

Below is page 13 of an International Planned Parenthood publication that shows that they partner with the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). The relevant text has been highlighted in yellow to make it easier to see. The page can be accessed online [here](#).

access to sexuality education, including young men in prison, prison guards and young girls vulnerable to trafficking.

### **Strengthening commitment to and support for the sexual and reproductive health and rights of adolescents**

IPPF European Network implemented a major project in partnership with the European Regional Office of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the University of Lund (Sweden) to promote the sexual and reproductive health and rights of youth, funded by the European Commission. "Sexual Awareness for Europe: A European partnership to promote the sexual and reproductive health and rights of youth" (SAFE), provides an overall picture of the patterns and trends across the region in order to develop new and innovative ways to reach young people with SRHR information and services, and to inform, support and advance policy development. The findings and recommendations of the project were lauded by the Commission as "valuable input into policy formulation at the EU level and a good example

of how to deliver constructive input with restricted resources".

Within the framework of the SAFE project, the European Network developed several important resources for policymakers and practitioners on the topic of youth SRHR. These included a Guide for developing policies on SRHR of young people in Europe, a Reference Guide on Sexuality Education in Europe, and a series of factsheets on good practice relating to SRHR approaches for young people. Young people from 26 Member Associations within the EU were involved in the design and implementation of the project from the beginning, and participated in high level meetings with senior health officials. As a direct result of the SAFE project, the European Commission invited IPPF EN to help draft a strategy on the sexual health of young people and has approved the continuation of the work under SAFE II.

Over the past five years, close partnerships have also been forged with regional youth organisations and platforms such as the European Youth Forum (EYF), YouAct and the World Association of Girl Guides and Scouts (WAGGGS). Successful col-

laborations have included a hearing at the European Parliament, advocacy training workshops and the development of a Charter on SRHR of Young People. Building on these initiatives, IPPF European Network is spearheading a European youth movement around SRHR that is increasingly visible and vocal (see case study).

### **The way forward**

There remains considerable work to be done to win the support of teachers, parents and caregivers and religious and faith-based organisations to improving SRHR among young people. In particular, Member Associations need increased support in advocating for the inclusion of high quality sexuality education in schools, and to ensure access to youth friendly services.

Huge strides have been made in building an active and diverse youth wing of IPPF European Network. Supporting this strong and vibrant European youth movement around SRHR and ensuring that young people are represented in governance structures will remain the key tasks of Member Associations in years to come.