

## Youth4Hope Fellowship (Y4H) 🌍 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



### **1. What is Youth4Hope (Y4H)?**

Youth4Hope (Y4H) is a 15-month global fellowship that brings together young leaders from Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America to explore issues of justice, hope, and social change through cross-cultural collaboration. The fellowship combines dialogue, leadership development, and project implementation in an intensive, process-oriented learning journey.

### **2. Who are the people behind Y4H?**

Youth4Hope is led by a global network of professionals, researchers, and practitioners working across Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America. The team brings experience in grassroots social impact, community development, research, youth leadership, and cross-cultural collaboration. Y4H is built as a collective effort grounded in long-term engagement rather than short-term interventions. More information about the team and partner organizations will be shared through our official communication channels.

### **3. Which partner organizations are involved in Y4H?**

Organisations across Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe are involved in the program. Some of them are listed below:

- [Misereor \(Germany, Europe\)](#): Misereor is a German Catholic NGO that works with local partners around the world to fight poverty, hunger, and injustice and to help people live with dignity.

- [Cosecha Colectiva \(Bolivia, Latin America\)](#): Cosecha Colectiva is a dynamic organisation that works to contribute to the construction of new paradigms and regenerative realities, and choose to do so by using food as our main tool for social transformation.
- [Yanayi Haki Afriqya \(Uganda, Africa\)](#): Yanayi Haki Afriqya is a grassroots climate justice organisation based in Uganda, that works to empower communities especially youth and vulnerable groups across Africa to adapt to climate change, build resilience, influence climate policy, and promote environmental and social justice through education, advocacy, and community-centred projects.
- [Indigeneity \(India, Asia\)](#): Indigeneity is an experiential platform for India's indigenous knowledge, micro-cultures and native food systems.

#### 4. How is the coordination team structured?

The coordination team includes four group leaders from Africa, Europe, Asia, and Latin America, a facilitator, along with administrative staff from Misereor. The group leaders are responsible for guiding you through the Y4H programme and will support you throughout the entire process.

### **THEMES & LEARNING FOCUS**

#### 5. What themes does the fellowship focus on?

Y4H explores themes such as:

- Youth leadership
- Health and Wellbeing
- Global justice and equity
- Grassroots social impact
- Community-led change
- Hope as a practice in challenging contexts

The fellowship encourages fellows to connect global challenges with local realities.

#### 6. Is the fellowship academic or practical?

Y4H is practice-oriented. While reflection and dialogue are central, fellows are expected to develop and implement a project that translates ideas into action. The learning model combines:

- Dialogue and exchange
- Collaborative reflection
- Practical project development
- Exposure to grassroots initiatives

#### 7. What kind of projects are expected?

Fellows will design and implement a project aligned with the fellowship's themes. Projects can be local in implementation but should reflect global learning and collaboration. The participants can decide on the type of project together. Some examples are a theatre play, a photo exhibition, or even a report presentation. Projects may focus on themes such as community engagement, social innovation or health & wellbeing.

#### 8. Is there funding or support for implementing projects?

Core program costs are covered. Selected fellows will receive detailed information regarding available project support and mentorship.

## **ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION**

### **9. Who can apply?**

You can apply if:

- You are between 21–30 years old
- You are based in Africa, Asia, Europe, or Latin America
- You are motivated to engage in global collaboration
- You are committed to long-term participation

No specific academic degree is required. We value lived experience, motivation, and perspective.

### **10. Where can I find the application link?**

You can apply through the regional link that corresponds to your location:

**Application form >>> [Africa](#) || [Asia](#) || [Europe](#) || [Latin America](#)**

*(Please select the link that is applicable to your current living situation)*

### **11. What makes a strong application?**

We look for:

- Authentic motivation
- Original thinking
- Clarity of purpose
- Willingness to collaborate across cultures
- We strongly encourage applicants to write their own responses. Your voice matters.

### **12. Is prior experience in social impact required?**

No. Prior experience is not mandatory. What matters most is your engagement, curiosity, and commitment.

