



 CALLING YOUNG TRADE UNION LEADERS AND WORKER-EDUCATORS!

18-30 October 2026
Community House
Cape Town, South Africa

YOUTH GLOBAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME 2026

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF WORKERS'
EDUCATION ASSOCIATIONS (IFWEA)



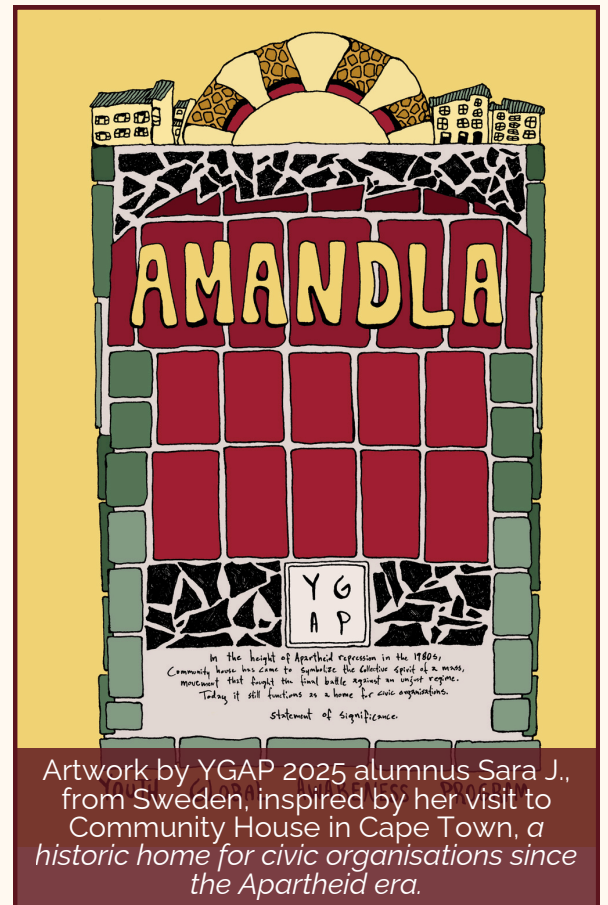
ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

WHAT IS YGAP?

YGAP is IFWEA's annual two-week exposure and exchange programme held at Community House in Cape Town. It brings together young trade union leaders and worker-educators from around the world to build awareness of internationalism in the labour movement.

Through practical, interactive and participative workshops, presentations and study visits, participants leave with an enduring motivation to contribute to a global workers' movement — through concrete solidarity actions and workers' education activities.

The YGAP network spans over 43 countries across Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America.



WHAT YOU TAKE HOME

WHY JOIN YGAP?

YGAP is a transformative experience equipping you with the tools, connections and perspective to be a stronger advocate for workers everywhere.

1 KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Design and deliver education on global solidarity in your home country — grounded in real experience.

2 GLOBAL NETWORK

Connect with worker-educators and activists from across Europe, Africa, Asia, and Latin America who are committed to workers' rights.

3 COMMUNITY EXPOSURE

Hands-on study visits with Cape Town organisations working on social issues affecting underserved communities.

4 ADVOCACY TOOLS

Return home with a sharper toolkit for social and economic justice.



PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Two Weeks of *Immersive Learning*

Each day balances rigorous engagement with creative, participatory learning, and real encounters with Cape Town's communities.



WEEK 1 Education for Empowerment

- The Amazing Race: energetic team-building that sets the tone for the learning programme.
- Monday – Friday (9:00–16:30): interactive seminars and workshops on "Education for Empowerment."
- Preparation for Study Visits to local community organisations across Cape Town.

WEEK 2 Study Visits and Postcards

- Monday–Wednesday (9:00–16:30): study visits with organisations on gender equality, climate justice, youth development and workplace organising.
- Group and individual creation of Postcards: a creative evaluation of the programme's impact.
- Postcard Presentations: sharing insights, reflections and commitments with the full group.

Course Fees

Tuition & Scholarships



Message secretariat@ifwea.org for more details and see next page for link to application form.



ELIGIBILITY

Application Requirements



AGE

1

Between 20 and 35 years old at the time of the programme.

LANGUAGE

2

Conversational English. Fluency is not expected as most participants do not have English as their home language.

COMPUTER LITERACY

3

Basic computer literacy and ability to use the internet and participate in online activities.

ORGANISATIONAL SUPPORT

4

Must submit an official letter from your organisation or the organisation sending you to YGAP.

FULL ATTENDANCE

5

Must be able to attend for full duration of course (arrive 17 Oct and depart 31 Oct 2026).
No exceptions.

FINANCIAL CAPACITY

6

Must have the capacity to cover tuition and logistics, or have secured scholarship. Logistics may be covered by sending organisation.

APPLY NOW

Applications reviewed on a rolling basis — **early submission is strongly encouraged.**

1

Complete the online application form
here: <https://bit.ly/4u68aIT>

2

Submit a Motivation Letter

Write a short letter explaining why you want to join YGAP and how it connects to your work. Indicate scholarship need if applicable.

3

Obtain an Endorsement Letter

An official letter from your organisation, addressed to IFWEA, confirming their support for your participation.

4

Send letters of application to secretariat@ifwea.org

Attach motivation letter, endorsement letter, and confirm that you have completed the online application form (in step 1)!



**Ready to join the next generation
of global worker-educators?**

For further inquiries, write to secretariat@ifwea.org

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