



EYV FLOW - Issue 8 - April 2011

Welcome to the 8th EYV Flow, the EYV 2011 Alliance Newsletter. If you have any suggestion about the EYV Flow or contributions for future editions please contact the EYV 2011 Alliance secretariat. In the text or through hyperlinks you can find EYV 2011 Alliance news together with profiles of the members, a "city focus" and announcements. Please [subscribe](#) on the [EYV 2011 Alliance Web Portal](#) to receive the EYV Flow directly to your e-mail and help us to map the readership.

EYV 2011 Alliance towards a European Policy Agenda on Volunteering



Working towards the objective of the EYV 2011 Alliance European Policy Agenda on Volunteering. The 6 working groups had a 2nd meeting in Brussels in March 2011. The working groups established by the EYV 2011 Alliance involve more than 100 experts, many of them volunteers themselves. The European Policy Agenda on Volunteering will be presented to policy makers at the EC EYV 2011 closing conference. All stakeholders are invited to [read the report](#) from the 2nd meeting and contribute to the debate. Please give [your input here](#).

EYV 2011 Alliance : 37 European Networks

In March 2011, two more European networks active in volunteering joined: [International Cultural Youth Exchange - ICYE](#) and [Confederation of Family Organisations in the European Union - COFACE](#). The [EYV 2011 Alliance](#) currently involves [37 European networks](#) gathering over 2,000 direct member and partner organisations from all over Europe and beyond.

EYV 2011 Alliance March Meeting hosted by the EESC

The 30 participants representing 22 EYV 2011 Alliance member organisations were welcomed to the EESC by President Nilsson who expressed his willingness to support civil society especially in the framework of EYV 2011 and reminded the group of his manifesto commitments to actively work on the Year. [Read the full report here](#).



CEV Symposium "The future of volunteering: concepts, trends, visions"



Registration is now open for the first CEV Symposium 2011 on "The future of volunteering: concepts, trends, visions" (4-6 May 2011, Tallinn, Estonia). The Symposium will address the many new features and developments that characterise the voluntary sector nowadays, and it will provide a space for debate on the controversies that have developed over time; it will strive to identify the core concepts and inviolable values of volunteering we want to safeguard and to develop a vision for the decades to come of how volunteering will continue to serve as a central cornerstone in all European countries. Deadline for registration: 11 April. [Read more](#).

YFJ 2nd Youth Convention on Volunteering



The European Youth Forum (YFJ) will organise the [2nd Youth Convention on Volunteering](#) between 6th and 7th September in Brussels, which will be the biggest civil society event on Volunteering in Brussels in the EYV. All organisations are welcome to make this a huge success and together show that Volunteering is a Big Thing in Europe. To find out how you can benefit from this opportunity and to put your organisation in the spotlight, the European Youth Forum organises a first info and networking evening on the 13th of April in Brussels. [Read more about the 2nd Youth Convention](#). [Download provisional program](#). For more info, contact [Elisa Quadri](#).

Volonteurope Conference: "Make a difference by volunteering"



The 20th annual Volonteurope Conference, "Make a difference by volunteering", will take place in Edinburgh on 20-23 October 2011. The event, in the framework of EYV 2011, will bring together over 100 participants from more than 25 countries to debate the progress of the European Year and the developments for European policies. The event will include input from relevant representatives from EU institutions, Scottish Government, as well leading volunteering practitioners from across Europe. During the conference the 5th Active Citizens of Europe (ACE) Awards will also be celebrated. The 20th Annual Volonteurope Conference will be held in Edinburgh, 20-23 October 2011. The Call for Proposals for Master Classes for the event has now been launched. [Download the Proposal Form](#) (deadline for submission: Friday 15 April 2011).

WAGGGS Young Women's World Forum 2011: "together we can change our world"



Over 150 young women from across the world met in WAGGGS' four World Centres in the UK, Switzerland, India and Mexico in March. They were taking part in WAGGGS' Young Women's World Forum 2011 (YWWF 2011) – part of the global centenary celebrations of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting taking place between 2010 and 2012. The focus is the WAGGGS' Global Action Theme, girls worldwide say "together we can change our world" which focuses on the ways in which Girl Guides and Girl Scouts



EYV 2011 Alliance- Membership Profile

social platform Social Platform, as an alliance of EU civil society networks, has several members who work on volunteering. It provides a platform for exchange and networking. Social Platform represents the social CSO sector, writing to decision makers and meeting them in person to put forward proposals developed by its members from their grassroots expertise. It is committed to participatory democracy and civil dialogue.



