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ENGSO Youth on the II Youth Convention on Volunteering in Brussels

Written by European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation Youth- ENGSO Youth



During the II Youth Convention on Volunteering in Brussels, 7th-11th September 2011, ENGSO Youth Committee Members took active part in the Volunteer Village on the Esplanade of the European Parliament together with their partners - Executive Committee of Universiade Kazan 2013.



Besides workshop "Motivational tools for volunteers "Best practices in sport volunteering - Universiade Belgrade 2009 and Universiade Kazan 2013" an interactive sport game "Funny Universiade" was organized for all the visitors of ENGSO Youth stand. Aims of the activities were: to improve the practical organisation of sport voluntary programs; to improve volunteering within organisation through good structured motivational programs; to motivate young people to become part of the project Universiade Kazan 2013; to promote sport and healthy lifestyles and promote sport volunteering as a developing part of youth activity in modern society.

"The Convention was a great opportunity to present our work, exchange best practices, to learn from each other and develop new ideas. Sport is the biggest sector for volunteering in Europe and a great tool for promotion of true values among youth. This kind of events are always inspirational and it was very excited for us to be in the European Parliament and engage with MEPs and political decision makers", said Natasa Jankovic, ENGSO Youth Committee Member during her speech in front of the workshop organisers on the closing ceremony.

During the ENGSO Youth workshops participants had the chance to hear good practices when it comes to motivation of volunteers in sport sector, as well as to discuss and give their own ideas and recommendations. Through second activity "Funny Universiade", an informative-interactive game, some sports of Universiade 2013 were presented with slightly changed rules. Participants had the opportunity to show their skills and team work in track and field, belt wrestling and football.

Each activity lasted for 1,5 hours. All visitors had a chance to sign up for volunteering positions and start their unique volunteering journey in sport sector.

To find out more about ENGSO Youth activities, visit our website <http://www.youth-sport.net>

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Volunteer Academy Kazan, Russia

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Международный молодежный
волонтерский лагерь
"Volunteers' Academy"
20 – 24 сентября 2011 года

Executive Committee Kazan 2013 organized the camp for volunteers on 20th-24th September 2011 in Kazan, Russia in the cooperation with the Ministry of Sports, Tourism and the Youth Policy of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Youth, Sport and Tourism of the Tatarstan.

ENGSO Youth representatives, Natasa Jankovic and Damir Stajner, took active part in the Volunteer Camp as guest speakers during lectures and workshops on the following topics: "Communication and Motivation as important elements of the Volunteer Management process"; "How cultural and sport events influence on the development of volunteering" and "Recruitment and Selection of volunteers for major sport events". Around 500 participants took part in the International youth volunteers camp "Volunteer Academy" which took place in the Universiade Village in Kazan. Participants on the Camp were young volunteers from all over Russia as well as from Europe.

The purpose of the camp was to gain together young people who are actively involved in volunteering and have experience in the field of international communication. Volunteers were given the opportunity to work with the representatives of the Executive Committee of XXVII World Summer Kazan Universiade 2013, the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Tourism of Tatarstan, the members of the State Duma of Russian Federation and famous athletes. The educational program of the Volunteer Academy helped young people to get necessary knowledge and skills of how to involve, train and select volunteers for Universiade 2013 as well as to learn Russian and Tatar culture and traditions.

27th World University Summer Games will be held in 2013 in Kazan, the capital of the Republic of Tatarstan. Universiade is the second major sport event after Olympics. Therefore, in order to provide successful organization of Universiade 2013, 20.000 qualified volunteers have to be recruited. The preparation for the Universiade 2013 in Kazan is gathering pace, the number of volunteers involved in projects is growing.

More information about the volunteering opportunities visit the official website <http://kazan2013.com>



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Intercultural Dialogue Day 2011

Written by The European Federation for Intercultural Learning – EFIL



Since 2008, the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue, EFIL promotes the Intercultural Dialogue Day within its network, and celebrates this Day on the last Thursday of September.

During Intercultural Dialogue Day, AFS volunteers across Europe organise public events promoting intercultural dialogue and diversity through youth exchanges. During these events volunteers address audiences in an interactive way in order to raise awareness.