### **13. Can I apply if I am studying or working full-time?**

Yes, provided you can commit to the fellowship requirements, including virtual meetings, international travel and project implementation.

### **14. How flexible is the fellowship alongside studies, work, or care responsibilities?**

The participants are required to participate in all the meetings (virtual or in-person) as per the program. In case of any challenges faced by the participant, please reach out to the respective group leader or program team.

## **STRUCTURE & COMMITMENT**

### **15. What are the key fellowship details?**

The key fellowship details are as follows:

- **Application Deadline:** 23 March 2026
- **Webinar:** 6 March 2026
- **Duration:** April 2026 - June 2027 (15 months)
- **Virtual Meetings:** 2 per month
- **In-person gatherings:**
  - **Kampala, Uganda: 01.07.2026 - 16.07.2026**

o **Cologne, Germany: 16.03.2027 - 30.03.2027**

**16. How many hours per month should I expect to commit?**

Fellows should expect regular engagement throughout the 15 months, with about 12-15 hours of workload per month, including:

- Participation in virtual sessions
- In-person meetings in Uganda & Germany
- Project development
- Preparation and reflection
- Consistent commitment is essential to the experience.

**17. Are virtual sessions mandatory?**

Yes. Active participation in virtual sessions is an important part of the fellowship journey.

**18. What is expected from fellows?**

Fellows are expected to:

- Engage & collaborate respectfully in cross-cultural dialogue
- Participate consistently in all virtual sessions and in person gathering
- Develop and implement a project in their own community
- Commit to the full duration of the program
- Taking on the role of a young ambassador of hope
- Participants are expected to travel internationally for a total duration of four weeks (*two weeks in July 2026 and two weeks in March 2027*). You must ensure that you can take time off during these periods.

 **TRAVEL & LOGISTICS**

**19. Is participation free?**

Yes. Participation in Y4H is free of charge. The fellowship covers:

- Program sessions
- International travel related to the program
- Accommodation during in-person gatherings

**20. Is there a stipend?**

The fellowship does not provide a stipend. However, core program costs are covered.

**21. Are any personal costs expected?**

Participants may need to cover:

- Personal expenses
- Additional personal travel beyond program activities

**22. Is a passport required?**

Yes. A valid passport is mandatory, as international travel is part of the fellowship

**23. Who supports the visa process?**

Selected fellows will receive guidance for visa applications. However, participants are responsible for complying with embassy requirements.

 **COMMUNITY & SUPPORT**

**24. How many fellows will be selected?**

Five participants will be selected from each continent (Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America)

**25. What happens if I face personal or professional challenges during the fellowship?**

We understand that circumstances may change over 15 months. Fellows are encouraged to communicate openly with the coordination team so that supportive solutions can be explored where possible.

**26. In which language can I apply?**

Applications should be submitted in simple English. Perfect language is not required - clarity and authenticity matter most.

**27. In which language do the virtual sessions take place?**

All sessions will be held in English. However, the group leaders will be there to assist with any language questions. Your English does not have to be perfect. During the online meeting Zoom interpretation can be used.

**28. How does the selection process work?**

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. We encourage early submission. All applicants will receive communication regarding their application status by 5 April 2026.

**29. Can I reapply if I am not selected?**

Yes. You are welcome to apply in future cycles.

**30. Who can I contact for questions?**

For any queries, please contact: [✉ youth4hope@misereor.de](mailto:youth4hope@misereor.de)

You may also connect via our social media platform: Instagram: [@youthh4hopeglobal](https://www.instagram.com/youthh4hopeglobal)

**31. What happens after the fellowship ends?**

Youth4Hope does not end with the project but continues as an alumni network. The aim is to stay connected, let experiences have a lasting impact, and inspire one another (2–3 virtual alumni meetings per year). Alumni can (if they wish):

- develop their own small actions or ideas
- share their experiences in webinars or info sessions
- occasionally support or inspire new participants