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Call for applications for AGORA 2024

EWL Young Feminist Summer Camp 2024

The European Women's Lobby (EWL) invites young feminists to apply for AGORA 2024, a 5-day summer camp in Brussels from the 9 – 13 of September 2024.

Who Are We?

The European Women's Lobby is the largest European umbrella network of women's associations in Europe, representing the diversity of women and girls in Europe. Currently, the EWL has 32 national coordination organisations in countries within the EU, in candidate countries, former EU Member States and in the European Free Trade Association, as well as 17 European-wide members, representing a total of more than 2,000 women's organisations in Europe. Together with our members, we campaign for a feminist Europe which promotes women's rights and equality between women and men in the European Union. The EWL envisions a society in which women's contribution to all aspects of life is recognised, rewarded and celebrated - in leadership, in care and in production; where all women have self-confidence, freedom of choice, and freedom from violence and exploitation; and no woman or girl is left behind. Read more about vision and our work at www.womenlobby.org. AGORA has been connecting young women from across Europe for several years through this annual event and we are now seeking applications from young feminists for AGORA 2024. Find out more about our previous editions of Agora.

What is AGORA and is it for you?

AGORA aims to reconnect and reinforce feminist activism among young European women. Through workshops and networking, Agora fosters solidarity, empowerment, and collaboration across borders. It is not an academic program but a safe space for sharing knowledge and building feminist strategies.

In response to the recent social, economic, and political challenges, the EWL is committed to nurturing the emerging generation of young feminists. The AGORA project plays a pivotal role in this effort, aiming to:

- Revitalize and fortify young European women's activism.
- Foster connections among diverse young feminists, facilitating mutual learning.
- Establish a creative space for emerging feminist change agents to develop their activism.
- Cultivate solidarity, empower young feminist activists, and encourage cross-border collaboration to enhance inclusivity and amplify the voices of feminist networks in Europe.
- Investigate the concept of feminist leadership and power dynamics.
- Enable the EWL to better comprehend the interests, needs, and activities of young feminists, integrating these insights into the core of EWL's future strategy and actions.
- The AGORA program spans five days, offering an inclusive environment for participants to exchange ideas, gain inspiration, and enhance skills through workshops and expertise sharing. Facilitated by EWL and partners, the program encourages

participants to lead workshops and open sessions, complemented by workshops led by EWL Policy and Campaigns staff. AGORA emphasizes co-creation, dialogue, shared reflection, and open learning, fostering a safe and creative feminist space.

It is essential to note that AGORA focuses on knowledge sharing, co-creation, and issue exploration, distinguishing itself from an academic summer school or study visit. The residential program demands full commitment from selected participants, including attendance at all sessions, organized dinners, and some free time. The program begins in the afternoon on 8 September and concludes around lunchtime on 13 September 2024, taking place in Brussels.

Selection Criteria

- ✓ Are you a feminist woman between 18 and 30 years old (at the time of the camp)?
- ✓ Do you have experience in activism related to gender equality/women's rights?
- ✓ Do you currently live in the European Union?
- ✓ Do you have a good level of English (B2)?

- ✓ Are you committed to Women's Rights and Gender Equality? Are you interested in strengthening your knowledge and skills to advocate for women's rights and gender equality and against violence against women?
- ✓ Are you committed to use the Agora learning experience in your future work?
- ✓ Are you motivated to connect, share and build bridges with other young feminists?

- ✓ Are you keen to connect with a diverse group of young feminists from across Europe?
- ✓ Are you keen to find out what young feminists are doing to fight inequality across Europe, and how you could work together?
- ✓ Are you keen to engage in highly participatory learning processes and willing to learn more about yourself, your talents and your work in this world?
- ✓ Do you want to be part of shaping future feminist strategies and campaigns in Europe?
- ✓ Do you agree with the values and mission of the European Women's Lobby?

As an intersectional feminist organisation, we are committed to organising a summer camp that reflects and includes experiences that represent Europe in all of its diversity. As such, women of colour and from ethnic minority groups, women with disabilities, from the LGBTQI community and coming from marginalised groups are especially encouraged to apply.

How to Apply:

Apply online using [this form](#) by 16 May 2024. In this application, we welcome you to share your commitment to feminist activism and women's rights, along with relevant experiences.

Selection Process

There are only 40 places available for the Agora 2024. 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.. Our aim is to bring together a group of young feminists from diverse backgrounds, geographical regions and with different levels of experiences in feminism and activism.

Please note that as a network organisation, we reserve 20 places for candidates who are affiliated and supported by EWL members. This is to ensure that there is a direct and sustainable link with EWL and its members. For participants who are not yet linked to our members, we will ensure there is a connection with relevant members before the AGORA.

We aim to inform all successful candidates by the beginning of June 2024. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide feedback on applications to unsuccessful candidates.

Financial Contribution:

The EWL covers program costs, including travel, accommodation, and meals in Brussels. Participants organize their travel to and from Brussels, with reimbursement based on EU guidelines. As a result, some participants might be required to cover a portion of their travel costs. We will not exclude anyone on the basis of their ability to pay. If you are selected, we will provide more information about how to apply for reimbursements.

Venue details:

Efforts will be made to ensure inclusivity and accessibility at all venues, with proactive communication and accommodation for participants who require additional support throughout the entire program.

APPLICATION FORM

1. **Personal Information:** Name, age, country, residence, nationality, language skills, etc.
2. **EWL Members:** Affiliation with an EWL member organization (if applicable).
Are you affiliated and supported by one of EWL's member organisation? 20 spots will be reserved for candidates who are affiliated or supported by one of EWL member organisations. If you are applying through one of our members, they will need to confirm it with us via email.

Please note that an endorsement of a member organisation does not guarantee your selection. Therefore, all candidates must complete the application form, with full attention and dedication.

Name of contact person at the EWL member organisation you are affiliated to?

Contact details (email) of the person at the EWL member organisation supporting your application.

3. **Biography:** Describe your relevant experience - personal, professional, academic and/or other. (max 1300 characters).
4. **Commitment to Women's Rights/Gender Equality:** Highlight your feminist activism and actions (max 1300 characters).
5. **Motivation to Participate:** Why do you want to participate in the EWL AGORA 2024? Please explain your motivation for applying and why this is relevant for you at this time. (maximum 1300 characters)
6. **Use of AGORA Learning:** Describe how you will apply the knowledge gained (max 1300 characters).
7. **Feminist Movement Priorities:** Share your views on priorities and expectations (max 1300 characters).
8. **Your Wishes, Skills, and Knowledge:**
 - Specific issues or skills you want to learn (max 500 characters).
 - Experience or knowledge combating sexual exploitation (max 500 characters).
 - Interest in leading a workshop session and theme (max 500 characters).

Complete the application [here](#). Deadline for applications: 16 May 2024. Successful candidates will be notified by beginning of June 2024. We regret that feedback cannot be provided to non-selected candidates.