In 2011, on Thursday 29 September, all across the EFIL member organisations, activities took place as part of the 4th edition of our Annual Intercultural Dialogue Day. Events took place from Lisbon to Riga, from Ankara to Hamburg, from Cairo to Maribor, from Belgrade to Vladivostok. Have a look at our [Googlemap!](#)

This year we organized a Facebook contest for the best IDD Event and the winning group of 3 volunteers from Italy (Catania) got free registration at our Volunteer Summer Summit 2012. Other winning events were a Flashmob called 'Freezebook' which took place in 6 European cities and an Intercultural Treasure Hunt in Istanbul. "



AGE position paper on older volunteering making the links between EYV2011 and EY2012

Written by AGE Platform



AGE has launched a new Position Paper which explores the links between the European Year of Volunteering 2011 and the upcoming European Year 2012 on Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations. The objective of this paper is to encourage stakeholders to build on the momentum created by the European Year of Volunteering to foster active ageing in the community during 2012 and promote better recognition of the value that older volunteers bring for our societies.

AGE position paper on active ageing through volunteering:

http://www.age-platform.eu/images/stories/2011_older_volunteers_position_Final.pdf

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AGE and Intergroup on Ageing organised a meeting on 'Enhancing the participation of older volunteers through the 2011 European Year of Volunteering (EYV2011)

Written by AGE Platform



In the context of the European Year of Volunteering (EYV 2011), the Intergroup on Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity held a meeting on 21 September 2011 to highlight the important contribution that older volunteers bring to society and to reflect on how best to remove the current obstacles to volunteering among older people.

This meeting highlighted how to encourage and facilitate participation in volunteering activities amongst the ageing population; It also stressed the necessity to bridge the efforts of the EYV2011 and the upcoming 2012 European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations (EY2012). Furthermore, it provided an occasion for Intergroup members and stakeholders to reflect together on how their expectations for the current European Year of Volunteering are being met as well as the benefits that volunteering brings for older people and how this links into the aims of the EY2012 to promote active ageing.

During the meeting, a Resolution on the importance of involving older people in volunteering activities was endorsed by Cristina Gutierrez Cortines (EPP), Kinga Göncz (S&D), Jean Lambert (Greens), Kartika Liotard (GUE), Liz Lynne (ALDE), Claude Moraes (S&D) and Lambert van Nistelrooij (PPE), Co-Chairs of the Intergroup, and by Martin Kastler (PPE), rapporteur for the EP report on the EY2012. This Resolution presents volunteering as a vital component of active ageing and includes a number of recommendations to the EU and stakeholders at national and local level that would enhance volunteering opportunities for older people.

The meeting showed that all of Europe must mobilize its efforts to support the EY2012 and to extend the work of EYV2011. Such actions will promote active ageing, intergenerational solidarity, and will provide the stepping stones to the creation of an Age-friendly Europe.

Resolution: http://age-platform.eu/images/stories/Resolution_A4_format.pdf



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EYV 2011 Alliance at the II European Volunteer Convention, Brussels (Belgium)

Written by EYV 2011 Alliance



Continuing to work towards the symbolic collection of 1 million volunteer hours from across Europe EYV 2011 Alliance volunteers and staff organised a [dedicated stand](#) in the II European Volunteer Convention on 9-10th September 2011. A total of 95,177 hours were collected during 2 days from volunteers and "soon to become volunteers" who visited to the V-Village. Two lucky volunteers who [pledged their hours online](#) during the Convention were [randomly selected](#) during the [closing ceremony](#) to join the EU delegation to China for the [EU China Year of Youth Closing Ceremony](#) later this year. Check EYV 2011 Alliance photo albums [here](#).



Thank you to our wonderful volunteers, Jessica Main, Andreea Nagy, Maria Tvrdonova, Thibault Lezy, Marieke Wax, Sophie Chielens, Viktoria Endredi, Pedro Carnicero, Celzo Da Cunha, Martin Kuebler, Zoltan Vadkerti !

EYV 2011 Alliance awarded European Citizen's Prize, Brussels (Belgium)

Written by EYV 2011 Alliance



Supported by [Intel](#), the [European Citizens' Prize — CIVI EUROPAEO PRAEMIUM](#) was presented by [Marian Harkin MEP](#) on behalf of [EP President Jerzy Buzek](#) on 30 September 2011 in the presence of EYV 2011 Alliance representatives and other invited guests. [See more](#).



EHO celebrates volunteers in Novi Sad

Eurodiaconia

On 29th September, Eurodiaconia members the Ecumenical Humanitarian Organization (EHO) organized an event entitled "European Year of Volunteering -EHO Volunteer, Why Not?" in order to make a contribution to the European Year of Volunteering 2011. The celebration was organized with the aim of promoting volunteering as a way of community engagement.

