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Call for an expert for WFDYS Independence Working Group
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Background:

At the 6th Youth General Assembly at Istanbul, July 2015 the YOMs voted to investigate the process of becoming an independent organisation.

'The YOM Delegates adopted that 'WFDYS board to set up a working group in order to start the process to make WFDYS an independent youth organisation. The WFDYS shall continue the cooperation with the WFD and the process shall be in close cooperation with WFD to find a good model of a cooperation agreement. The WFDYS shall, during the process, take care of the best interest of deaf youth worldwide.'

Objectives:

To explore whether the World Federation of the Deaf Youth Section (WFDYS) can be financial, sustainably and stable enough to become an independent youth organisation from the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD).

To study whether the impact of Deaf Youth at an international level can be best achieved as an independent organisation or as a section of the WFD, within the context of YOMs and participation in the international disability movement and international human rights lobbying.

To inform the current Youth Ordinary Members (YOMs) regularly with regards to the progress of the working group.

Deliverables:

Deliver a report on the best way to proceed forward by 27 February 2019, so there will be time to work on the motion to be sent in advance of the WFDYS Youth General Assembly [YGA].

WFDYS will deliver a report on the potential outcomes of becoming an independent organisation or to remain as a Youth Section under the WFD. The YOM Delegates at the 7th YGA will vote on the proposed motion, which will be used as a basis for the final report of the WFDYS Independence Working Group [WFDYSIWG]. The WFDYSIWG will define the methods to be used and the content of the report at the first meeting:

- Research
- Financial Impacts
- Survey
- Pros/Cons
- Face to Face Meetings with YOMs

The members of the WFDYS Independence Working Group:

The WFDYSIWG consists of Mark Berry, WFDYS President, Shirley Liu, WFDYS Secretary, Colin Allen, WFD President, Joseph Murray, WFD Vice President. 4 external persons to be appointed.

We are looking for external members who are:

- Independent from the WFD or WFDYS Board
- Strong knowledge of a non-profit organisation
- and/or come from an economic background
- Deaf and can sign in International sign
- Youth between 18 - 30 years old
- From a minority background
- A resident of a global diversity community

Please send an expression of interest, CV and video to info@wfdys.org in the subject heading: Express of Interest for WFDYSIWG by **Friday 16th March 2018, 5pm Finnish time.**