

ASEFYLS LEADERSHIP CAPACITY IN SOCIETY BUILDINGS 5.0

Open Call Overview & Frequently Asked Questions



How can YOUth lead for the next stage of society?

We invite you to join a leadership journey bringing together Asian & European youth!

BACKGROUND

The ASEF Young Leaders Summit (ASEFYLS) is a Youth platform that connects young people from Asia and Europe. The ASEFYLS applies a 360° approach on leadership development and community engagement: 1) self-leadership (you), 2) team leadership (we), and 3) societal leadership (all). Since 2016, ASEFYLS has brought together over 500 youth – contributing to strengthening the relationships of future leaders.

See what the ASEFYLS is all about in this [trailer!](#)

WHAT ARE THE #ASEFYLS CAPACITY BUILDINGS?

The ASEFYLS Capacity Buildings 2024 will take place from **July to December 2024**, focusing on the theme of '*Leadership & Society 5.0*'. It is a hybrid project with collaborative programme elements. **Participants will attend the in-person training either in China or in Hungary.**

Leadership in Society 5.0

The *Society 5.0* concept describes a human-centred society that balances economic advancement with the resolution of social problems by a system that highly integrates cyberspace and physical space. ASEFYLS will explore what kind of leadership is needed for Society 5.0 and how young people can prepare for an ethical, sustainable and digital future.

Take a look at previous ASEFYLS editions: [ASEFYLS1](#), [ASEFYLS2](#), [ASEFYLS3](#), [ASEFYLS4](#) and [ASEFYLS5](#).

#ASEFYLS PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

ASEFYLS is designed to instil a spirit of curiosity, innovation, and intercultural understanding among young people, who can take over leadership roles and drive society forward.



The ASEFYLS5 programme consists of 3 Phases:

1. **Knowledge Building Phase: 2 - 30 July 2024 | Online**

An in-depth exploration into Leadership and Society 5.0 with trainings and thematic experts.

2. **In-person Training - Participants will attend in-person either:**

Asia-Europe Young Leaders Campus: 10 – 18 August 2024 | Beijing & Hangzhou, China

An opportunity for people-to-people dialogue exchanges, networking, and learning in a local context. Organised in partnership with the All-China Youth Federation (ACYF) and held alongside the *World Youth Development Forum (WYDF)*.

Or

Asia-Europe Training Seminar on Youth, Digitalisation and Intercultural Dialogue: 6 – 12 October 2024 | Budapest, Hungary

An opportunity for people-to-people dialogue exchanges, networking, and learning in a local context. Organised in partnership with the Youth Department of the Council of Europe (CoE).

3. **Action Phase: August - December 2024 | In Local Communities**

Turning theory into action, participants will organise events in their local communities to share their learnings with larger audiences.

See more details about the [Programme here](#).

ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION CRITERIA

~80 Youth from across Asia and Europe will be selected to join the ASEFYLS Capacity Buildings, who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Students and young professionals between 18-30 years
- Citizens of eligible [Asian and European countries](#)*
- Playing a leading role in a Youth Organisation/Student Association (not exclusive to board members, executive committees)
- Excellent command of English (verbal and written)

Selection criteria that will be considered:

- Originality of the motivational statement and quality of written answers.
- Demonstrated experience in societal leadership in a youth/student organisation/association which could enrich the diversity of expertise and perspectives of the overall participant group.
- The relevance and thematic connection to the programme topic of their engagement in youth/student organisations and potential impact & multiplier effect.
- Leading an initiative/programme that contributes to the development of young people.

All youth have something to offer and contribute, therefore we welcome participants from a variety of academic and professional backgrounds.

**All ASEF projects are implemented in line with the decision of the ASEF Board of Governors. For applicants for the in-person training in Hungary, and by the request of the Council of Europe Youth, consideration will also be made for applicants based on residency in an ASEF member country.*

The Open Call and screening process will ensure a non-discriminative approach assuring an even geographic representation, gender balance, and fair access to the opportunity for all.

There are no registration or participation fees!



EXPECTED COMMITMENT

Participants are required to commit to all 3 phases of the Programme with active engagement throughout, from July 2024 to December 2024. Participants need to commit to set aside time to participate fully in the online sessions, and in the in-person trainings.

See the [tentative Programme overview](#) for the **timeline of commitments**.

