

Aims

Unify 2016 aims to provide a platform for volunteers and staff from European YMCA's to meet together, share experiences, pray and worship, gain inspiration and discover new resources. Enabling and enhancing their work within their own local YMCA.



Unify intends ...

- ... to provide space and resources for personal spiritual growth.
- ... to create an opportunity for YMCA people to express and share their Christian faith within the context of the YMCA Movement.
- ... to help European YMCAs to strengthen their Christian identity and to take responsibility, by living Christian faith perceivably and relevantly.
- ... to encourage YMCAs to spread the Gospel in their individual environment by providing resources and new ideas to help develop Christian emphasis in their work.
- ... to empower participants as they feel unified and proud of our YMCA background and the richness in European culture.

Focus groups

On Friday we offer a broad variety of focus groups which draw on the experience of facilitators throughout Europe, including: *Journey to Freedom, Strengthening Families, Principles of Counseling, and many more...*

Location

CVJM Zentrum Hasliberg is a YMCA resort located amongst amazing scenery in the Swiss Alps. It offers great hospitality with 50 years experience. Before the conference a Pre-Camp at own cost will be available.

Travel arrangements

Arrivals: Visitors are encouraged to arrive at Basel or Zurich Airport between 09.00 and 15:00 on Thursday, 25. February 2016. YMCA Volunteers will meet Unify guests at the airport and lead them to the shuttlebus taking them to Hasliberg. Departure Times of Shuttle bus are related to the arrival times, waiting times at the airport can't be avoided.

Departures: Visitors are encouraged to book outgoing flights from Basel or Zurich Airport from 16:30 onwards on 28. February 2016. Departure times of shuttle busses are related to the arrival times, waiting times at the airport can't be avoided. Prolonged stay according to flight connections can be organized on request (Hotel or Hostfamily-Stay).

Costs / registration

Costs: €195 (excl. own travel). Some subsidies may be available through National Federations. Reduced fee for Eastern European YMCAs available on request.

Registration: www.ymca-unify.eu



Diversity, united in Christ!

Conference Programme

YMCA European Christian Mission Conference

CVJM Zentrum Hasliberg, Switzerland
25th – 28th February 2016

Hosted by: CVJM/CVJF Basel, Cevi Zürich, Cevi Region Bern.
Organised by the UNIFY planning group,
consisting out of several European YMCAs and YMCA National Councils.

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We see diversity as a great chance to grow in our personal faith, as followers of Christ. Unify 2016 has the objective to strengthen the Christian movement within the YMCA according to the Paris Basis. Together we want to explore the Divine deposit in our organisation and discover the DNA of YMCA!

Position	Relationship	Relevance	Presence
Thursday, 25.2.2016	Friday, 26.2.2016	Saturday, 27.2.2016	Sunday, 28.2.2016
15.00 pm Arrivals & Check-In	07.30 am Morning Prayer (optional)	07.30 am Morning Prayer (optional)	07.30 am Morning Prayer (optional)
18.15 pm Dinner	08.00 am Breakfast	08.00 am Breakfast	08.00 am Breakfast
20.15 pm Welcome & Introduction Worship, Prayer Interaction: We are created with a purpose!	09.15 am Small Group Discussion "Our position"	09.15 am Presentations from around Europe Worship & Prayer	09.15 am Discussion in Regional Smallgroups "Our YMCA-life after Unify 2016"
21.45 pm Unify Café	10.15 am Presentations from around the globe Worship & Prayer	"How do we establish places of unity and fellowship within our YMCAs?" Nathan Adams, YMCA Black Country Group	10.30 am Presentations from around Europe Worship & Prayer
22.30 pm Evening Prayer (optional) Liturgy influenced by Taizé	"Leadership in postmodern societies" Christoph Leu, YWAM / King's Kids International	Reflection	"We have a call to be ambassadors of Christ" Joachim Schmutz, YMCA Munich
	Reflection	11.15 am Small Group Discussion (same groups as on Friday) "Relations and Relevance"	12.15 pm Lunch
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	14.00 pm Focus Groups shift A / part I	14.00 pm Field Trip / Excursion Visit of "Flüeli Ranft", the hermitage of Brother Claus. Introduction about the religious struggles in the history of Switzerland	
	15.15 pm Coffee break	18.15 pm Dinner	
	15.45 pm Focus Groups shift B / part II	20.15 pm Worship & Prayer night praying for big global such as little local issues	
	17.30 pm Transfer to a Swiss Alp Restaurant Swiss Night with Traditional Swiss Food and more	22.30 pm Evening Prayer (optional)	
	22.30 pm Evening Prayer (optional) Liturgy influenced by the Orthodox Church		

Focus group topics will be announced on the website:
http://www.ymca-unify.eu/european/unify_2016

Speakers

Christoph Leu

Christoph is part of the Core Leadership Team of King's Kids International, and part of the global leadership of YWAM (Youth with a Mission). He is also involved as a pastor in the «Jahu» Church/Community in Bienna, Switzerland.



Nathan Adams

Nathan is from YMCA Black Country Group in England where he is a senior manager for the Housing & Youth Service and is developing an International Internship Programme for young leaders which combines Christian discipleship, service and social action.



Joachim Schmutz

Joe joined the YMCA in 1982, first as a volunteer, later as a professional worker. Since 2006 he is a General Secretary of Munich YMCA. He initiated the Latin American Mission Network in 2002 and he's one of the founders of the UNIFY network.

