Promotion of youth hostelling through marketing, monitoring of assured standards in hostels.
- Provision of an international booking network.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Accommodation facilities: 4500 youth hostels and guest houses.
- Youth tourism.
- Environmental Education.
- Outdoor activities.
- Educational Exchanges and Programmes.
- Information/communication/booking services.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Maintains Operational Relations with UNESCO.

PUBLICATIONS

- Annual report.
- International handbooks:
 - *Volume I (Europe and Mediterranean)
 - *Volume 2 (Africa, America, Asia, Australasia)
- News and activities.
- Network.
- Eurogroupnews.

MEMBERS

In all continents.

58 national associations.

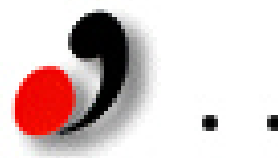
32 national “associate” ORGANISATIONS and agents.

DOMAIN(s) OF THE ORGANISATION’S ACTIONS BY ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

Protection of the environment, physical and cultural activities, student ORGANISATION, youth tourism.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF ORGANISATION

Created in Brussels in 1945 as an organisation that would actively work against the causes of international conflict through the universal language of music.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

Enabling young people to develop across all boundaries through music.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

JMI projects include: JM World Orchestra; Imagine Festivals; Music Crossroads Southern Africa; "Brundibar" an educational project based on the opera performed by Jewish children during World War II; World Youth Choir.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Formal consultative relations with UNESCO.

PUBLICATIONS

- JMI News (quarterly)
- Annual report
- Various presentations and promotional material for specific projects

MEMBERS

Member ORGANISATIONS in 40 countries worldwide.

DOMAINS OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Youth and School Exchanges, Preservation of Cultural Heritage, Fight for Child and Human Rights, Education for Peace, Cultural Activities.
Others: Promotion of musical creativity

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Founded at the end of the 70's by sport leaders from different disciplines, by young people leaders, by scholars and by university students (regional of Toulouse, in France) responding to their interest for the relations between sport and children and their concern about the excesses committed in the sport initiation of young children. It was in 1985, during the III "Rainbow Week Movement" (which took place in the frame of the International Year of Youth) when this Manifestation attained its definitive orientation, defined by giving a wider space to youth.

This dynamic brought about the creation of manifold associations in the world, which have generated an international movement. This has been formalised by its transformation, in 1995 into an international non-governmental organisation.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

Its main finality is the treatment of Physical and Sports Activities (APS) by action and reflection, by privileging their cultural dimension in order that they can be an original mean of communication between young people of different cultural and linguistic origins but also a mean for social integration.

MIJAEC wants to be an intercultural space for meetings and exchanges where everyone can bring his/her specific culture, linked to his/her geo-cultural, associative and professional origin.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- From 1980 to 2001, 96 different countries have participated to Rainbow week, International Children Meetings, Youth exchanges and Seminars.

From 2002 to 2004 :

- Youth exchanges in the field of "New Youth Programme of the European Commission"
- International Meetings of Children
- VIII Rainbow Week (Canada, July 2004) placed under the sign of "Sport for a viable future : a stake for young people of the 3rd millenium".

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

- Organisation of a meeting of the Youth OING Collective Consultation Office in Toulouse
- Cooperation with the former Division of Youth and Sports Activities.

PUBLICATIONS

- Acts of the colloquies of I, II, III, V et VII Rainbow Week
- Communication "Rainbow Week: an experience and analysis model of international exchanges of children and young people", Int. Conference on young leisure-time (Vilnius, Lituania, 1993)
- International Study on "Ethical value of sport", 1990

MEMBERS

39 associations in Africa, America, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, European Union.

MAIN DOMAIN OF THE ORGANISATION ACTION

Youth and School exchanges, Development actions, Voluntary service/youth camps, Preservation of cultural heritage, Fight for child and human rights, Physical and cultural activities, Leadership training, aid for the handicapped.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Founded the 11 August 1966. Its history is distinguished by the fight for education and solidarity. OCLAE's main forum is the CLAE (Latin American and Caribbean Students Congress). It has contributed throughout its history to the unity of Latin American students. It develops campaigns in defence of education, of national sovereignty and it fosters international groups for voluntary work.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

- Fight for the defence of education.
- Defence of independence, sovereignty and autonomy of nations.
- Fight for bringing together Latin American secondary school and university students.
- Regional integration.

MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANISATION

- Latin American and Caribbean Congress (CLAE), every two years.
- Consultation meetings with all affiliated members.
- Continental workshops in favour of education, students rights and defence of nations.
- Students Latin American seminars on the university. The IV Seminar on the University will take place in August 2001 as well as the First Seminar on secondary education.
- Solidarity campaigns in collaboration with students.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

- Operational status with UNESCO.
- Development of preparatory activities for the World Conference on Education.
- NGO Collective Consultation.
- Leads member organisations to foster campaigns launched by UNESCO, e.g. Year for a Culture of Peace.
- Contribution to constitute Youth National Councils.

PUBLICATIONS

OCLAE magazine.

MEMBERS

34 national organisations from secondary and university education, representatives from 24 countries in Latin America and Caribbean.

MAIN DOMAIN OF THE ORGANISATION ACTION

Voluntary Service, Youth Wokcamps, Fight for Children's and Human Rights-Education for Peace, Leadership Training, Student Organisations.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

PYC was initiated by the Fiji National Youth Council in 1975. By 1985, ten National Youth Councils were in place.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

The PYC is a non-government voluntary association of pacific national youth organisations. The PYC promotes Pacific youth interests and development in cooperation with youth organisations of the Pacific.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

PUBLICATIONS

MEMBERS

National Youth Council from all over the region.

DOMAIN(S) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTIONS BY ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

Peace and Human rights, Development Actions, Voluntary service and Youth Workcamps, preservation of Cultural Heritage, Fight for Child and Human Rights – Education for Peace, Student organisations.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

The Pax Christi Youth Forum is the youth network of the International Pax Christi movement, founded at the end of World War II to work towards peace, justice and reconciliation. In 1990 the Youth Forum itself was created to support and co-ordinate the work of the young people on issues related to human rights, disarmament and peace education.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

Engaging youth in inter-ethnic and inter-religious dialogue at grass root level. This is done by organising international events, such as exchanges, seminars and training courses, to educate young people on issues of peace and justice; supporting youth initiatives organised on a national or regional level; networking with other organisations; and disseminating information via publications.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

International Routes: Crossing Borders, 1991 (Austria, Germany, Hungary, Italy); A Past of conquest, A future of solidarity, 1992 (Italy); Meeting of Cultures and Religions, 1993 (Portugal); Multicultural Society, the Netherlands, 1994; Racism and Xenophobia: overcoming violence, 1995 (Germany); Living with your neighbour in Multiethnic and Pluralist societies, 1996 (Hungary, Slovakia, Romania, Croatia, Yugoslavia); Piece by Piece, the Sharing Never Ends, 1997 (Poland, Lithuania and Kaliningrad); Integrating the Past, Re-imagining the Future, 1998 (Ireland and Northern Ireland); Oasis of Peace, 1999 (Jordan); Meeting Challenges, 2000 (Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Austria, Hungary).

Seminars and Training courses: European Youth and Islam (France, 1991); Meeting of Continents (Portugal, 1992); Conscientious Objection, Alternative Service and Demilitarisation (Russia, 1994); Refugees and Racism (Denmark, 1994); Living together in Multinational States (Slovakia, 1995); Minority Rights and the Right to Self-Determination (Belgium, 1996); Youth Development Seminar (Bosnia-Herzegovina, 1997); Leadership Training Course (Italy, 1997); Dealing with Conflict (Belgium, 1998); Youth, Media and Transitional Society (Bosnia-Herzegovina, 1999); Migrant Realities: integration and preservation of cultures (Portugal, 2000).

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Maintains Operational Relations with UNESCO.

Permanent representation at UNESCO through the network of Pax Christi International. Direct meetings between UNESCO officials and PCI Youth Forum leaders/members take place in relation to specific issues, particularly in the framework of the Culture of Peace Programme. Participated in the UNESCO Youth Forum held during the UNESCO General Conference, 1999.

PUBLICATIONS

AGORA: Magazine of the Youth Forum; Promoting A Culture of Peace: A Decade in Review 1990
2000. Booklets, CD-ROMs and documentation sets on the different activities

MEMBERS

Member organisations in: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States

Working contacts with organisations worldwide: Middle East, Latin America, Asia, Europe.

