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June 8th, 2023

#### Hi, to all delegates!

Many thanks for all that you are carrying together, about the IFA. You are each playing a vital role in making the Federation Assembly a success.

This is the last 'short Delegates' letter so we would like to remind and inform you of the following:

#### 1/ IFA 2023 Opening celebrations 20 June at 14:00 UTC

After a long period of preparation, the IFA 2023 has nearly arrived!

Please use this link <a href="https://federationassembly-2023.larche.org/zoom/">https://federationassembly-2023.larche.org/zoom/</a> to join in the live opening celebration on Tuesday the 20 June at 14:00 UTC.

We are looking forward to meeting you all and seeing the work you have done around the Creative corner; a special symbol or a place you have prepared in your community for your Assembly meetings.

#### 2/ Voting

As we shared with you in the May letter, an important part of the Federation Assembly is **voting**. Delegates of **confirmed** communities will vote on behalf of their communities. The voting will take place on the platform vote.associationvoting.com/larche

## When will the voting take place?

Each day, the voting will open immediately after the end of the delegates' meeting at 01:00 UTC and remain open for 23 hours, until just before midnight.

Vote on:	Day	Time in UTC
Charter	Tuesday 20 June	01:00 - 23:59
Reports	Wednesday 21 June	01:00 - 23:59
Mandate, ISB members, the Transition Plan and the Federation Council	Thursday 22 June	01:00 - 23:59

As a final check about voting:

- Do you know if your community has the right to vote and if so, do we have the right e-mail address? Check it here: IFA 2023 List Vote communities.xlsx
- Do you have all the information you need to vote? If not, read this letter: <a href="IFA-delegates-voting-2023-05-09-EN.pdf">IFA-delegates-voting-2023-05-09-EN.pdf</a>
- If you have any questions, please write to us: assembly2023@larche.org

#### 3/ The 'test' vote

We have extended the 'test' vote until 12 June. If you have not yet tried it, we strongly encourage you to do a test vote. This will help you familiarize yourself with the platform and check that everything is working well.



#### The test vote will not affect the results of the actual voting in any way.

To do the test vote, please go to https://vote.associationvoting.com/larche/ and follow the instructions.

# 4/ Delegates' meetings

On the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the Assembly, meetings have been organized for the delegates as follows: Please note that the first two meetings on the International Leaders and ISB Reports take place BEFORE the Opening Ceremony.

Document/ Theme	Day	Time in UTC
International Leaders and ISB Reports	Tuesday 20 June	EN/FR*: 00:01 EN/FR/ES: 10:00 EN/FR/ES: 20:00
Story of L'Arche	Wednesday 21 June	EN/FR: 00:01 EN/FR/ES: 10:00 EN/FR/ES: 20:00
Mandate	Thursday 22 June	EN/FR: 00:01 EN/FR/ES: 10:00 EN/FR/ES: 20:00

(\*EN: English – FR: French – ES: Spanish)

Each will be held three times, so you can choose when to participate (the ones at **00:01** UTC will be only in English and French).

During these meetings you are invited to share how you interacted with each of the **themes / topics** in your community, to listen to each other and ask questions. You can of course also share beforehand around these themes on Slack and Facebook Members.

# 5/ IFA 2023 Website

The IFA 2023 website is now nearly complete: please pay special attention to these two pages that have been recently updated:

- The Resource Gallery: <a href="https://federationassembly-2023.larche.org/resource-gallery/">https://federationassembly-2023.larche.org/resource-gallery/</a>
  You can find all the important Assembly documents there: most recently, the intro-video to the final draft Charter (the Delegates Mini-guide will be available next week)
- IFA 2023 Program: <a href="https://federationassembly-2023.larche.org/interactive-program/">https://federationassembly-2023.larche.org/interactive-program/</a>
   We now have a more accessible and interactive version of the Assembly program on the website. Please make sure that you take your community through the program to help your community members have a clear perspective on how the week will look like and how they can integrate it into the daily life of your community.

#### 6/ L'Arche World Market, 29 May to 12 June

**4 more days to go!** Have you posted/advertised the beautiful products made by your community on **L'Arche members Facebook group** or **Slack**? Please remember to include your contact telephone number, WhatsApp number, email address etc. so you can easily be reached for orders!



# 7/ Newly Registered delegates

We warmly welcome all the newly registered IFA 2023 delegates. We are glad you could join this wonderful team of IFA 2023 delegates to represent your communities.

We encourage you to visit the IFA 2023 website <a href="https://federationassembly-2023.larche.org/">https://federationassembly-2023.larche.org/</a> to catch up with what has gone on already.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to the Assembly planning team via <a href="mailto:assembly2023@larche.org">assembly2023@larche.org</a> should you need any further information.

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