

Expression of Interest for ILC EMENA Youth Platform

Background

Community Land Scotland are looking for young members aged between 18-35 interested in an exciting opportunity to work with us and the International Land Coalition.

Community Land Scotland are a member of the International Land Coalition. The International Land Coalition is an independent global alliance of 300 people-led organisations, civil society and intergovernmental organisations. They work together to put people at the heart of decision-making about land, or land governance. This involves protecting the rights of women, men and communities who live on and from the land.

Scotland is in the Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa (EMENA) region of the International Land Coalition. The Youth Platform is a regional initiative within EMENA designed to strengthen youth leadership, foster collaboration, and promote meaningful youth participation in land governance and sustainable development across the region. Community Land Scotland will be working closely with the International Youth Council of Yemen (IYCY) and the ILC EMENA co-ordinator on the Youth Platform.

The EMENA Youth Platform

Youth engagement is a key priority for International Land Coalition's EMENA region. Recognising that strengthening youth leadership and participation is critical to identifying and addressing regional challenges and priorities. The EMENA Youth Platform is launching an election process to identify 'Youth Representatives' who will help drive youth-focused initiatives, connect diverse people and organisations, and facilitate meaningful youth participation within EMENA member organisations, across regional teams, and ILC partners.

One of the main tasks of the youth representatives is supporting the start-up of the 'EMENA Youth Platform'. This platform will serve as a collective space for young people engaged in land issues to share knowledge, develop skills, engage in policy conversations, and co-create land-based activities and solutions. Bridging existing gaps and enhancing the capacity and leadership of young people in land governance and sustainable development.

So that youth engagement is truly youth-led and representative, it will be guided by **two Youth Representatives** – one from the MENA region (IYCY) and one from Europe (CLS). This will help in representing the diversity in the EMENA region. These representatives will be supported by the EMENA Youth Focal point (which will be Community Land Scotland), to help reflect the diverse voices and priorities of youth across



EMENA. EMENA Youth representatives will also work closely with the ILC youth advisory group and other ILC regional youth representatives. This will help make sure there is meaningful participation and alignment of priorities, across Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, and Asia.

Role and Responsibilities

The selected representatives will:

- a. Serve as regional representatives to the ILC Youth Steering Committee; Work with ILC regional and global teams, and ILC partners. Report to EMENA Steering Committee.
- b. Support the development a work plan for the next 2 years to deliver a strategy for youth work;
- c. Manage the communication and coordination among working groups within the EMENA region.
- d. Support in starting the EMENA Youth Platform and represent the platform in regional and global spaces.

The representative may also be asked to undertake other duties for Community Land Scotland. If so, they will be remunerated as agreed.

This role will be supported by the Community Land Scotland Policy and Advocacy Team, as well as the EMENA team at the International Land Coalition.

Travel in Scotland and across the EMENA region may be a part of this role, including at international meetings and conferences.

Time commitment

- The Youth Representative is expected to attend a maximum of 6 x 2hr meetings per year with the ILC.
- There will be some monthly work on the youth strategy and helping coordinate the working groups and wider Youth Platform. The total number of hours per month can be negotiated.
- The term duration for the youth representatives is expected 2 years.

Remuneration

A day rate will be paid at the Real Living Wage (£13.45 p/hour) for any work.

Travel and subsistence costs will be covered for the role.



Eligibility Criteria

- Age for youth applicants: 18 - 35 years old.
- Any member of an active Community Land Scotland member
- Interest to work on land related issues /challenges at a regional and global level
- Part of at least one project within own organisation

Submission Details

If you'd like to apply, please submit around 300 words explaining why you're interested and how you would be a good fit for the role to: josh@communityland.scot

Please send in your submissions by Friday 31st July.