DOMAIN(S) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Peace and Human Rights; Development Actions; Voluntary service, Youth Workcamps; Fight for Child and Human Rights-Education for Peace; Leadership Training; Student ORGANISATIONS; conflict resolution.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Founded by Swiss volunteers after the First World War. The first workcamp was reconstruction work near Verdun in France in 1920 and brought together volunteers from a number of countries including Germany and France. Soon the idea of international voluntary work came to be recognised as a powerful means of promoting peace and tolerance and over the years, the organisation has built new contacts and created new national SCI organisations who are members of Service Civil International.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

To promote peace, international understanding and solidarity, social justice, sustainable development and respect for the environment. SCI uses voluntary work as a tool in the process of education for peace and international understanding.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Co-ordinate and initiate voluntary-service projects for international teams of volunteers on a long and short-term basis, in which more than 4,000 volunteers participate each year. Activities may be categorised as follows: International volunteer projects, thematic seminars, medium and long term voluntary service, education and training courses, individual trainee-ships, solidarity campaigns, East-West and North-South exchanges, development and action.
- SCI organises 400-500 short-term workcamps every year and offers about 60 medium/long term volunteering opportunities to promote peace and strengthen civil society.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

- Operational relations.
- International Year for a Culture of Peace: SCI was a Project Partner for UNESCO and signed a partnership agreement with UNESCO to:
- get as many Manifesto's 2000 signed as possible before Sept. 2000.
- Organise an international flagship project (Conference on International Volunteering for Peace, March 2000, Poland, with attendance of representatives from UNESCO).
- Organise local projects in the frame of this Campaign: in 2000 about 30 SCI-projects approved by UNESCO in the context of the International Year of the Culture of Peace.

PUBLICATIONS

- "ACTION" magazine, published 3 times a year.
- Newsletter International Secretariat: two-monthly newsletter.
- "Yellow Pages": four-monthly magazine on East-West activities and co-operation.

MEMBERS

Present in: Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Spain, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mauritius, Nepal, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, USA.

Provisional SCI status members present in : Australia, Belarus, Denmark, Hungary, Pakistan.

MAIN DOMAINS OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Peace and Human Rights, Development Actions, Voluntary Service, Youth Workcamps, Fight for Children's and Human Rights-Education for Peace, Leadership Training.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

SYNDESMOS, The World Fellowship of Orthodox Youth, was founded in 1953 in Paris by a group of young theologians from Finland, France, Greece and Lebanon. Aspiring to serve as a bond of unity (*syndesmos* in Greek) among Orthodox youth movements, organisations and schools around the world, SYNDESMOS has grown into a federation of over 125 Orthodox youth organisations and religion schools in all local Orthodox, and most Eastern Orthodox Churches. SYNDESMOS works with the blessing of the heads of all Autocephalous and Autonomous Orthodox churches, in close co-operation with local Hierarchs, monasteries, parishes and youth groups.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

To unite Orthodox youth movements, organisations and theological schools around the world, promoting a consciousness of the catholicity of the Orthodox faith. To foster relations, coordination and mutual aid among them. To promote among young people a full understanding of the Orthodox faith and the mission of the Church in the contemporary world, and an active participation of youth in ecclesial life. To promote a way of life founded in eucharistic communion, in the Gospel, and in patristic teaching, for witness and service to the world. To assist and promote Orthodox efforts for visible Christian unity and for positive relations with people of other faiths. To encourage reflection and action on issues affecting the lives of Orthodox Christians and the local churches. To be an instrument for furthering cooperation and deeper communion between the Orthodox Church and the Oriental Orthodox Churches.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- a/ The convocation of meetings to study and discuss specific themes.
- b/ The organization of festivals, camps and exchanges of Orthodox youth.
- c/ The facilitation of training and educational programmes for Orthodox youth.
- d/ The publication of theological and educational periodicals and other materials relevant to the objectives of SYNDESMOS.
- e/ The administration of an Orthodox Youth Fund to promote Orthodox youth work in accordance with the objectives of SYNDESMOS.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Maintains official relations (Operational) with UNESCO.

PUBLICATIONS

- International Directory of Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Theological Schools 2000 (ed Bohumil Voprsalek)
- Report on the SYNDESMOS XVI General Assembly "Serve the Lord in Unity", Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Valamo, Finland, 17-25 July 1999 (ed Vladimir Misiuk)
- For the Peace from Above: an Orthodox Resource book on War, Peace and Nationalism (Hildo Bos, Jim Forest, 1999)
- Orthodox Youth and Ecumenism: Resource Book (Alexander Belopolsky, Anu Talvivaara 1998)
- Orthodox Icons and Line Drawings (V. Rev. Fr. John Matusiak, 1993)
- Our Faith (V. Rev. Fr. John Matusiak, 1995)

MEMBERS

41 all over the world.

