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Volunteering as a means of empowerment and social inclusion- A bridge between the European Years 2010 and 2011

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What is the role played by volunteering in the fight against poverty and social exclusion? Is volunteering inclusive itself and is its empowering potential used to the full? What recommendations can we formulate for more and better voluntary action in combating poverty and social exclusion, as well as for a better recognition of the role of volunteers in this area?

These constitute a sample of the questions that were addressed by the over 150 participants of the CEV Symposium on 'Volunteering as a means of empowerment and social inclusion – A bridge between the European Years 2010 and 2011', organised in Brussels from 6th to 8th December. Symposium participants included professionals from the volunteering sector; decision-makers; experts in the field of the fight against poverty and social exclusion; as well as volunteers and people experiencing poverty and social exclusion. The conference was organised in collaboration with CEV's four Belgian member organisations – Vlaams Steunpunt Vrijwilligerswerk, Het Punt Brussel, Plateforme Francophone du Volontariat and Association pour le Volontariat – in the framework of the Belgian Presidency of the European Union (EU).

Consult the Brussels Declaration on the role of volunteering as a means of empowerment and social inclusion here. http://www.cev.be/data/File/CEV_Brussels_Declaration_with_cover.pdf

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Briefing paper # 26 - Volunteering and the European Year on Volunteering 2011

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Briefing paper by Solidar (Conny Reuter, Francesco Zoia Bolzonello, Mathias Maucher). December 2010. <http://www.eyv2011.eu/resources-library/item/214-briefi%1Fng-paper-#-26-volunteering-and-the-eyv-2011-solidar>

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Volunteering Policy Paper published by Eurodiaconia, 2010.

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Volunteering as a tool for social inclusion of people with mental health problems

Written by Mental Health Europe – MHE



Policy position paper of Mental Health Europe - Issued on the occasion of Mental Health Europe's debate in the European Parliament on 17 November 2010. <http://www.eyv2011.eu/resources-library/item/228-volunteering-as-a-tool-for-social-inclusion-of-people-with-mental-health-problems-policy-position-mhe-2010>

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The European Athletics Young Leaders Community

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ENGSO (European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation) is the representative of the sport sector in the Alliance. ENGSO's partner European Athletics has created the European Athletics Young Leaders Community, a unique on-line space for active young people interested in athletics, developing their skills, community service and making new friends. The aim is to use modern communications and social network tools to encourage volunteer activity that helps to promote both athletics and local community service and in the process helps to prepare the sport's next generation of leaders. The community is driven by ideas and input from its members with support from European Athletics, UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) and the national athletics federations in the 50 countries of Europe.

The main forms of activity are 1) volunteer work for Young Leaders Community partners (athletics events, clubs, schools and other sport-related organisations) and 2) projects to promote sport, fitness and physical education that are designed and implemented by our members. European Athletics and UNESCO will also host biannual live gatherings for community members to meet, exchange views and develop their leadership skills. The next gathering takes place in conjunction with the European Athletics Championships in Helsinki, Finland, in June 2012

Certificates of recognition from European Athletics and UNESCO are awarded to community members who register significant hours of volunteer work (Bronze Certificate = 100 hours, Silver Certificate = 250 hours, Gold Certificate = 500 hours). In its first year of operation the Young Leaders Community attracted more than 1000 members who registered more than 12,000 hours of volunteer work

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