

Designated Lead - Global Youth Mobilization

About The Job

Job Title: Designated Lead - Global Youth Mobilization (GYM)

Organization: World YMCA

Location: Remote

Job Type: Full-time

Department: Partnerships

Reports to: Head of Global Partnerships

Supervises: N/A

Key Working Relationships: Project Steering Group, Project Coordination Team, European Commission, YMCA National Movements, Youth, World YMCA Staff

Fixed-Term Contract for 24 months, with the potential for a 6-month extension. Compensation will be based on responsibilities, experience, and location, in accordance with a consultancy agreement.

About World YMCA

YMCA's vision is a world where every person lives in harmony with self, with society and with creation. Its mission is to empower young people and communities worldwide to build a just, sustainable, equitable and inclusive world, where every person can thrive in body, mind and spirit. Its goal is to be the global youth empowerment organisation and partner of choice: empowering, inspiring and mobilising young people to find and share their voice on the issues that matter to them and to the world. It operates in four main areas: Community Wellbeing, Meaningful Work, Sustainable Planet, and Just World.

YMCA helps young people to better themselves, to better their communities, and to better their world. It is the oldest and one of the largest youth organisations in the world. Founded in London in 1844, it has grown to reach over 65 million people a year across 120 countries. It has deep roots in communities, decades of experience enabling young people and communities to thrive, and an extensive global network. It has nearly 90,000 staff, some 920,000 volunteers and 12,000 branches worldwide.

About EU Youth Empowerment Fund through the Big Six Global Youth Mobilization

The EU Youth Empowerment Fund is a new pilot initiative that will provide direct financial support to youth-led initiatives in countries of implementation, focusing on contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals at local level, in particular on environment and climate change and the inclusion of vulnerable and under-represented youth.

The Youth Empowerment Fund is one of three pillars under the EU Youth Action Plan (YAP) - the first-ever policy framework for a strategic partnership with young people around the world to build a more resilient, inclusive and sustainable future. The Youth Action Plan is a result of consultations with over 220 stakeholders across the world, including youth and children's rights organisations, and the Youth Empowerment Fund is being built upon the results of this participatory approach.

The Youth Empowerment Fund will be implemented through the mechanisms of the Global Youth Mobilization (GYM) - an initiative of the Big Six, an alliance of the world's largest youth organizations, including World YMCA. The intended impact of this partnership is to increase the contribution of young people in their diversity to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in their communities and societies.

Job Overview

The Designated Lead will play a pivotal role in overseeing and managing the successful implementation of the Global Youth Mobilization within the World YMCA network and its National Movements. This position is instrumental in providing strategic guidance, direction, and support for the Youth-Led Solutions through worldwide YMCA movement, while also contributing to Outcome 2 - Capacity Building for World YMCA network and Open Call awardees. The Designated Lead will lead communication, partnership, and advocacy activities for the Global Youth Mobilization, working closely with the Project Coordination Team, Project Steering Group, and World YMCA cross-functional teams.

Key Responsibilities

- Provide strategic advice and support for the design and implementation of the Global Youth Mobilization, including policies, guidelines, and improvements on programme concepts.
- Activate networks of YMCA National Movements to participate in the Global Youth Mobilization, promoting campaign content, advocacy activities, and youth-led solutions open calls.
- Manage the issuance of youth-led grants through successful YMCA National Movements, overseeing monitoring, evaluation, and reporting on project outcomes.
- Share success stories from Youth-Led Solutions to support Global Youth Mobilization communication and reporting efforts.
- Liaise with World YMCA communications team for regular outreach, communication and promotion of youth-led solutions opportunity and Global Youth Mobilization content across worldwide YMCA movement.
- Leverage the expertise, resources and networks of World YMCA advocacy team to support coordination and delivery of youth-led advocacy activities, and to amplify young people's voices at all levels through, including inputs at regional and international conferences and advocacy moments related to SDGs.
- Develop and deliver capacity building trainings and workshops to youth-led solutions grant awardees in each application cycle.
- Interface regularly with GYM/EU Project Coordination Team, and GYM Steering Group to coordinate wider GYM/YEF project strategies, schedules, and tasks.
- Serve as World YMCA first point of contact for both internal and external GYM clients, answering questions and explaining strategies.
- Compile regular project information and status updates for distribution to World YMCA Secretary General, Head of Global Partnerships and relevant World YMCA departments.
- Undertake unique tasks within the role as established in collaboration with the Project Coordination Team.

Required Skills/Abilities

- Proven track record of adept organization and time management skills, showcasing the ability to oversee multiple projects at varying stages concurrently.
- Demonstrated proficiency in crafting work plans, which involves breaking down intricate projects into manageable tasks, processes, and timelines.
- Expertise in formulating meeting agendas, managing materials, leading meetings, and coordinating events.
- Proficiency in one of the following areas: programme management; planning, monitoring, evaluation, and learning; non-profit operations and financial management, including resource allocation.



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- Aptitude for comprehending, analyzing, and synthesizing substantial volumes of information.
- Established history of effective collaboration, demonstrating the ability to work both autonomously and within teams.
- Utilization of analytical thinking and problem-solving skills, with additional experience in Environment and Climate themed programmes, the international development sector, or United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, considered a valuable asset.
- Knowledge of Monday.com and Salesforce functionalities within project management.
- Willing to work outside regular office hours (to accommodate meetings with colleagues in different time zones).

Education & Experience

- Bachelor's degree in related field and at least 5 years of related experience preferred.
- Experiencing supporting or managing global thematic and interdependent multi-country programs strongly preferred.
- Languages: Proficiency in verbal and written English.

How To Apply

- If you are a strategic thinker with a passion for empowering youth and creating positive change, we invite you to apply for this exciting opportunity. Please submit your resume/CV, a cover letter (up to two pages) outlining your relevant experience and interest in the position, and contact information for three professional references to hr@ymca.int . Include "World YMCA GYM Designated Lead Application" in the subject line.
- The deadline for applications is on **March 22, 2024 at 23:59 Central European Time (CET)**.
- Please remember to name your file with your name included and include your email address on your CV.
- Please be aware that due to time constraints and the urgency to advance the initiative, the consultant might be selected before the deadline.

Please visit our website www.ymca.int for more information about World YMCA and the Global Youth Mobilization.

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