

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

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## **What is ISLI?**

ISLI, a non-profit organization founded in 1982, is a week-long international seminar on leadership for excellent students (age 16-18). Up to 180 selected students from diverse countries in Europe gather for a week in a youth hostel in Oberwesel, Germany. Throughout the week the students participate in ice breakers, workshops, assignments, discussions, presentations, cultural activities, open stage and more. The seminar is run by regents, who are returning students that have been elected by participants the previous year. The student regents are coached by a few adult regents.

The International Student Leadership Institute prepares students for their role in an increasingly interdependent world. To provide this training, the Institute uses a guide developed by Jim Kouzes and Barry Posner, professors from Santa Clara University.

It is the belief of the International Student Leadership Institute that participants must be provided continuous practice and feedback, enabling them to develop techniques

and evaluate the outcomes of effective leadership, which in turn leads to an acceptance of leadership responsibilities.

The 180 students at ISLI are assigned to 12 colour groups of approximately 15 members, with a mix from all the participating countries. These groups are intended to help the students process the information they receive from the regents, and to provide a small group environment where many aspects of leadership skills emerge during the week. Colour group facilitators, typically adults that accompany the students from any given school, help the group complete their objectives, and facilitate the processing of information and group-building that occurs. They do not actually lead the group, but they help the group grow, and perhaps shape the natural development of leadership.

### **Goals of the International Student Leadership Institute**

1. To provide participants with the information which will enable them to initiate and manage assumed leadership roles in the context of the seminar.
2. To give participants the opportunity to develop and practice in leadership skills in the above information sets.
3. To apply, vary and adapt leadership methods in all aspects of teacher/participant and participant/participant relationships.
4. To extend the cultural horizons of all the participants in both the subject matter and leadership techniques.

The International Student Leadership Institute also believes that the leader should be able to show appropriate conduct in all social situations. To further these skills, the International Student Leadership Institute provides a variety of social activities.

### **Who can participate?**

For many years ISLI was part American, part European and was led by two directors. American Schools in all of Europe that were governed by the United States Department of Defence delegated 90 students and selected schools from 10 different European countries also delegated 90 students. However, during the Covid-years, the American schools no longer were funded for the programme and (at least temporarily) retreated from ISLI. Currently ISLI is all European and is looking for schools that are interested in participating, taking the places of the American schools in 2023 or 2024.

Selected schools get to delegate 4 to 12 students and are themselves responsible for the selection process. The participation fee is **€ 290 per student** (all in) but students or schools are also responsible for transport to Oberwesel, Germany, and back.

The website of ISLI is currently under construction but will be accessible soon:

**<https://www.isli-institute.com>**

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