

WFDYS action plan 2015-2019

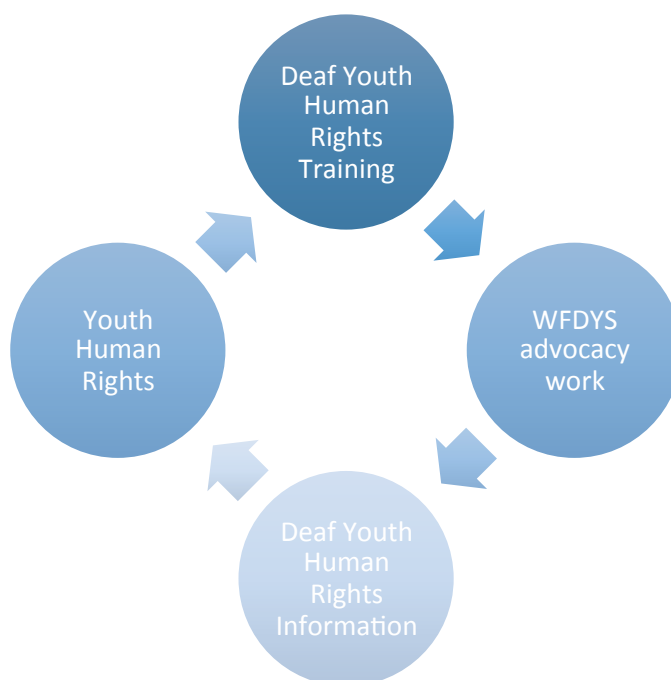
The World Federation of the Deaf Youth Section, WFDYS, is a section representing Deaf youth under the World Federation of the Deaf, WFD. The main aim of WFDYS is to advocate the human rights of Deaf youth worldwide. WFDYS follows the WFD's vision:

- A. Recognising Sign Language as part of human diversity.
- B. To achieve equal rights for deaf people by recognising sign language as part of human diversity.
- C. A world where no deaf person is subject to discrimination and inequality.
- D. A world where every deaf person enjoys human rights, including the possibility to use sign language in all contexts.
- E. We envision a world where deaf people know their human rights and governments implement them

This action plan have 5 aims



AIM 1: Human Rights for Deaf Youth



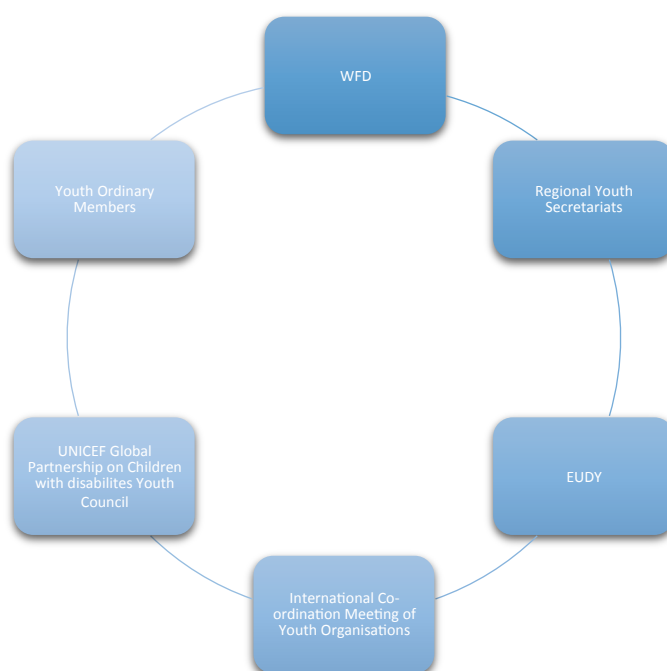
Deaf Youth Human Rights training - deaf youth attending WFDYS human rights trainings is a unique opportunity to gain their knowledge about deaf youth human rights. WFDYS trainings can take place prior or after WFDYS Board meetings at different locations, places where WFDYS Board members are invited to give lectures, different youth events and conferences. If the board period mandate feels it is possible to develop a deaf youth human rights training opportunity in project forms or regional trainings, it is a plus in WFDYS aim to train deaf youth worldwide.

Youth Human Rights - WFDYS work for equal rights to deaf youth worldwide with focus on both human rights as deaf people and human rights as a young person. This combination with deaf and youth is unique for WFDYS and WFDYS wants to participate in the political dialogue on equal basis. The equal participation in the political decision making processes should be done through attendance in youth conferences, forums, online consultations and events that will be highlighting our rights. The WFDYS cooperation with international youth-led organisations especially through our membership in the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organizations (ICMYO) is essential to make our deaf youth views stronger. To raise our youth views on deaf rights WFDYS shall work closely with WFD in the international disability rights movement.

WFDYS advocacy work within the UN - WFDYS aim to equally participate in the political decision making processes within the UN through youth participation in the UN conferences, events and online consultations. WFDYS should raise our youth views through UN submissions together with the WFD on general human rights issues that will affect deaf youth daily lives.

Deaf youth human rights information - WFDYS should develop its ongoing work to improve its information on human rights, through video reports from WFDYS advocacy work and information materials on human rights that deaf youth can learn from - and use in their advocacy work on regional and national levels.

AIM 2: Cooperation



World Federation of the Deaf: WFDYS value a good and close cooperation with the WFD. WFDYS president represent WFDYS at the WFD board meetings and WFDYS Board should be involved in the WFD Board working groups to make sure the youth view is included in the WFD ongoing board work. WFDYS needs to be present when WFD send representation to its global advocacy work for example at the UN and the international disability movement for example the International Disability Alliance (IDA) to empowerment deaf youth leaders in the WFDYS Board.

