

Policy Papers

recommendations for the term 2017-2019

Theology and Spirituality

- Organise a conference addressing the theme of the church's role in *addressing different forms of nationalism in Europe*, and best practices for example to use church resources to influence democratic elections. Location directly affected by this experience.
- Training, deliver a training, hold meetings in countries directly affected by the issue of suicide, for young people to become campaigners in their communities + churches on *the issue of youth suicide*, in a country affected, -connect to human rights - well being of youth. Example: 13 reasons why..... we need to talk about suicide
- Online resource providing clear info about *denominational traditions* in a fun wall/facebook (together with the communication officer, we started this on our facebook page, but it needs to be more developed)
- Develop *ecumenical song library* on website, publish prayers developed at all conferences etc

Interfaith

- to organise a conference on the topic on interfaith and migration (refugees)
- partners: work together with EIYN, member organisations of EIYN and Scout movements (Muslim Scouts)
- participants: of all religions (balanced) and also atheists
- place: Netherlands (invite WSCF-E to host the conference)
- develop during the conference a campaign which could be used afterwards

Fundraising

- To create an online interactive history timeline about WSCF Europe in time for the 50th anniversary of the organization in 2019.
- Alongside this, we will continue to build an alumni database for WSCf Europe.
- AUDIENCE: past ERC members from 1968 to present. Why? Because they are the most connected people to our work.
- MESSAGE: past involvement and nostalgia for WSCF Europe (with photos of past events, ERCs, stories and key dates from the past). Also talk about value of what we are doing now – current students, stories about importance of diversity and safe spaces.
- WHAT: an interactive timeline online, with photos, events, key dates, profiles and stories from the past 50 years of WSCF Europe. To get this information, we will continue the projet to access the archives at Yale University (crowdfunding campaign), and conduct interviews with past members and leaders (e.g. liaising with SCM Britian to contact previous WSCF Regional Secretaries who can share their memories). Online timeline would be part of the redesigned website and launched in 2019 in time for the 50th anniversary of WSCF Europe.
- RESOURCES:
 - 5,000 EUR for trip to Yale (potentially speak to Necta about working with contact person at Yale, if funds cannot be raised).
 - Volunteer to design and put together the content into a timeline (can be done for free, or may need to hire a web developer).
 - Volunteer to look at Yale archive, and conduct interviews with past members/leaders, and work with local SCMs to contact relevant people.
 - Fundraising committee and fundraising coordinator – to oversee the project and ensure we are working to budget and deadlines.
 - Volunteer to contact current SCMs to interview students involved in WSCF to get their stories and form case studies.
- AFTER LAUNCH: ask potential WSCF Europe donors to join a 'members network' – they donate a regular gift in exchange for various benefits.

Global Networking

- To create the information page gathering contacts and interest/topics of SCMs and what they like to offer to other movements. The role of the region shall be raising awareness and bringing grassroots info to centralized platform of info for exchange and collaboration. (the survey could be sent by the global office)
- To encourage inviting students to activities of other regions' movements and of regions (this needs global support and financial support shall be carried by the guest not creating burden for the hosting region/movement)
- To encourage offering French and Spanish translation service
- To promote the use of Global Networking Coordinator as the person who can connect movements among each others
- To write a recipe book of national meals and food blessings, prayers before meals
- To make requests for information simple and easy to use/respond
- To explore fundraising for costs for students to come to SCMs and regions
- To find out about the platform "WSCF Connect" used in the past

Eco justice

The region can support ecojustice by raising awareness and creating visibility of movements activities in the area of ecojustice. This shall enable the movements to create collaboration. The region can be provide promotional support to activities done locally for others to copy and be inspired. (This relates also to regional networking group). We suggest that WSCF-E considers running a practical campaign in the future based on what movements would like to do (e.g.: coffee cups alternative, tree planting, sustainable bags). To create something from the grassroots.

Some ideas done or for the future: *WSCF Plants the Forest-* Senior Friend having a land and organizing tree planting for us; Churches have gardens; *Trees for Peace*, SCM Norway has a Liturgy for Green mass, campaigning against oil industry; (Biodegradable cups, edible cutleries, leaves instead of plates)

Fundraising ideas: Bread for the World supports Ecojustice

Gender and Sexuality

- An outspoken safe space- important to make it clear
- Change society, not only church
- Tools at home, not only LGBTQ people but everybody else
- Booklets on how to create safe space in the church, what words to use, connected to the Bible
- Participating in social events
- A very homogenous group when titled "gender", gender and sexuality for the themes, not the events, family as a theme (a conference on gender issue in different countries, personal experience, very careful)
- Praying, a big part
- An organisation benefits from diversity- why; inclusion=diversity
- Guidelines for sensibility in dialogue with the speaker, invite gender scholars
- Change the name of the theme, however when naming the conferences and activities using more neutral terms. Because difficult to attract more conservative participants. We want diversity.

Advocacy and solidarity

We recommend the ERC to put the emphasis on advocacy and solidarity work in Europe and developing the concept. The introduction of ASC work should be sent to the movements within the next 3 months after the ERA. The working group suggests thematic areas to be for the next two years

- Working with topics related to refugees and migrants
- Strengthening the movement participating in campaigns
- ASC should be more available for the SCMS to raise the issues and bring their concerns.
- ASC should facilitate the issues on the global level enabling people to raise their voices
- ASC Linking the SCMs to the relevant stakeholders

- ASC working group recommends creation of the working group

The following steps could be taken- capacity building training on migration and eco justice, establishing partnership network with the organizations (NGOs, international organizations) working on advocacy and solidarity, participation GA EFECW in Helsinki 2018, August. Act Alliance GA October 2018, raising awareness on gender issues and mapping the gender inequality via SCM survey. ASC increasing participation in the work of WSCF Europe in other thematic areas, like interfaith, human rights, eco justice, etc.

Regional networking

- Update the contact person contacts/email from different movements
- Be informed about what is happening in the region, through constant communication, for example if some SCM asks for help about some idea/initiative they want to implement and in case some other SCM is doing something similar to just get connected and share info/materials
- Together with the communication officers create a menu of resources/platform online, on the web site for example, so SCMs can share their projects/outline of different events/fundraising etc, and can be used to inspire or even implement the same/similar ideas at different SCMs
- Visits, meeting people in person is very important and for the regional coordinator to have a good network it has to make contacts with the SCMs, receive invitations from SCMs to local meetings etc
- Sharing info/news about what is happening on ERC/ as well as different SCMs in the region, encouraging SCMs to connect to other SCMs, together organizing projects,
- Share funding ideas, applying together

Communications

Visual design for the items and products produced (t shirt, bags)

1. Picture the map of Europe as a background for logo, so that we have the exact message of WSCF in Europe
2. Paper plane



Replace the heart with 50 years anniversary

An icon of young people outlined and holding the WSCF logo or note in their hands

- As the creation of a slogan or an exact message is quite difficult we bring some ideas to be discussed in the future:

The message must be short with max 4 words. Words that we have put by priority:

- Faith
- Europe or something that can emphasise the meaning of europe
- Young or youth

The message since 1968 at the bottom of any item

- **Items and products that we like to recommend to be produced:**

1. Bags with long handles so they are more comfortable and usable
2. Hoody

3. Mug
4. Notebook A5/A4
5. Matches - for donors
6. Candles - for donors