MAIN DOMAINS OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Youth Exchanges, Voluntary Service, Youth Workcamps, Protection of the Environment.

**TUTMONDA ESPERANTISTA JUNULARA ORGANIZO (TEJO)
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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Founded: 2 Aug 1938, Groet (Netherlands), as "Tutmonda Junular-Organizo".
Present name adopted: 1954, Hilversum (Netherlands).
New statute approved: 1985, Ehringerfeld (Germany FR).

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

Works to raise awareness among young people concerning linguistic problems; promotes international contacts among young people.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Publications, seminars, large youth events such as the annual youth congress

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

TEJO is the youth section of Universala Esperanto-Asocio (UEA), which maintains operational relations with UNESCO.

PUBLICATIONS

- TEJO-tutmonde (4 times a year): official organ of TEJO
- Kontakto (6 times a year): cultural magazine
- Dialog' (2-3 times a year) in English, French, Spanish
- Pasporta Servo (annual): address-list of the TEJO accomodation service for Esperanto-speaking travellers
- Congress and seminar reports

MEMBERS

Member organisations/countries:

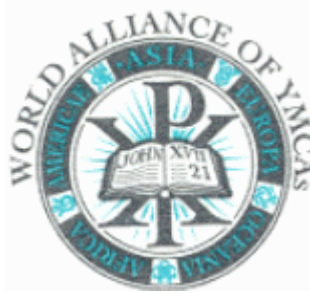
Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, China, Congo (Dem. Rep.), Croatia, Cuba, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Haiti, Hungary, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Lithuania, Madagascar, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Togo, Ukraine, United Kingdom, USA, Yugoslavia.

Individual membership is also possible.

DOMAIN(S) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Voluntary service, Youth Workcamps, Preservation of Cultural Heritage[--> especially: language diversity], Fight for Children's and Human Rights-Education for Peace, Leadership Training.

**WORLD ALLIANCE OF YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS (YMCA)
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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Founded in 1855, the YMCA is the oldest international ORGANISATION in the world.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

According to the Kampala Principles, adopted at the 6th World Council held in Uganda in 1973 :

- To work for equal opportunity and justice for all.
- To work for and maintain an environment in which relationships among people are characterised by love and understanding.
- To work for and maintain conditions, within the YMCA and in society, its organisations and institutions, which allow for honesty, depth and creativity.
- To develop and maintain leadership and programme patterns which exemplify the varieties and depth of Christian experience.
- To work for the development of the whole person.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Global Workshop on Environment and Development; Consultation of YMCAs in the Third World; Youth Leadership Fora; Workshops on Conflict Resolution; Lay Leadership Workshop on Development; Leadership Forum for National General Secretaries.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Maintains official relations (Operational) with UNESCO.

PUBLICATIONS

- "YMCA" World (quarterly)
- "Scope" youth magazine (quarterly)
- Special publications related to specific programme areas.

MEMBERS

The World Alliance represents YMCAs in 122 countries.

Regional organisations (5): Africa Alliance of YMCAs, European Alliance of YMCAs, Latin American Confederation of YMCAs, Asia Alliance of YMCAs and Middle East Committee of YMCAs.

MAIN DOMAINS OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Peace and Human Rights, Youth and School Exchanges, Developments Actions, Voluntary Service, Youth Workcamps, Preservation of Cultural Heritage, Protection of the Environment, Literacy, Fight for Children's and Human Rights-Education for Peace, Scientific and Technical Activities, Aid for the Handicapped, Preventive Education and Health Care, Physical and Cultural Activities, Leadership Training, Student Organisations.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Founded in 1949, The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) is an international co-ordinating body of national youth councils and organisations. The full members of WAY are national youth councils. WAY works in close co-operation with several UN agencies, including UNAIDS, UNEP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNICEF and the WHO. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights serves as the basis of WAY's action and services.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

WAY works for the promotion of youth and youth organisations in programme areas such as: community development, democracy, drugs, environment, health, human rights, leadership training and population. WAY represents its members at global institutions, especially the UN, with the aim of promoting their interests and raising youth issues on the international agenda.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

WAY's events and programmes have a number of facets, providing opportunities for youth leaders to exchange ideas and experiences, co-ordinate programmes and to reach a better understanding of each other's problems irrespective of ethnic, political or religious background. Beyond this function, each WAY event is designed for the more specific purpose of enabling selected youth leaders to increase the knowledge, skills and experience available to their youth organisations, allowing them to more fully contribute to the appropriate development of nations and the world.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Maintains Official Relations with UNESCO (consultative).

