



**HLFU - Hørselshemmedes Landsforbunds Ungdom**

The Norwegian Youth Association of the Hard of Hearing



### **Invitation to IFHOHYP Congress and AGM in Bergen, Norway**

HLFU, The Norwegian Youth Organization of the Hard of Hearing, welcomes current and future member organizations of IFHOHYP to participate in the IFHOH (International Organization of Hard of Hearing) international congress and IFHOHYP Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the beautiful town of Bergen, Norway!

The congress and AGM will be held from **25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2012**. HLFU provides the IFHOH congress fee, accommodation and meals.

*For IFHOHYP members from Europe, Caucasus, Middle East and North Africa as well as those who submitted the Youth in Action form, HLFU will cover 70 % of travel costs.* Non-members from these areas can apply for reimbursement of travel costs to the HLFU.

### **Participants of the AGM**

Each member organization is allowed to send **1 delegate and 2 observers**. Any youth, youth hard of hearing organization and other relevant organization can send its representatives as observers to the AGM. Since places are limited, the number of observers can be discussed directly with HLFU.

Please note that only those delegates from member organizations who paid their membership fees before the AGM have a right to vote. For membership in the IFHOHYP and membership fees' questions contact IFHOHYP Treasurer Anna Vita Ross at [treasurer@ifhohyp.org](mailto:treasurer@ifhohyp.org). You can also contact the IFHOHYP Board if you have any questions regarding membership.

Due to the high costs we are obliged to ask for a fee of **150 Euro** per person for the whole participation at the IFHOH Congress and AGM. This fee implies that participant of the AGM automatically get access to the IFHOH Congress events.

### **Preliminary program and arrival / departure**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> is arrival day. At 6 pm the same day the congress is officially opening and it is important that all participants have arrived before that. On Tuesday to Thursday we will attend the congress as well as IFHOHYP / HLFU workshops about “Empowerment” and “Political Advocacy”. On Wednesday evening there will be sightseeing in Bergen. The AGM is planned to take place Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Departure is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> in the morning after breakfast.

All venues will have adequate technical equipment for Hard of Hearing people.

For more information regarding the congress please see:

<https://www.eventsforce.net/travelplanners/frontend/reg/thome.csp?pageID=33503&eventID=75&eventID=75>

### **The location**

Bergen is the second largest city in Norway and is located on the south-western coast. It has the largest port of Norway and has been an important trade hub for more than 1000 years. Bergen’s city centre is located among a group of mountains collectively known as the seven mountains. The city is also known for its rainy summer, so don’t forget to bring your umbrella!

The most famous sights are Bryggen that is on the UNESCO list of World Cultural Heritage and Fløybanen, a funicular which brings passengers up to 300 meters in eight minutes. Two additional reasons for coming to Bergen!

### **Accommodation**

Participants will stay at YMCA Bergen. It is located in the middle of the city centre with the fish market, Bryggen and the Congress venue just a few meters away. The hostel has received the prize of the Best Hostel in Norway in 2010. See <http://www.bergenhostel.com/> for more information.

### **How to get there**

Bergen airport Flesland is located 30 minutes from the city centre. Buses to the city centre run every 15 minutes. It is a five minute walk from the bus stop to the hostel.

All participants have to pay for their own travel. For IFHOHYP members from Europe, Caucasus, Middle East and North Africa as well as those who submitted the Youth in Action form, 70 % of the costs will be refunded after the Congress / AGM. It is important that you book early and choose the cheapest option. As only documented costs can be refunded it is important that you keep all travel documents and receipts.

### **Application**

Deadline for applications is **April 15<sup>th</sup> 2012.**

Applications shall be sent to Maren Fallet at [fallet@hlf.no](mailto:fallet@hlf.no).

We can also assist you with your visa application. Please send your request for this as soon as possible.

More information regarding the accommodation, travel, what to bring, detailed program and IFHOHYP documents will be sent to all participants before the AGM.

Don't hesitate to contact if you have any questions.

**WELCOME!**

All the best,  
Members of the AGM team and HLFU

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