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EYV 2011 Alliance Working Group Meeting 3

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The EYV 2011 Alliance Working Groups had a meeting in September 2011. The European Policy Agenda on Volunteering P.A.V.E. was approved by the EYV 2011 Alliance SG in November 2011 and was presented to policy makers at the EC EYV 2011 closing conference in Warsaw on 1st December 2011. [Read the full report.](#) [View Photos.](#)

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CEV member organisations led the national campaign “Croatia is volunteering”

Written by CEV - European Volunteer Center



The Association for Civil Society Development SMART in partnership with Volunteer Centre Osijek, Association Mi and Volunteer Centre Zagreb organised the promotional campaign "Croatia is volunteering" under the slogan of EYV 2011 "Volunteer! Make a difference", through the Croatian Network of Volunteer Centres. The purpose of the awareness-raising event was to increase the visibility and value of the contribution of volunteers and volunteering Croatian society. The event took place on 21st September 2011. Different volunteer activities/small scale actions were simultaneously held in partnership with different stakeholders from various sectors (public, civil society, local/regional government) and took place all over Croatia. Several thousand people got involved in the campaign. The events benefited from national and local media coverage and were held under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Croatia.



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Young Volunteers Stand up!

YFJ - European Youth Forum



On September 7-11, the European Youth Forum organised the biggest Civil Society event of the European Year on Volunteering proving and showcasing the impact and outreach of volunteers in youth organisations: the II Youth Convention on Volunteering.

The event, hosted by the European Parliament, was a space for young volunteers and youth organisations to work together, to discuss with European decision-makers and to celebrate the commitment of young people throughout Europe building a better Europe every day.

The Convention consisted of a wide range of activities, most notably the Stakeholder Conference on the Rights of Volunteers, the Volunteer Bridge dedicated to the EU-China Year of Youth, the Volunteers Village, hosting Member Organisations' and other partners' stands and activities, the launch of the European Youth Forum Alumni Network and the YO!Fest which celebrated 15 years of the European Youth Forum.

Part of the Convention was the Volunteer Bridge, one of the flagship events of the 2011 EU-China Year of Youth, organised by the European Youth Forum in partnership with the All-China Youth Federation, the European Commission and the European External Action Service and with the support of the Policy Dialogue Support Facility. A World Music Village Workshop, a Graffiti Workshop and the III China-Europe Symposium on Youth Work Development featured in this event. It provided an experience of volunteering and showcased the contribution of participatory youth organisations to the volunteering sector and to society.

The Village provided the space to more than 80 organisations, Members and non-Members of the platform, to present their work, to bring forward the added value of volunteering within their specific contexts and to engage participants and visitors in a set of workshops and interactive sessions. This Village showed the diversity and strength of youth work and the work of youth organisations. The Youth Forum therefore held a meeting in the Village with experts of the institutions who work on the new cycle of EU Programmes dedicated to Youth.

YFJ - European Youth Forum

Overall the Convention gave visibility to volunteering in youth work, showcased the impact of youth organisations, provided them with a space for exchange and to learn from best practices and gave political visibility to the European Youth Forum across the institutions in Brussels. One of the first results was the support to the draft Charter on the Rights and Responsibilities of Volunteers from several important actors such as Mr. Staffan Nilsson, President of the European Economic and Social Committee, Mr. Gianni Pittella, Vice-President of the European Parliament, Ms. Isabelle Durant, Vice-President of the European Parliament, Mr. Jean-Pierre Vandersteen, Director General for Communication of DG Communications (EC), Ms. Marian Harkin, EP Coordinator of the European Year of Volunteering.

The video report of the Convention can be viewed on the Youth Forum's Vimeo page

<http://vimeo.com/32912396>

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Belgian Red Cross movie “sans vous comment ferions nous”

Written by Red Cross - EU Office



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This movie has been realized to say thank you to our volunteers. The speakers are beneficiaries and a mayor. It has been very appreciated during our special day for volunteers in September and it has also been projected during the annual King's ceremony (fête du roi).

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jInm8nwEFjw&list=UUMLa4vwgfEou4L2hsbbLGRA&index=1&feature=plcp>

British Red Cross project: Red11

Written by Red Cross - EU Office



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Red11 is a leadership initiative for young volunteers launched in 2011 to coincide with the European Year of Volunteering. This project was about supporting a small group of young volunteers to develop their leadership potential. Through a residential weekend and individual development plans (consisting of mentoring, project work and additional learning and development opportunities) participants developed the confidence, skills and experience to make a greater impact in the British Red Cross now and in the future. Find a leaflet outlining the initiative attached.

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Swedish Red Cross: Malmöfestivalen

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Malmöfestivalen is a big and traditional festival and the Red Cross is one of many participants. One of our activities were "Speed dating with a volunteer". We used the brochure about the value of volunteering and the roll up-photos.

<http://www.malmofestivalen.se/>