PUBLICATIONS

WAY publishes three regular publications. "WAY Information" is a bi-monthly bulletin of WAY Activities. "Youth Round-Up" is a bi-monthly publication summarising youth news and information from around the world. "WAY Forum" is a youth journal published on a quarterly basis. The WAY publications address a broad span of youth issues, from political issues to youth development.

MEMBERS

96 member organisations: 31 in Africa, 18 in Asia, 8 in the Caribbean, 16 in Europe, 13 in Latin-America, 2 in Northern America and 7 in the Pacific region.

DOMAIN(S) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

**WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND
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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Founded over 70 years ago, WAGGGS has grown from a membership of only a few countries to being the largest international voluntary organisation for girls and young women in the world. WAGGGS was founded by Olave Baden-Powell, whose husband founded the Boy Scouts.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

WAGGGS mission is to develop girls and young women to their fullest potential as responsible world citizens.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Non formal education, Learning by doing, Peer education
- Leadership training
- Building World Citizenship : community development projects on Health, Education, Food and Nutrition, Peace, Culture and Heritage and Environment.
- HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Official relations (consultative) with UNESCO. A team of 5 WAGGGS representatives at the UN work closely with UNESCO in Paris. Very involved in the International Year and International Decade for a Culture of Peace.

PUBLICATIONS

- Our World News
- WAGGGS leaflet
- “Working in Partnership” leaflet
- Media Relations kit
- Policies and guidelines on Education of girls and young women
- Young women in decision making
- World Centres leaflet

MEMBERS

140 Member organisations ; 10 million members
Members in Arab States, Asia Pacific, Europe, Western hemisphere and Africa.

DOMAINS OF THE ORGANISATION’S ACTION

Peace and human rights, Preservation of cultural heritage, Protection of the environment, Literacy, Fight for children’s and human rights, Education for peace, Preventive education and Health care, Physical and cultural activities, leadership training.

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES YOUTH TEAM (WCC)



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MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

The aims of the WCC Youth Section are to encourage young people to explore, strengthen and live out their faith, to enable them to participate fully in the life of their churches and in society and to build networks of support and understanding between young people for justice and peace.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

The WCC Youth Section works with youth coming together in the ecumenical youth movement, through networking, communication, exchanges and solidarity actions.

Priorities are as follows:

- General information - leadership training, awareness programmes, exchanges of information, etc.
- Community development programmes at different levels - local (rural and urban), regional and international.
- Involvement in human rights and solidarity actions.

WCC Youth activities focus on:

- Ecumenical Learning
- Overcoming Violence
- Globalisation
- Gender Equality.
- Living Spirituality

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

PUBLICATIONS

Study guides and other resources; interpretative books on major ecumenical concerns; biblical, historical, theological, ethical and reference works; preparatory materials for and official documents of WCC meetings; audio-visual resources and general periodicals.

MEMBERS

The World Council of Churches has 336 member churches in more than 100 countries.

DOMAIN(S) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Peace and Human Rights, Youth and School Exchanges, Development Actions, Preservation of Cultural Heritage, Protection of the Environment, Literacy, Fight for Children's and Human Rights, Education for Peace, Aid for the Handicapped, Preventive Education and Health Care (AIDS, Drugs, etc), Physical and Cultural Activities, Leadership Training, Student ORGANISATIONS.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Founded in 1981, gathers UNESCO Centres and Clubs' national federations or coordination organs. This network currently includes about 5000 Clubs globally, composed of volunteers of different ages and socio-professional status who works in accordance with UNESCO's domains of competence.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

- Dissemination of information among members
- Leaders' training
- Network coordination

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Workcamps for reforestation in Africa
- Animation of Learning Centres in Asia,
- Heritage restoration activities in Latin America and in the Arab States
- Publication

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Formal Relations with UNESCO.

