

## ANNEX

### Call for applications for AGORA 2025

EWL Young Feminist Summer Camp 2025

AGORA is the European Women's Lobby (EWL) Young Feminists' Summer Camp that brings young women from all over Europe to Brussels for a 5-day gathering to discuss and explore all issues related to feminism for young women today and learn from each other in preparation of (future) feminist leaders.

Established in 2015, AGORA will celebrate 10 years of engaging with young women aged 18-30 in Europe with alumnae of approximately 250 young women.

The European Women's Lobby (EWL) invites young feminists to apply for **AGORA 2025**, for the 5-day summer camp in Brussels from **08 – 12 of September 2025**. The overall theme of AGORA 2025 is violence against women and girls.

#### How to Apply

**DEADLINE: by midnight 15 May 2025**

**REGISTER:** Participants application form, following [this link](#). In this application, we welcome you to share your commitment to feminist activism and women's rights, along with relevant experiences.

For more information, please contact Adele at [Philtjens@womenlobby.org](mailto:Philtjens@womenlobby.org)

#### 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. Currently, the EWL has 33 national coordination organisations in countries within the EU, candidate countries, former EU Member States and the European Free Trade Association, as well as 17 European-wide members, representing more than 2,000 women's organisations in Europe.

Together with our members, we campaign for a feminist Europe that promotes women's rights and equality between women and men. The EWL envisions a society in which women's contribution to all aspects of life is recognised, rewarded and celebrated - in leadership, care and production; where all women have self-confidence, freedom of choice, and freedom from violence and exploitation; and no woman or girl is left behind.

#### What is AGORA and is it for you?

AGORA aims to **reconnect and strengthen feminist activism among young European women, addressing social, economic, and political challenges**. Through workshops and networking, it fosters solidarity, empowerment, and cross-border collaboration, offering a safe space for sharing knowledge and building feminist strategies.

AGORA objectives:

- Strengthen young European women's activism.
- Build connections among diverse feminists for mutual learning.

- Create a platform for emerging feminist change-makers and future leaders.
- Promote solidarity, empowerment, and cross-border collaboration.
- Explore feminist leadership and power dynamics.
- Help EWL understand young feminists' needs to guide future strategies.

The five-day AGORA programme, held in Brussels from 8 September to 12 September 2025, provides a space for idea exchange, skill-building, and collaborative learning. Participants will proposed, lead and attend workshops, with full commitment required, including all sessions, organised dinners, and some free time.

### Selection Criteria

- ✓ Are you a feminist woman between 18 and 30 years old (at the time of the camp)?
- ✓ Do you currently live in the European Union?
- ✓ Do you have a good level of English (B2)?
- ✓ Do you have experience in activism related to gender equality/women's rights?
- ✓ 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 using the AGORA learning experience in your future work?
- ✓ Are you motivated to connect, share and build bridges with other young feminists?
- ✓ 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 its diversity. As such, women of colour and from ethnic minority groups, women with disabilities, from the LGBTQI community and marginalised groups are especially encouraged to apply.

### Selection Process

There are **40 places available for the Agora 2025, 20 of which are allocated to young women in EWL's membership**. The selection will be made by EWL, based on the application forms and on the criteria above. 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 to 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 mid-June 2025. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide feedback on applications to unsuccessful candidates.

### Financial Contribution

The EWL covers programme costs, including travel, accommodation, and meals in Brussels. Participants organise their own 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 reimbursement.

### 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 programme.

## APPLICATION FORM

1. **Personal Information:** Name, age, country, residence, nationality, language skills, etc.

2. **EWL Members:**

- Affiliation with a EWL member organisation (if applicable).
- Name of the contact person at the EWL member organisation you are affiliated with?
- Email address of the person at the EWL member organisation supporting your application.

Are you affiliated with 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. **However, please note that an endorsement of a member organisation does not guarantee your selection.**

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 2025? 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: 15 May 2025. Successful candidates will be notified by mid- June 2025. We regret that feedback cannot be provided to non-selected candidates.

