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EuroVolNet Workshop "Management in Volunteering"

December 7-9, 2011, Frankfurt, Germany

Written by The International Sport and Culture Association - ISCA



Volunteers contribute tremendously to the development of society, and today this requires more than ever specific skills and knowledge. Volunteering is serious business. Voluntary organizations need to market themselves in an attractive fashion in order to enlist new volunteers. Thus, NGOs need efficient and targeted oriented volunteer management systems leveraging the recruitment, training and retention of volunteers.

Effective volunteering that meets the pressures and responsibilities placed upon volunteers and organizations requires effective management and recognition that volunteer management is a specific role that requires a specific set of skills and knowledge. Voluntary organizations should set up volunteer policies to provide a more favourable environment for volunteers.

There is no one-size-fits-all approach to volunteer management. The size of the organization, the number of volunteers and the type and complexity of roles being offered will all impact on the model most appropriate.

EuroVolNet project partners developed a "management in volunteering" strategy during EuroVolNet Workshop which was held in Frankfurt in Germany from 7th to 9th of December, organized by one of EuroVolNet partners, the DTB - Deutscher Turner-Bund.

The aim of EuroVolNet workshop :

EuroVolNet workshop in Frankfurt will provide time, space and facilitation for participant development of their own plans of action, as well as to establish a sustained international network and international cooperation.

The Workshop is an opportunity to discuss challenges in management in volunteering and discuss recommendations for Associations working with volunteers in sport sector within 5 main topic:

- Effective volunteering that meets the organisations needs and matches volunteers expectations
- The basic concept within internal political convincing, transparent working, structures, internal communication
- Recruitment and retaining of volunteers
- Qualification and training of volunteers
- Financing and funding

The Seminar was held in Lindner Hotel & Sport Academy Frankfurt, Otto-Fleck-Schneise 8, Frankfurt . For more details contact :

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EYV 2011 Alliance Working Groups Closing Conference, Warsaw, Poland

29th November-1st December

Written by EYV 2011 Alliance



The objectives of the EYV 2011 Alliance included the development of the Policy Agenda on Volunteering in Europe (P.A.V.E) The work took place largely in the framework of 6 working groups who met for the last time at the Closing Conference in Warsaw in November 2011 The Policy Agenda on Volunteering in Europe P.A.V.E. was approved at the EYV 2011 Alliance Steering Group meeting in November 2011. The Alliance members presented the Policy Agenda on Volunteering in Europe to the European Commission at the EYV 2011 closing conference in December 2011 in Warsaw, Poland. [View Photos.](#)

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EUCIS-LLL key messages on the European Year 2011 on Volunteering

Written by The European Civil Society Platform on Lifelong Learning - EUCIS-LLL



EUCIS-LLL

The European Civil Society Platform on Lifelong Learning (EUCIS-LLL) brings together 25 European networks working in education and training. Together, they cover all sectors of education and training including networks for secondary and higher education, vocational education and training, adult education and popular education. Together they represent millions of students, school heads, parents, human resources professionals, teachers and trainers, reaching out to hundreds of millions learners all over Europe and beyond.

Volunteering plays an indispensable and capital role in lifelong learning. EUCIS-LLL key messages on the European Year 2011 are the result of the discussions that took place during the EUCIS-LLL annual conference on "The role, place and value given to volunteering in education and training" (9 May 2011, Krakow) and EUCIS-LLL working group on the social dimension of education and training.

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CEV & UNV jointly organized the Brussels launch of the State of the World Volunteerism Report

Written by CEV - European Volunteer Center



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The European Volunteer Centre (CEV) and United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme hosted a special Brussels launch reception on International Volunteer Day, 5th December 2011 to celebrate the International Volunteer Day and the international launch of the UNV State of the World's Volunteerism Report. The event aimed to raise awareness about the research conducted at world level for over a year and a half. In addition, it offered the occasion to make an overview of the achievements of the European Year of Volunteering 2011 and to reflect on the best way to move forth and continue the momentum raised by the Year.

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Keeping the Youth out of Exclusion - The benefits of Volunteering

Written by The European Juvenile Justice Observatory – EJJO



In the framework of the 2011 European Year of Volunteering and as a member of the EYV 2011 Alliance, the International Juvenile Justice Observatory, through its European branch, the European Juvenile Justice Observatory (EJJO), has launched an awareness campaign emphasizing the benefits brought by volunteering to the youth in situation, or at risk, of exclusion.

Always willing to enhance children's well-being, both Observatories decided to focus on the benefits brought by volunteering to the youth, especially to those in situation, or at risk, of social exclusion.

Hence the European Juvenile Justice Observatory developed an awareness campaign, which details the benefits brought by volunteering to the youth. For instance, volunteering is inter alia an including activity, which helps children and young people feel implicated in their community; it broadens their circle of friends and provides them with practical and social skills that may help them find a job in the future.

Such benefits have been underlined by theories developed at an academic level and practices discerned at a grass roots level. In fact, the awareness campaign developed by the European Juvenile Justice Observatory emphasizes these findings and gives the floor to different stakeholders. Hence, theories developed by academics are exposed alongside testimonies of volunteers, social workers and national representatives. Moreover, a series of NGOs encouraging the involvement of children and young people in voluntary activities are being presented in this campaign in order to underline good practices implemented throughout Europe and foster a greater implication of children and young people in volunteering “as it turns out, NGOs do not always think about engaging children and young people in their activities. Yet, more than the benefits they could receive from the work of volunteers, youngsters can greatly profit from volunteering themselves!