PUBLICATIONS

- *Confluences, Information Letter*, published 6 times a year
- *Confluences, the World in Your Pocket*, published twice a year (synthesis of international reports for 15-25 years old people).
- *Confluences, Art and Culture* (texts of theatre and poetry for international understanding)

MEMBERS

85 active members, which are national federations or coordinations) : 25 in Africa, 12 in Asia, 17 in Latin America and Caribbean, 25 in Europe and 6 in Arab countries. There exists a regional confederation in Africa and Asia.

MAIN DOMAINS OF THE ORGANITION'S ACTION

Peace Education, Development Actions, Voluntary service – Youth Workcamps, Preservation of Cultural Heritage, Protection of the Environment, Literacy, Fight for Child and Human Rights, Preventive Education and Health Care (AIDS, Drugs, etc.0, Physical and Cultural Activities, Leadership Training.

**WORLD ORGANISATION OF THE SCOUT MOVEMENT (WOSM)
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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Established in the early 1920s to assist its member National Scout ORGANISATIONs in the non-formal education of young people of all races, colours, creeds and social conditions. Regional Offices are in Nairobi, Kenya; Cairo, Egypt; Manila, Philippines; Yalta-Gurzuf, Ukraine; Geneva, Switzerland; and Santiago, Chile.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

- promoting unity and understanding of its purpose and principles
- facilitating its expansion and development
- maintaining its specific character

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- World Scout Jamboree – 30,000+ young people, from 14-18 years of age, meeting for 2 weeks every four years; including a major “Global Development Village”
- World Scout Movt – 3,000+ young people, from 18-26 years of age, meeting for 2 weeks every four years; including a “Global Development Village”
- World Scout Youth Forum – up to 200 young people aged 18-26 for four days debate and discussion.
- Similar events also organized at Regional and National levels.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

- Consultative Status since 1970.
- WOSM was awarded the first Peace Education Prize in 1981.
- WOSM has also been involved in various UNESCO programmes: training of trainers, national heritage protection, tolerance and peace education, solidarity with the children of Chernobyl, survey on on-screen violence, Culture of Peace, etc.

PUBLICATIONS

World Scouting News (bi-monthly newsletter)
Triennial Report

MEMBERS

150 National Scout ORGANISATIONs, with total membership of over 28 million, male and female.
Six Regions: Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, Europe, America.

DOMAIN(S) OF THE ORGANISATION’S ACTION

Peace and Human Rights, Youth and School Exchanges, Development Actions, Voluntary service, Youth Workcamps, Preservation of Cultural Heritage, Protection of the Environment, Literacy, Fight for Children’s and Human Rights-Education for Peace, Aid for the Handicapped, Preventive Education and Health Care (AIDS, Drugs, etc), Physical and Cultural Activities, Leadership Training.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Founded in Sweden, in 1895, is historically the first international students organisation. Together with the YMCA and YWCA, it is among the oldest youth movements.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

Provides a place for leadership development and the empowerment of women.
A critique of higher education in the context of globalisation and the development of alternatives.
The exploration of a theology and spirituality rooted in the hopes and struggles of students worldwide.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Leadership training.
Women's programmes.
Higher Education.
Conflict resolution.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Official Relations (operational).
Participation in UNESCO programmes in Higher Education.

PUBLICATIONS

Federation News (quarterly).

MAIN DOMAINS OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Peace and Human Rights, Youth and School Exchanges, Youth Exchange Programmes, Literacy, Leadership Training, Student Organisations.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Launched in September 1999 at a major two day forum at the Royal Festival Hall in London. Speakers included Anita Roddick, founder of The Body Shop, Pierre Sane, Director General of Amnesty International and Peace Prize Laureats Jose Ramos Horta, Aung Sang Suu Kyi and the Dalai Lama, contributed by video message. World Voices is a network of students, activists, academics, artists, activists and business executives.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

Seeks to encourage the initiative of young people to explore and demonstrate alternatives and solutions to unsustainable forms of progress, wealth and power.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Events held at high-profile music venues and ecologically-sound outdoor conference centres in England, Norway, Canada and India. Publishing books, including “Tell the World” an anthology of young people’s writings from around the world.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

No official collaboration.

PUBLICATIONS

Books – “Tell the World” and “Choose” (forthcoming publication)
Interact – an email newsletter.