International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organizations: WFDYS is part of ICMYO. This cooperation is essential to make our deaf youth view stronger in the international youth movement and in the advocacy work within the UN. ICMYO are a network of membership, democratic, representative & accountable International Youth NGOs & Regional Youth Platforms. We represent millions of young people and respect the diversity and equality of organisation. We hold a coordination meeting once a year. ICMYO aims to integrate youth fully into the debates and decision-making processes at the UN and elsewhere in order to have a stronger influence on global youth policy processes. ICMYO member organisations seek to mainstream youth perspectives into all fora and ultimately seek full partnerships between youth organisations and institutions.

Youth Regional Secretariats

Continue cooperation and communication with established Youth Regional Sections in cooperation with Regional Youth Secretariats: Asia Deaf Youth Section (ADYS), Central America Deaf Youth Section (CADYS) and South America Deaf Youth Section (SADYS). Encourage and support through:

- Exchange information
- Share board meeting documents
- Send invitations
- Aim to have board meeting in each regions during board mandate period
- Encourage each region to create camps, trainings for deaf youth

Encourage and support the ongoing establishment of Youth Regional Sections in cooperation with Regional Secretariats: Africa Deaf Youth Section, and Middle East (Arab Countries) Deaf Youth Section.

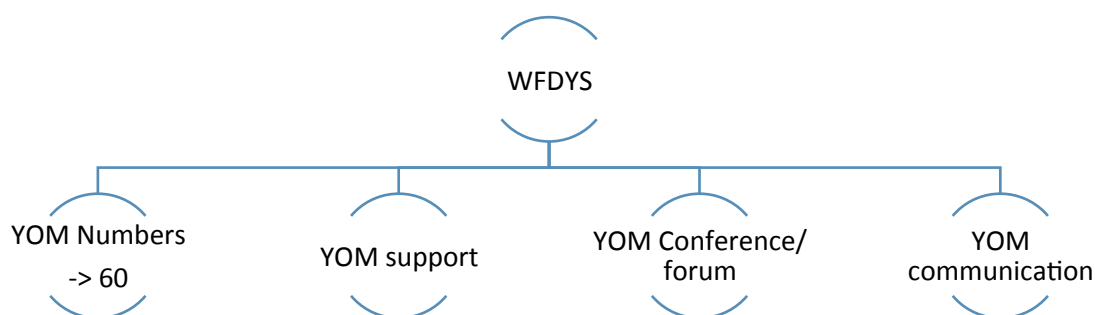
European Union of the Deaf Youth

Continue co-operation work with European Union of the Deaf Youth (EUDY), WFDYS and EUDY have agreed and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

UN - UNICEF Global Partnership on children with disabilities

The GPCwd Partnership is a global multi-stakeholder coalition, representing more than 240 organisations, including international, national and local non-governmental organizations (NGOs); disabled people's organizations (DPOs); academia; young advocates; governments and the private sector. The GPCwd provides a platform for collective action and advocacy to ensure that the rights of children with disabilities are included in and prioritized by both the disability and child rights agendas at the global, regional, and country levels. The youth Council is to ensure youth participation on all GPCwd Task Forces and have their voices reflected in the work plans.

AIM 3: WFDYS Youth Ordinary Members



All nationally recognised Deaf Youth Associations and Deaf Youth Sections can apply to become Youth Ordinary Members of the WFDYS. The WFD structure currently consists of voting Ordinary Members (OM), which is comprised of National Associations of the Deaf of each country worldwide. This means communication will proceed directly between the WFDYS and your country's national Deaf Youth Association or Section.

Improving numbers of YOMs.

WFDYS currently has a number of YOMs and should improve the number of YOMs until 2019. WFDYS aim to have 60 YOMs on the end of 2019. This aim is taken from WFD ordinary members survey there about 55 ordinary members stated that their organisation have a youth section under or a deaf youth organisation in its country.

Improving the YOM support

WFDYS YOM system is an important base of the WFDYS. WFDYS should improve our support to the existing YOMs and the upcoming ones. This part can be done by having a group of well-experienced deaf youth people or use the WFDYS Board who will be travelling to the country that need support to establish a deaf youth section/organisation or encourage the deaf youth movement. The group of people or the WFDYS Board can do the support by online communication like by webcam or making introduction videos.

Youth conference/forum

WFDYS should look for the opportunity to have a youth forum/conference at same location/time as the WFD conference. The WFDYS youth forum/conference give a tool for the YOM: s to meet and exchange their experience and knowledge about their deaf youth advocacy work at national/regional levels.

YOM communication

WFDYS valuable a direct and good communication with WFDYS YOM. YOM shall have a direct communication with the WFDYS Board and WFDYS Board shall keep in touch with YOM by several ways like sending emails with video reports, keeping the YOM updated on the ongoing work by the WFDYS Board and information about WFDYS events like the camps.

AIM 3: Camps

Youth camp	Children Camp	Junior Camp
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Age 18-30• 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Age 9-12• 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Age 13-17• 2017

AIM 4: Communication

Transparency structure - WFDYS aim to have a full transparency communication system there WFDYS priority to communicate by International Sign.



- Languages - the working languages of the WFDYS are International Sign and when possible written English.
- Video reports - when WFDYS Board is doing the ongoing work the board need to make video reports. This part is important to improve the transparency of the WFDYS.
- Interns - WFDYS needs to have deaf youth people interning for the WFDYS with different tasks depending on which needs the WFDYS Board find essential at this time. At least two interns each year is a good number to aim.
- WFDYS information materials - WFDYS need to develop the ongoing information materials online.
- WFDYS multimedia/PR - WFDYS need to follow the existing media and PR guidelines