Selected participants are expected to:

- Fully participate in online sessions and at the in-person training, as well as complete any asynchronous learning
- Organise an event/activity in their local community as part of the Action Phase to:
 - promote Asia-Europe exchange
 - disseminate knowledge on Society 5.0
 - multiply the impact of the training

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

- [Leadership for Society 5.0!](#) Brush up on your understanding of leadership and play your role towards solving global challenges through technology.
- [A space for diverse interactions!](#) Meet with other youth from Asian and European countries for intimate & in-depth dialogues, and question, challenge, & learn from each other.
- [Adapt for your local community!](#) Contribute to your local community with your knowledge, based on local needs and the most pressing challenges.

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

**CLICK
HERE TO
APPLY**

If you are [from a European country](#) and available to attend [only the in-person training in Hungary](#), please [apply here](#).

The Open Call for Application will close on **Sunday, 19 May 2024 at 23.59 UTC!**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q1: Are there any costs involved?

There is no application or participation fee.

For the in-person programmes in both China and Hungary, the organisers will provide:

- shared accommodation for participants travelling from abroad;
- meals, adjusted for participants who have special dietary requirements, as much as possible;
- a travel subsidy for participants travelling from abroad, from your country of residence to China/Hungary and back *[provided on a reimbursement basis i.e. participants will pay the costs upfront and will be reimbursed up to 3-months after the training]*; and
- a visa support letter to those who require it.

Q2: I am older than 30 years old. Am I still eligible to apply?

This particular programme is addressed to youth between 18-30 years old, however if you are above 30 and believe you have a lot to contribute, we encourage you to still apply. Please bear in mind, however, that we will prioritise applications from those who are a closer fit to the eligibility criteria.

Q3: If I am a citizen from an eligible country, but currently living in a non-eligible country, can I apply?

Yes, you are welcome to apply. Please note, however, that the online sessions during the programme will require joining from your respective time zone, therefore it may be difficult to join if you are in a time zone before UTC.

Q4: Will I be notified on the application status?

All the applicants will have to go through the selection process and will receive an email about the outcome by Monday, 10 June 2024.

Q5: Will I get to choose which in-person training I attend?

Yes, in the Application Form you will be able to indicate your availability to attend either in-person training or both. If you are selected, this will be taken into consideration.

Q6: Can I attend both in-person trainings?

Unfortunately, it is not possible for participants to join both in-person trainings. If you are available for both, then you will be allotted to one of them. However, you will have the opportunity to engage with the participants from both tracks.

Q7: What sort of event/activity do participants have to organise in the Action phase?

Participants are expected to organise an event/activity in their local community that delivers on the following:

- promotes Asia-Europe exchange & visibility
- disseminates knowledge on Society 5.0
- multiplies the impact of the training

Q8: What support is provided during the Action Phase?

The ASEF team and Organising Partners will support the participants with advice and, where possible, with human resources on administration, communication, outreach, and stakeholder liaison. Furthermore, there will be a possibility for participants to apply for financial resources to implement their event/activity, should it be required.

Q9: Will I receive a certificate of participation?

Upon completion of the full ASEFYLS programme, each Participant will receive a Certificate, jointly issued by ASEF and organising partners, for their participation in the programme.

Q10: Is the programme inclusive?

We aim to make all our projects as accessible as possible and accommodate all needs of participants. We will, therefore, request all selected Participants to provide us with their special requirements.

For other questions, drop us an email:
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Supporting Partners:



The [Asia-Europe Foundation \(ASEF\)](#) promotes understanding, strengthens relationships, and facilitates cooperation among the people, institutions, and organisations of Asia and Europe. ASEF enhances dialogue, enables exchanges, and encourages collaboration across the thematic areas of culture, education, governance, economy, sustainable development, public health, and media. ASEF is an intergovernmental not-for-profit organisation located in Singapore.

The [Council of Europe](#) is Europe's leading human rights organisation. It comprises 46 member states, including all members of the European Union. Its **Youth Department** is dedicated to promoting youth participation and engagement in democratic processes and fostering intercultural dialogue among young people. It supports member states in developing youth policies and initiatives that uphold human rights, democracy, and the rule of law. The Council of Europe's Youth Department is an organising partner for the in-person training in Budapest, Hungary.

Founded in 1949, the [All-China Youth Federation \(ACYF\)](#) is a national umbrella organization for major youth organizations and institutions in China, reaching young people across China through its member organizations in 31 provinces autonomous regions and municipalities directly under the central government, as well as a network of local youth federations in 300 cities, prefectures, and autonomous prefectures. The All-China Youth Federation (ACYF) is an organising partner for the in-person training in Beijing & Hangzhou, China.