



Call for applications: SYL's Advisory Board for Development Cooperation, term 2016-2017

Are you inspired by global development and promoting education internationally? Are you a persistent communicator, good at forming networks, or know a lot about funding? Do you want to put some of your knowledge to the use of the rest of the world?

TYY is looking for people with lots of ideas who are committed and motivated to join the Advisory Board for Development Cooperation (KENKKU) of SYL. SYL is Finland's largest lobby and service organisation for university students. We represent 15 member corporations and 135,000 university students. The development cooperation advisory board advises SYL's executive board on development cooperation, and administers SYL's development cooperation projects together with the Coordinator for Development Cooperation. In 2016, we will be applying for traditional projects, but also looking for a new direction for our development cooperation work. The term of office is from August 2016 to August 2017. SYL will elect 15 members, some of whom will be continuing from the previous term. The Advisory Board meets about once a month in Helsinki and teleworks in various degrees between meetings. At the meetings lunch is served and travel expenses are reimbursed.

We are looking for people with different skills for the advisory board:

1) A coordinator for communication for the Advisory Board for Development Cooperation (1 person). The communication coordinator will ensure that our development cooperation work is visible on social media. Coordinator will also create content and come up with ideas for developing communication. The communication coordinator also coordinates visibility towards our member student unions.

2) Members of the project administration group for Guatemala (4-5 persons), chairperson and communication officer. The position include work on administering the development cooperation project in Guatemala. Members will also focus on annual reports and plans as well as keep in touch with our local partners. For this position, you will need motivation, interest in and knowledge of project administration, ability to work independently, as well as knowledge of Spanish. From the member of the Guatemala administration group, a chairperson and an information officer for the group will be elected. The information officer will be expected to write blog posts, be active on Instagram, and disseminate information about the project. The position as chairperson is a great opportunity to develop project administration and leadership skills. The chairperson keeps in



touch with SYL's development cooperation coordinator on issues pertaining to the project and handles practicalities of the group.

3) Members for the funding team (3 persons). The funding team will ponder SYL's option for a new direction for our development cooperation work, especially with a view to fundraising. How will we continue to provide development cooperation work of high quality when circumstances change and the sources of funding from e.g. the Ministry for Foreign Affairs narrow. Members of this team are expected to be inventive and be able to provide points of view on marketing and finances. A chairperson will be elected from among the team members.

4) Members of the event team (4 persons). The member of the event team come up with ideas for and organise possible development cooperation events, such as participating in the Global Village festival. The event team may also be part of organising the Development Cooperation Theme Week.

Applications should include a résumé and a cover letter. In the letter, the applicant can present their views on and experience in the field. Applicants are also asked to include ideas for how they would improve the level of awareness and knowledge of SYL's development cooperation work at their student union and among students. Applicants should express their interest in positions based on the position profiles outlined above.

Please submit your application via e-mail by **24th of April, 23.59** to Student Union's Specialist of International Affairs at tyy-kvsihteeri@utu.fi.

From all applicants Student Union's board will select 1-2 persons that will be endorsed to SYL. The final composition of the Advisory Board will be decided by SYL's Board.

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