



# **Call for Applications**

## **Global Student Forum**

### **Working Group on Democracy, Human Rights and Solidarity**

The Steering Committee of the Global Student Forum is hereby launching an open call for volunteers to be part of the working group on democracy, human rights and solidarity, which will be working on enhancing the capacity of student organisations and movements to safeguard democracy and human rights. Representatives from the regional, national and associate membership of the Global Student Forum are encouraged to join in on the work of the group.

#### **Objectives and Motivation**

The creation of this working group is based on a Steering Committee decision adopted on the 26th of February 2021, calling for stronger involvement of the GSF's membership in regard to scaling up local and regional solidarity campaigns and actions. The Working Group is composed of eight (8) individuals from the membership and a member of the GSF Steering Committee who is mandated to chair the group. The mandate of the working group starts on the 1st of April 2021 and remains active for the duration of one year, ending on the 1st of April 2022.

#### **The purpose of this Working Group is to:**

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- Coordinate and amplify solidarity campaigns from the global student movement.
- Evaluate the state of democracy in a global context.
- Support student-led human rights work and independent student journalism on democracy, human rights and solidarity.

## **Responsibility and Outcome**

The working group will operate as an effective mechanism for political communication and collaboration among student organisations and movements to scale local and regional actions of solidarity to the global level. It will develop strategic partnerships with human rights organisations to enhance the political capacity of student organisations and movements in regard to monitoring and reporting on the state of democratic governance in a global context. It will furthermore play a crucial role in creating and educating a cadre of student journalists for the promotion of democracy, human rights and solidarity.

## **Application**

The GSF is committed to geographic and gender balance to ensure diversity within its working groups. The Steering Committee would like to encourage individuals from all over the globe to apply in order to ensure diversity amongst the working group members and to support a balanced and differentiated approach in the working group outcomes. The application should consist of a short motivation letter and a CV.

We encourage interested candidates to apply as soon as possible, but no later than the: 24th of March 2021 at 23:59 CET. Applications should be sent to [steering.committee@globalstudentforum.org](mailto:steering.committee@globalstudentforum.org)

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The working group members engage on a voluntary basis. Meetings of the working group will take place online, making use of online tools provided by the GSF, and face-to-face, during the GSF's future events, when possible.

## **Expectations and Considerations**

Working Group members are expected to:

- Be capable of discussing and writing in English.
- Engage wider networks of student organisations and movements as well as relevant stakeholders in their respective regions.
- Participate in regular working group meetings held online and face-to-face, when possible (workload: 2-4 hours per week).
- Work on a voluntary basis but can expect to gain valuable policy and networking experience.
- Attend meetings and events on behalf of the working group when applicable.
- Ensure that information is widely distributed within their home organisations and movements.

## **Reporting**

The working group reports to the Steering Committee of the Global Student Forum. Participation in the preparation of reports to the Steering Committee is expected from working group members.



## **Selection and Deadline**

Applicants will be selected by the Steering Committee based on their motivation letter (maximum 600 words) and CV according to the rules of selection adopted by the Steering Committee, taking into account regional and gender diversity. If you have any questions regarding this call and the working group at large, do not hesitate to contact: Amílcar Sanatan (he/him) ([amilcar@globalstudentforum.org](mailto:amilcar@globalstudentforum.org))

Applicants will be notified about the selection results by the 31st of March.

*The Steering Committee of the Global Student Forum, 09. March 2021*