



Guidelines for becoming a YO!Fest partner during the EYE

What is the YO!Fest?

Following our successful co-operation on the first EYE in 2014, the European Youth Forum will again be a core partner in organising this important event. We will bring our highly successful YO!Fest to Strasbourg, combining high-level political and educational activities with a festival atmosphere. The YO!Fest village will be a vibrant and inter-active space for youth organisations to meet and discuss with each other and decision-makers. The YO!Fest village will host high-level political debates, workshops, games and activities as well as live music, theatre, dance and circus performances. There will be the possibility to include features such as a living library or outdoor/urban activities and there will be plenty of room for the ideas of the participating organisations too!

Become a YO!Fest partner

Youth organisations are invited to take up the challenge to help shape the event, particularly the YO!Fest. We aim to build a village for young people by young people, developed by the participating organisations. Together we will design and build a YO!Fest that meets the needs and aims of youth organisations and young people. The European Youth Forum will co-ordinate approximately 40 YO!Fest partners and their participating groups selected from those that apply.

Benefits of becoming a YO!Fest partner

As a YO!Fest partner you will have the opportunity to shape the YO!Fest from the outset. You will be able to define and run the activities that best fit the aims of your organisation and will be able to give constructive feedback on the proposed event programme. In particular you will:

- Participate in the two group leaders preparation meetings in October 2015 in Brussels and March 2016 in Strasbourg
- Design the YO!Fest village area to best meet the needs of participating groups and to ensure an attractive and relevant programme.
- Give constructive feedback to the EYE programme
- Offer workshops, debates, games and activities according to the interests of your organisation
- Have a space to share your organisation's activities, approaches and achievements

- Receive additional support and co-ordination for your group from the Youth Forum team who will be on hand to offer support and advice.
- Receive a financial contribution to help cover the travel and accommodation costs for your group (there is no fee for attending the EYE)

Expectations of YO!Fest partners

YO!Fest partners will be expected to contribute with imagination, energy and ideas to the development of a really innovative and attractive YO!Fest. In particular you will be expected to:

- Designate one representative to attend both preparation meetings and commit to carrying out the agreed coordination and work in-between meetings
- Communicate regularly with the Youth Forum team and fellow partners
- Support and inform the participants from your organisation and ensure timely registration and processing of financial documentation