



Call for Applications

Global Student Forum

Working Group on Quality Education for All

The Steering Committee of the Global Student Forum is hereby launching an open call for volunteers to be part of the working group on quality education for all, which will be working on developing campaign strategies to create awareness for the impact of the education crisis on students from low-income backgrounds by exposing the digital divide that exists globally. It will furthermore contribute to combating commodification and privatisation tendencies in education by exposing student debt and rising tuition fees. 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 a stronger involvement of GSF's membership in regard to quality education for all. The working group is composed of seven (7) representatives from the membership and an additional member of the GSF Steering Committee who is mandated to chair the group.



The purpose of this Working Group is to:

- Campaign and advocate for the provision of publicly funded, free, quality education for all.
- Campaign and advocate for fair and streamlined recognition of qualifications on the international level.
- Draw attention to the increasing education funding gap and persisting social inequalities in access and completion of education on all levels.
- Create a student centered approach to digital education

Responsibility and Outcome

The working group will advance the GSF's impact in terms of advocacy, networking and capacity building by developing policy frameworks that will lay the foundation and conditions for the delivery and sustainability of high quality education while focusing on the impact of the digital divide, that exist in the low-income areas, and the privatisation and commodification of education globally.

Application

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

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

The Global Student Forum is a joint initiative of the All-Africa Students Union (AASU), Commonwealth Students' Association (CSA), European Students Union (ESU) and Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions (OBESSU) and the Latin-American Student Organisation (OCLAE) and national organisations and movements which together cover 183 Unions from 118 countries.



The work of the members of the working group is 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 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: 5-10 hours per month).
- 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, movements and regional networks.

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: Folabit Lena Novel (she/her) (lana@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