MEMBERS

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DOMAIN(S) OF THE ORGANISATION’S ACTION

Peace and Human Rights, Youth and School Exchanges, Development Actions, Voluntary service, Youth Workcamps, Preservation of Cultural Heritage, Protection of the Environment, Student ORGANISATIONS.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Movement founded in 1855 in Great Britain to answer the call for safe housing for nurses by Florence Nightingale. By 1894 YWCAs had expanded to form the World YWCA with head offices in London. In 1930 the World YWCA headquarters were moved to Switzerland. The YWCA movement now comprises 94 YWCAs in every region of the world with a membership of approximately 25 million women. Work is beginning in 15 other countries including Eastern Europe.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

The World YWCA unites national associations in a worldwide women's volunteer membership movement. Inspired by the Christian faith, the purpose of the World YWCA is to develop the leadership and collective power of women and girls around the world to achieve human rights, health, security, dignity, freedom, justice and peace for all people.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

The World YWCA's programme for women and girls is currently grouped around 5 priorities:

- World peace with justice.
- Human rights of women and girls.
- Women's health and the environment.
- Economic justice for women.
- Leadership of Young Women.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Operational Relations with UNESCO since 1995.
Member of the UNESCO/NGO Liaison Committee.

PUBLICATIONS

- "Common Concern" (quarterly newsletter)
- Young Women on the Move (Biannual newsletter)
- Annual Reports.
- The World Week of Prayer (with the YMCA) and occasional publications on specific priorities.
- Young Women's web pages YWCA Website.
- Young Women's Electronic Forum.

MEMBERS

National Associations in 100 countries.

DOMAIN(s) OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTIONS

Peace and Human Rights, Youth Exchanges, Development Actions, Voluntary service, Youth Workcamps, Protection of the Environment, Literacy, Aid for the Handicapped, Preventive Education and Health Care, Physical and Cultural Activities, Leadership Training, Student ORGANISATIONS, Leadership Development of Young Women, Internships.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Founded in 1947, in Switzerland, as World Federalist Youth (WFY). Became Young World Federalists in 1953, and then Youth Movement for a New International Order (NIO Youth) in 1978. Present name adopted in 1986, when it became an independent youth development organisation.

MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANISATION

It focuses on the social position of young people in developing countries and the role of youth organisations in international cooperation. YDC aims at strengthening youth structures that forge North/South cooperation between young people empowering them to shape their lives to attain development that is environmentally sustainable, politically and economically accessible and socially just.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- International meetings, seminars, conferences and study sessions bringing representatives from youth organisations around the world.
- Training for young leaders through training courses and internships, in order to strengthen their organisational capacities.
- Coordination and support of international campaigns and actions on environment and development issues.
- Research in order to identify and analyse issues in the field of youth development.
- Publication/services: A range of services of YDC member organisations (literature, videos, simulation games, database of NGOs, funding sources, etc).

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

PUBLICATIONS

Articles, press releases, newsletter (FLASH), conference reports, booklets, practical training guides, information packs.

[YDC Information Bulletin](#) (Winter 2001)

MEMBERS

National member organisations and associate members organisations. 65 organisations in 40 countries.

MAIN DOMAIN OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Peace and Human Rights, Development Actions, Leadership Training, Student Organisations, Development Education and Health.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANISATION

Established in 1995 during the Copenhagen Social Development Summit to increase youth participation during the Habitat II Conference. Became a huge network in 1997 and now operates at all levels.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

- Acceptance of youth as a partner.
- Awareness raising about participation of youth in decision making.
- Human rights
- Human settlements.
- Environment.
- Capacity building of youth.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Training courses, summer schools, activities on the above mentioned issues, partnership with international counterparts, earthquake rehabilitation activities at national level.

COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO

Hosted representatives from UNESCO in international events, informal sessions during international conferences with representatives from UNESCO.

PUBLICATIONS

- Two weekly newsletter (national)
- Platform (3 monthly, national)
- Electronic global newsletter (monthly)
- International newsletter (6 monthly)
- Brochures of outcomes of international meetings, events.

MEMBERS

84 member organisations all over the world (Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, North America).

MAIN DOMAINS OF THE ORGANISATION'S ACTION

Youth and School Exchanges, Development Actions, Voluntary Service, Youth Workcamps, Protection of the Environment, Preventive Education and Health Care, Physical and Cultural Activities, Leadership Training, Student Organisations.