



Call for Applications, July 2018

Danish Ambassadors

You are hereby invited to apply to join our team of **Ambassadors for Dialogue**, as one of 9 Danish volunteers in the international component of the programme.

About the Ambassadors for Dialogue Programme

The Ambassadors for Dialogue (AFD) programme is a cooperation between the WE Center in Jordan, the Danish Egyptian Dialogue Institute (DEDI), Les Scouts Tunisiens (LST) and the Danish Youth Council (DUF). The programme is funded by the Danish Foreign Ministry, within the framework of the Danish-Arab Partnership Programme.

The AFD programme has since 2009 built the dialogical competencies of youth and enhanced mutual understanding between youth across ethnic, religious, ideological, cultural and other divides. In the greater scheme of things, the intention of the programme is to counter polarization, foster inclusion, and promote peaceful coexistence between and among youth in Denmark and the MENA-region.

In practice, young volunteers from Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia and Denmark are 'educated' as *ambassadors for dialogue*. They experience and practice dialogue, receive training in workshop facilitation, and implement workshops and other activities to foster dialogue and understanding between youth. *International ambassadors* gather twice through a two-year cycle for training seminars – once in Denmark, and once in the Middle East. During and in-between the training seminars they implement interactive and participatory dialogue workshops for other youth. At the same time, local ambassadors in Jordan, Egypt and Tunisia are trained and engaged in the programme at a national level.

Since 2009, more than 20.000 youth have been reached through dialogue activities, and dialogue tools developed through the programme has spread through trainings and manuals to individuals and organization in Denmark, the MENA-region and beyond.

Who we are looking for

This year, 27 international ambassadors, from Jordan, Egypt, Tunisia and Denmark will be recruited for a two-year period. To qualify as a candidate you must:

- Be between 18 and 28 years old
- Be fluent in English – as the language of instruction at the training seminars is English
- Be actively engaged in a youth organization that is a member of DUF – as ambassadors are intended to spread and anchor what they learn in such organizations/initiatives
- Be willing and able to commit to participate in two international training seminars as outlined below, attend coordination meetings and engage in the planning and implementation of national dialogue activities in their respective countries.

We will strive for a diverse team and welcome applicants from across the spectrum of race, religion, ethnicity, sexuality, gender and disability.

What you commit to

The 27 new ambassadors will be divided into two teams, and will gather twice for ten days for international training seminars:

- **27th October to 5th November in Egypt or 3rd to 12th December in Jordan (approximately)**
- **May 2019 in Denmark**

At each gathering the ambassadors will learn about and practice engaging themselves in dialogue and facilitating dialogue between others. Our skilled and professional trainers with decades of experience in the field of dialogue, conflict resolution and process facilitation will be in charge of the seminars – in cooperation with volunteer facilitators from the AFD programme.

All expenses pertaining to the international and national activities (including travelling, visa costs, travel insurance, accommodation and meals) will be covered by the Danish Youth Council (DUF).

In addition to the training seminars, ambassadors for dialogue commit to attend coordination meetings and implement dialogue workshops/activities throughout 2018 and 2019 in their home countries.

How to apply

To apply to become one of our 9 new danish ambassadors for dialogue, kindly fill out the attached application form and send it to job@duf.dk. Deadline: **13th August, 2018**

Selected candidates will be invited to participate in an interview and a workshop including various tasks and exercises on **24th or 25th of August, 2018**, at the Danish Youth Council's office on Scherfigsvej 5, Østerbro, Copenhagen.

Shortly after the selection process, the new Danish team of ambassadors will be announced.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

You can learn a lot more about the Ambassadors for Dialogue programme by:

•Visiting the Danish Youth Council's homepage:

www.duf.dk/tags/dufs-dialogambassadoerer

•Visiting our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/ambassadorsfordialogue

•Reading an evaluation of the programme made by ALS research in 2017:

www.alsresearch.dk/uploads/Report_march2017%20kopi.pdf

•Downloading the Dialogue Handbook, published by AFD in 2012:

www.duf.dk/materialer/produkt/the-dialogue-handbook

QUESTIONS?

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