

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS: 1st EUROPEAN CIRCUS YOUTH FORUM
NICE meeting, Gschwend 6-10 October, 2016

Are you between 18 and 26 years old and interested or already involved (as staff or volunteer) in the management of a youth circus?

Are you a “getting things done” person? Maybe practicing or teaching circus as well, but you are also the **managing, organizing or administration** type...

Are you also interested in networking on the national and EU level, making a difference in the evolution of the **youth circus field in Europe?**

Do you want to join and embody **the next generation of youth circus** leaders?

EYCO is looking for you !

WHAT IS EYCO ?

EYCO – The European umbrella of Youth Circuses -- aims at stimulating and supporting on a national and European level:

- The process of **recognising and structuring** of youth circus and its contributors
- The **quality improvement** of youth circus and its contributors
- The **promotion** of youth circus - by its nature a popular, accessible and inclusive art form – as a means for participants to take **an active role in society**

In the past years EYCO has been doing different **projects** to work on this mission, such as:

- developing standards and a Basic circus trainer program (CATE) for youth circus
- organizing pedagogical masterclasses for experienced youth circus trainers (PEYC)
- organizing a European festival for youth circus performance groups
- developing a resource centre /website for youth circus in Europe
- facilitating the national structuring (and recognition) of youth circuses
- facilitating a yearly platform meeting for youth circuses (NICE)

WHY A CIRCUS YOUTH FORUM? AND ... WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

EYCO's youth circus agenda is basically the responsibility of the Management Committee, consisting of 13 representatives of all national member national youth circus umbrellas. They share input, expectations and experiences of the youth circuses in their national umbrella. Moreover, there is a yearly NICE platform and other activities where circus people are invited to reflect and give feedback on the EYCO actions.

Currently EYCO is looking for a more structural form of participation in the decision making by young (adult) circus workers: the next generation! EYCO presents the opportunity to shape an annual platform and other activities with fellow colleagues and soulmates from 13 different countries, sharing ideas and ambitions for the youth circus policy at the European level.

A representation of this forum will be present in the four yearly Board Meetings of EYCO to guarantee the follow up.

LAUNCH OF THE 1ST YOUTH FORUM - GET INVOLVED!

EYCO will facilitate this first meeting of young youth circus leaders/administratives in Gschwend. But then it is all yours to shape this platform. If you think you fit in the profile and you are interested to join this group, please contact your national youth circus umbrella.

They can nominate you to come to the NICE meeting in Gschwend, 6-10 October, and find out more.

NOTE: Each member country can send 4 people, including 1 or 2 people for the Youth Forum.