To find out more about this initiative, please go to: <http://eyvcampaign.ejjo.org>



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Cooperation meeting on the Charter - PAVE Follow up

Written by YFJ - European Youth Forum



On November 17th the Alliance Steering Group adopted the Policy Agenda on Volunteering in Europe (PAVE). On December 2nd the Alliance Working Group Co-chairs handed the PAVE over to the Commission.

Therefore the European Youth Forum invited CSO partners in order to discuss cooperation on the follow up of elements of the PAVE recommendations in the context of creating an enabling environment for volunteers to a meeting on December 14th 13:00 -17:00.

In this context the participants discussed their cooperation on the European Charter on the Rights and Responsibilities of Volunteers" as outlined in the PAVE recommendations. The debate focused on planning and structuring the pan European consultation process across European Networks in order to truly reach out to volunteers on the grass root level when following up on PAVE the existing draft European Charter on the Rights and Responsibilities of Volunteers to the critical input of Alliance members, based on their expertise.

The European Charter of the Rights and Responsibilities of Volunteers creates a common understanding of the definition of volunteers, volunteering activities and volunteering providers from the local to the European level and provides a common set of basic rights for volunteers and volunteering providers. Further the Charter serves as an appeal for designing and updating policies related to volunteering on all levels, refraining from addressing concrete implementation mechanisms or identifying right bearers, but focusing on defining and stating the rights and responsibilities of volunteers.

The attached document provides all readers with a clear overview on the proposed follow up of the PAVE through building on past achievements and cooperations and allows everyone to join the development of a "European Charter on the Rights and Responsibilities of Volunteers".

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C.A.R.D.O: The closing event of the European Year of Volunteering 2011 in Slovakia

Written by CEV - European Volunteer Center



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CEV member organisation C.A.R.D.O. in cooperation with IUVENTA (the national coordinating body for the European Year of Volunteering in Slovakia) closed the European Year of Volunteering 2011 on December 5, 2011. This year's International Volunteer Day was also the opportunity to celebrate the recently endorsed Law on Volunteering. The closing ceremony was held under the auspices of Slovak Minister of Interior, Daniel Lipšic and Slovak Minister of Education, Eugen Jurzyca. The EYV 2011 was officially closed on the occasion of the award ceremony "Bratislava Volunteers 2011", through which C.A.R.D.O. honoured volunteers contributing to the activities of non-profit organisations and communities in Bratislava region. During the award ceremony, C.A.R.D.O. had the pleasure to welcome Slovak member of the European Parliament Katarína Neveďalová and to present video-greetings from MEP Miroslav Mikolášik and MEP Anna Záborská.

Swedish Red Cross: Try volunteering week and coffee parties

Written by Red Cross - EU Office



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All local Red Cross branches could participate in the try volunteering week 28th of November to 5th of December and coffee parties to celebrate the international day of volunteering 5th of December. People were invited to "test drive" voluntary work before deciding to become an active volunteer.

More information: <http://www.redcross.se/>

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Policy Agenda on Volunteering in Europe

P.A.V.E.

Written by EYV 2011 Alliance



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The EYV 2011 Alliance Policy Agenda on Volunteering in Europe (P.A.V.E) provides recommendations for a more efficient and effective European policy framework to support and promote volunteers, volunteering, volunteer-involving organisations and their partners. The recommendations include proposals for action echoing the aspects of volunteering policy already identified as needing attention in both the 2009 European Council Decision on EYV 2011 and the EC Communication on Volunteering 20112. The P.A.V.E. recommendations promote and support volunteering as a demonstration of European values, providing a vehicle for active citizenship and contributing to economic and social-capital growth.

Caritas Festival of Solidarity Engagement

Written by Caritas Europa



The Caritas 'Festival de l'Engagement Solidaire' took place between 2-5 December 2011 across Europe and in the European Parliament and Council of Europe in Strasbourg. Thousands of participants from around 30 countries were expected for this event including volunteers and people experiencing poverty and/or exclusion. The Festival involves all institutional levels (local, regional, national and European) and put social volunteering and all types of solidarity engagement which fight exclusion and poverty in the spotlight



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Toolkit on Volunteering supported by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe

Written by The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts - WAGGGS



Europe Region

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and Girl Scouts
Association mondiale
des Guides et des
Eclaireuses
Asociación
Mundial de las
Guías Scouts

As well as the UN International Day of the Volunteer, the Europe Region of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (Europe Region WAGGGS) had another reason to celebrate in December with the news it has received funding from the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe to produce a toolkit on volunteering during 2012.



The toolkit will be a resource to: support WAGGGS member organizations to examine the issues surrounding different aspects of volunteering, including recruiting and retaining, motivating and valuing volunteers, highlight best practices to recognize the skills and competences gained through Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting and explore tools to enable Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting associations to provide quality volunteering experiences. The toolkit will also reflect on the outcomes of the European Year of Volunteering and provide advice for WAGGGS members on how to take these forward at national level, ensuring there is a lasting legacy from 2011.

VOLUM and Pro Vobis: Gala for volunteers

Written by CEV - European Volunteer Center



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CEV member organisations VOLUM and Pro Vobis in partnership with the National Coordinating Body for the European Year of Volunteering organizes the 2011 edition of the gala for volunteers, an awards ceremony that aims to highlight the role of volunteering in Romanian society and to recognize, through the 22 categories outstanding voluntary projects. The ceremony took place on the 12th of December 2011 and expected to gather volunteer support organizations, public authorities that work with volunteers, business and representatives of the government. Please contact [volum\[at\]federatiavolum.ro](mailto:volum[at]federatiavolum.ro) for more information.

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