

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MOVEMENT AND BIOS

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In order to ensure a peaceful future, youth needs to be educated so as to become concerned and sympathetic towards national and global problems. They need to respect people of different races, religions and political affiliations. The next millennium could become the greatest victory of mankind or could lead to the end of bios. Education of youth needs to include this awareness, so as to produce responsible leaders for the future.

Youth organisations and movements are suitable means of educating future decision makers. Not all the young will become politicians or active members of society, nevertheless, education may result in future generations sensitisation towards global threats to the bio-environment.

Bio-education for youth can be thought of as having two components - vertical and horizontal:

- the vertical component represents the diversity of goals of individual youth movements. There are a great number of organisations which deal mainly with politics: The International Union of Socialist Students, The International Federation of Liberal and Radical Youths, World Federation of Democratic Youths and ISMUN of Poland are just a few examples. Youth participating in such organisations are usually interested in political careers. There are youth organisations concerned with inter-cultural training and exchange: European Federation for Inter-Cultural Learning, whereas other organisations are involved in sports and tourism: World Association of Boy and Girl Scouts - here, older generations pass on their knowledge and experience to younger ones. Religiously affiliated organisations also exist: YMCA, YWCA. Such organisations do not usually co-operate because of their different fields of interest.

- the horizontal component, where each organisation has leadership interested in international co-operation. This is why in some international conferences and activities, young leaders from diverse organisations participate - GIM (Geneva Informal Meeting), UNESCO, All European Youth and Student Co-operation Framework, are a few examples.

Since each international youth conference caters only to a limited number of leaders, it is extremely important that the ideas and resolutions be transmitted to all members of each participating organisation. Biopolitics could provide, for example, a bio-curriculum for such activities as the "Class Afloat" project which consists of youths of different backgrounds sailing together for a certain period of time, in order to enhance their appreciation of foreign culture and increase their sense of co-operation with people of different nationalities.

Biopolitics provides a unique opportunity for youths of different affiliation to discover a common ground for co-operation. Biopolitics International Organisation has a most important contribution to make towards worldwide youth movements. The present political climate is one of openness and allows for the implementation of Biopolitics goals among youth in every corner of the world.

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