**Application form for AGORA:**

**EWL Feminist Summer School 2016**

The European Women’s Lobby (EWL) is the largest umbrella organisation of women’s associations in the European Union, gathering over 2000 women’s associations. The EWL has members in all 28 EU Member States and three of the candidate countries. The EWL campaigns for a feminist Europe which promotes women’s rights and equality between women and men in the European Union.

We are looking for candidates to participate in EWL’s Feminist Summer School taking place in Brussels **from 7 to 11 September 2016**.

**Deadline for applications: 31 May 2016.**

Are you interested? Or do you know anyone who is interested?

* Are you a feminist woman (self-defined) aged **between 18 and 30 years old?**
* **Do you have experience in activism related to gender equality/ women’s rights**?
* Are you interested in strengthening your knowledge and skills to build bigger and better campaigns to fight for women’s rights and gender equality?
* Are you keen to find out more what young feminists are doing to fight inequality across Europe? Do you live in the **European Union or EU Candidate countries?**
* **Do you want the chance to shape future feminist strategies and campaigns in Europe?**
* Have good English language skills as **the programme will be in English.**

**We particularly encourage women facing multiple forms of discrimination (in terms of ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, origin, religion etc) We appreciate your opinions and want to learn from your experience!**

The EWL will select around 50 candidates by end of June 2016. The programme will build on the needs and expectations of the selected participants.

**Description of the EWL Feminist Summer School 2016:**

The EWL has witnessed **a new generation of young feminists rising up, innovating and rebooting the fight for equality!** A lot of new organisations, initiatives, and campaigns have been flourishing throughout Europe. **A 4th wave on feminism on its way!** We see many opportunities to strengthen the connection between these activists across Europe and with EWL itself. Building on the success of the first ever AGORA in 2015, **we have decided to organise the second edition European Feminist Summer School, which will aim to:**

* Reconnect and reinforce young European women’s activism
* Set up a creative space for young feminist change agents
* Build solidarity and empower young feminist activists
* Working together across borders to make feminism more inclusive and amplify the voices of feminist networks in Europe
* Enable the EWL to know more about the interests and needs of young feminists and bring these more into the centre of EWL’s future strategy and actions

During 4 days, the EWL will set up an **inclusive space to exchange, to inspire, to reinforce skills** through **workshops, conferences, skills-sharing, and expertise, facilitated by EWL and partners.**

Based on the inputs received by the participants in the application process, we will identify the main expectations and needs of participants: what they expect from this programme and we encourage you to bring your unique stories and experiences to share**. We will co-create the final programme together with participants to ensure that it is as relevant and exciting as possible.**

**There are only 50 places.** The selection will be made by EWL based on the application forms and on the criteria above. The motivation and experience in feminist activism or campaigns for gender equality and women’s rights will be deciding factors.

**Questions**

**1. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

**Date of application:**

**Name**

**Surname:**

**Nationality:**

**Date of birth and age:**

**Postal address:**

**Email address**:

**Telephone:**

**Social media**

**Facebook/Twitter/Tumblr/Linkedin/Other:**

**2. BIOGRAPHY (1500 letters)**

Please explain your relevant academic professional and/or personal experience.

**3. COMMITMENT TO WOMEN’S RIGHTS/ GENDER EQUALITY (3000)**

Please indicate any relevant experience or expertise in relation to women’s rights and gender equality.

Please highlight particularly the experience you have in feminist organisation or activism.

Please describe the action(s) you have been involved in.

What inspired you to get involved? What role did you play?

**4. MOTIVATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AGORA**

**Why do you want to participate in the EWL AGORA 2016? (500 words)**

Please explain your motivation for applying, why this is relevant for you at this time and how you plan to use what you learn in practice.

As we want to build a programme that is relevant and co-created with the participants, we would love to let us know**:**

* **if you have any specific skills and/or knowledge related to gender equality/women’s rights activism that you would like to share during the programme?** Please indicate how you would propose to share your skills or experiences (a panel, a training etc).
* **If and how you have any demonstrable skills or experience in the following areas : 1) Sexism and stereotypes, 2) Racism and Sexism, and/or 3) Intersectionality and multiple discrimination ? (500 words)**
* If there are specific issues or skills that you would like to learn more about during this programme? (500 words)

**What do you think the main priorities should are your expectations of the feminist movement today in Europe? (500 words)**

**How did you learn about the AGORA?**

**5. LANGAGE SKILLS (the programme will be in English, so a level of understanding and communication in English is required)**

**Mother tongue:**

**Level of English** (mother tongue, fluent, excellent, good knowledge, fair, minimum knowledge…):

**6. FEES**

We have received minimal funding to help us organise this programme and **we want to be sure that no one will be excluded because of financial reasons**.

However, we don’t have enough funding to cover the full costs for everyone. Therefore there is a participation fee to help us to cover the costs for: the venue of the event, the accommodation, the catering, and the costs for the facilitators, the team and the material. These fees will also help us to create a solidarity fund to provide support for those who do not have any budget for their participation. Please can you indicate the level of participation fee that you would be able to contribute:

* 500€
* 250€
* 100€
* 50€
* 25€

**You should organise and cover your travel to Brussels. There are many cheap means to travel (Megabus, Eurolines, Easyjet, Ryanair, Blablacar…). We will not exclude anyone on the basis of their ability to pay.**

**5. OTHER**

**Any other issues you wish to raise**