

Call for members of the OBESSU Pool of Trainers

Deadline for application: 25th November 23:59 CET

Dear friends,

Another year is ending which means we are opening a call for the OBESSU Pool of Trainers!

The OBESSU Pool of Trainers (PoT) is a group of experienced trainers, educators and facilitators with insight into the world of OBESSU and school student activism. For each OBESSU event, members of the Pool of Trainers play a key role in developing the activity programme in the preparatory phase, in implementing it during the event, and in evaluating it afterwards. Members of the OBESSU Pool of Trainers will also have the chance to be involved as an external expert in events organised by OBESSU Member, Candidate and Affiliate Organisations.

The new members of the Pool of Trainers will be chosen for a one year mandate starting January 2020 and ending December 2020 (always with a possibility to re-apply).

Please note that a mandate in the OBESSU Pool of Trainers is **not a political mandate and it is a volunteer position.**

Selection criteria

The applicants are expected to:

- Have a specific expertise in at least one of the following fields: active participation, human rights, sex and gender education, ICT and digitalisation, disabilities, cross-sectoral cooperation (e.g. with teachers), peer education, organisational development, funding schemes, knowledge management, environmental activism;
- Have previous experience in training/facilitation and a great interest in pedagogy and nonformal education;
- Be comfortable to work in English and with multicultural groups; other languages would be an asset;
- Be willing to attend also external trainings and educational event as a participant;
- Be available to travel in Europe for OBESSU activities, and to deliver remote work.
- Be experienced in OBESSU and OBESSU events;
- Be interested in the topics OBESSU works with;

The tasks of the Pool of Trainers include:

- Coordinate events of OBESSU from a pedagogical perspective

- Support the OBESSU structures in the development of innovative and efficient discussion methods
- Provide pedagogical advice and experience to OBESSU Bodies and Member, Candidate and Affiliate Organisations
- Support the implementation and capacity building aspects of the Stronger School Student Unions programme of OBESSU;
- Report to Statutory Meetings about the work of the Pool of Trainers internally and externally
- Oversee visibility of the structure with Member, Candidate and Affiliate Organisations as well as publicly (e.g. Facebook, Instagram, OBESSU Website)

Applicants for the Pool of Trainers **do not need to submit a Nomination letter** from an OBESSU Member, Candidate and Affiliate Organisation, and several people coming from the same organisational can run for the Pool of Trainers. We reserve the possibility to contact the Home Organisation of candidates for references.

Selected trainers are expected to be active on the online OBESSU PoT Platform (Basecamp), sharing with other trainer colleagues information, pedagogical material, training opportunities, thus contributing to the PoT learning community.

Interested applicants can see events coming up in 2020 with which we will need help in the application form. Please note that dates might slightly change and some events, such as the training for trainers and youth exchanges are not confirmed yet.

OBESSU strives to foster an inclusive, diverse and empowering working environment; therefore, we strongly encourage people from ethnic minorities, people from LGBTQI+ communities, people with disabilities and people who identify with disadvantaged economic classes to apply!

How can you benefit from joining the PoT?

We understand that joining the PoT would mean that you are contributing to the work of OBESSU (and potentially work of our membership) but we also believe that you can benefit from the experience. Working in an international environment with people from 24 countries can be challenging but also very enriching and you might get to explore topics you normally do not work with!

Moreover, we are always looking for ways to support our trainers, whether that is mentoring, sharing opportunities we receive so you can keep learning and development and. Lastly, we are happy to provide you with a certificate at the end of your mandate if you wish to have one.

If you wish to apply for the OBESSU Pool of Trainers, **please fill in the [application form](#)**.

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If you have any questions, please contact OBESSU at secretariat@obessu.org