



Call for participants

The European Federation for Intercultural Learning is happy to invite you to the 10th edition of the Volunteer Summer Summit hosted by AFS Iceland. The VSS gathers volunteers of all ages from all over Europe and beyond for a 4-day event of training, best-practice sharing, intercultural learning, networking, fun.

This year's VSS, hosted in the south of Iceland, focuses on the topic of equal opportunities. Throughout the event, you will be able to reflect on the reality of equal opportunities and social justice within AFS, and discuss about the inclusiveness of our exchange programmes, volunteering activities and practices, and also of our organisations' leadership.

The event is designed to offer different settings and activities to explore the theme, get to know each other, learn more about Iceland, and give back to our host community. Through a track system you will be able to choose 2-4 workshops based on your interests and needs; each track focusing on one aspect of the topic and exploring it from different angles. The rest of the program includes: a local night, a community project, the famous Bazar, several leisure activities, an exhibition, a sustainability corner, and an amazing Goodbye party to wrap it all up in Icelandic style.

To ensure that you have the best experience out of the VSS, the team encourages you to be interactive and take ownership of the event, through activities like I can teach you or the development of your ideas into concrete follow up projects.

More than ever this year we are asking for your active cooperation toward the event's success. We are aware that this year's VSS is very expensive and we are currently working on additional funding to try to reduce the fees further. To give you an idea, the actual cost per person would be 1200 EUR for the full week, so we have already worked hard to reduce fees. The reason why they are so expensive is the change in exchange rate for the last year and the tourist boom in Iceland which we could not predict to this extent. Next to our efforts, you can help reduce your own fee by looking for external funding or starting your own fundraising campaign. Have a look on the VSS website under Fundraising. Our goal is to have 200 volunteers together for a week of workshops, sharing, discussing and bonding, this year we need everyone's help to achieve this.

We will be thrilled to welcome you in Iceland.

Your Prep Team,
Alma, Emilija, Gert, Inga, Jenny, Max, Mira and Valentina

Venue

Hellishólar, Iceland
<https://www.hellisholar.is/en/>

Requirements

- You must be at least 18 years of age
- You must have volunteered actively for AFS or EFIL for at least one year, excluding your exchange
- You must be able to work independently in English
- You must take part in all programme activities
- Your participation must be confirmed by your national office
- You should have an interest in the topic

Costs

The fee for this year's VSS is 710 EUR (more-bed room), 780 EUR (cabins), 940 EUR (double bed room) and 1110 EUR (single bed room). Great accommodation, meals, welcome package and programme activities are included in the participation fee.

Date

The VSS will take place from Sunday, August 13 to Friday, August 18.

Apply

To start the application process, please go to the VSS website, log in and fill out the form. The application is open from the 15th of February to the 23rd of April 2017.

Info

For more information about cancellation policy, application process and the VSS in general, see the VSS website. You can also follow the VSS on Facebook (EFIL Volunteer Summer Summit), Instagram and Snapchat (both @efilvss).

<http://efilsummersummit.org>



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