

Dear all,

We are happy to announce another opportunity for you! We are opening a call for **members of the taskforce on Decolonising education**. Even though this taskforce was not initially in the implementation plan, due to the uncertainty around the Study Session 2021 on decolonising school curricula (*Pluriverse: Peaceful societies with an oppression-free education*), we are opening the **call for taskforce members** that will support OBESSU in discussing and raising awareness on the topic, and that will be, if possible, the prep. team of the Study Session in case it takes place in the end (we will only know this information by April).

Background

For the year 2021, OBESSU wants to create spaces for critical discussion and analysis on decolonising education and school curricula. Initially, there was a Study Session planned to take place in the European Youth Center of Strasbourg of the Council of Europe between the 17-22 May. However, at the moment we do not know whether it will take place and we consider this a very relevant topic for OBESSU and its membership to start working on. This is why, while we wait for a final decision from the Council of Europe on the Study Session, and already foreseeing the possibility that it does not take place in the end, we want to create a taskforce to work on the topic. If the Study Session finally takes place, the taskforce will have the possibility to be the prep. Team of the Study Session.

We particularly encourage people coming from a global south and/or with a migration background to apply.

Objectives of the taskforce

- To raise awareness among OBESSU Member, Candidate and Affiliate organisations on privileges, oppressions, anti-racism and decolonisation;
- To create spaces for discussion and reflection among OBESSU Member, Candidate and Affiliate organisations on the topics of the previous point, to deconstruct learned privileges and oppressions;
- To analyse how racism and colonisation are still present in education and school curricula, and to share and develop strategies to deconstruct school curricula and take action to decolonise education;
- To explore what other organisations have done and are doing on the topic, and to share those resources with OBESSU Member, Candidate and Affiliate organisations;
- Potentially, if the Study Session takes place, to prepare the pedagogical program of the event, implement it, and follow up (although it is not compulsory for all taskforce members, so we encourage you to apply even if you won't be able to be present in the Study Session in case it takes place).

At the moment, these will be done through online activities and spaces, to be discussed by the selected task force.

The **team** of the Taskforce will consist of:

- **2 representatives from a Member, Candidate or Affiliate organisation of OBESSU**
- **2 Pool of Trainers members**
- **1 representative from an organisation from the Global Students Forum**

The taskforce will count with the support of an OBESSU Board Member (Alex) and from the Secretariat (María and Samira). OBESSU is also a member organisation from the Global Students Forum, and therefore will support the taskforce in cooperating with organisations from different world regions, finding experts, etc.

The members of the taskforce will be expected to:

- Propose new activities on the topic of decolonisation
- Organise different online activities related to the topic (discussion with members, webinar, expert talks, etc.)
- Co-design the activities' programme with the rest of the team, and facilitate and/or deliver them
- Research on initiatives, organisations and resources on the topic that can be useful to OBESSU Member, Candidate and Affiliate organisations;
- Be generally **available to communicate** with the OBESSU Team and work on the **content** of the events and activities;
- Support the follow up of the activities

• **How to apply?**

In order to apply, please fill in this [form](#) until the 4th of March at 23:59 CET.

• **Deadline to apply is 4th March, 23:59 CET.** The final selection will be communicated by the 9th March

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to send an e-mail to María at maria@obessu.org