The International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network (IPPF EN) is an important global voice safeguarding sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) for people everywhere. IPPF European Network envisages a world where every individual is healthy; where sex and sexuality are recognised as fundamental and precious parts of human life; where sexual and reproductive choices are respected; and where diversity is valued and celebrated. As a volunteer-based organization, IPPF EN hopes to increase awareness of the value and importance of volunteering in Europe and in IPPF.

EYV 2011 "City Focus" - Uppsala, Sweden:

Uppsala celebrates volunteers and marks EYV 2011. Located about 70 km north of Stockholm, Uppsala has around 144, 800 inhabitants. A number of NGOs together with the municipality of Uppsala in 2001 signed a cooperation agreement in the field of volunteering entitled "[Samverkan om frivilligt socialt arbete](#)" (agreement on voluntary social work). The cooperation agreement led to the development of a [collaboration policy](#) established on an equal basis between NGOs and the municipality. The collaboration policy outlines a common approach in the liaison between the City, the voluntary sector and individual volunteers.

The "[Centrum för ideellt arbete](#)" (Centre for Non-profit work) with "[Uppsala föreningsråd](#)" (an umbrella organization with 300 member associations) provides information to individuals on volunteering opportunities and training opportunities to Non-profit organizations on volunteer management. The Centre features the opportunity to nominate an enthusiast person who does a lot for others and deserves to be acknowledged for it. If selected, the volunteer would be surprised on the TV4's entertainment show "Kvällen är din". "[Volontärbyrån](#)" (Volunteer Office) makes it easy for volunteers and organizations to connect with a website that offers volunteer opportunities in Uppsala and in Sweden. They also offer training for volunteer coordinators and managers.

The "[Centrum för Ideellt Arbete](#)", "[Volontärbyrån](#)" and "[Uppsala Föreningsråd](#)" organised a series of initiatives to mark the European Year of Volunteering 2011 (EYV2011). For example they collaborated on a [Volunteer Card](#) provided to local volunteers which gives discounts. 10, 000 volunteer cards will be available and new discounts advertised in the Uppsala local newspaper every week during 2011. Last but not least, the City honours Uppsala volunteers with the EYV 2011 pastry, available at a discounted rate for Volunteer Card holders at the Café of the City Public Library.



If you have some spare time and want to get involved in something fun and meaningful, check out options where you live!

Announcements

EYV 2011 Alliance Project Monitoring and Evaluation initial assessment report is [now available](#). The mid term stage will take place in May/June 2011. The [EYV 2011 Alliance](#) would like to thank all those that gave their input to the Monitoring and Evaluation process.

Upcoming events:

April 26-29: [AVSO](#) Voluntary Service Toolbox Seminar, Brussels, Download the [infopack](#) and [registration form](#), for more info contact [Agnes Uherecky](#).

May 3: [Eurodiaconia](#) "Breaking the Barriers"—A Round table discussion on the legal aspects of volunteering, Brussels. For more info, [contact Eurodiaconia Secretariat](#).

May 4-6: [CEV](#) Symposium "The future of volunteering: Profiles, Dimensions, Trends" in Tallinn, Estonia. [Read more](#).

May 9 : [EUCIS-LLL](#) Annual conference on the "Role, place and value given to volunteering in education and training" in Krakow, Poland. [Register now](#).

May 11-13: The first Congress on volunteering will be held in the city of Granada in Spain. [Read more](#).

can speak out and take action to achieve the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) through a number of voluntary activities. [Read more.](#)



Volunteering: a tool for inclusion?



"How can we build on the strengths of volunteering yet guard against the risks of abuse in the context of current attacks on Europe's welfare State and social model?" asks EAPN in its Anti-Poverty magazine on volunteering which raises the debate about the role of volunteering in combating poverty and social exclusion. In 2011, the spotlight shifts from Poverty and Social Exclusion to Volunteering, with the baton passed from the European Year for combating poverty and social exclusion 2010 to the European Year of Volunteering 2011. Perspectives from EAPN members and EYV 2011 Alliance Members are featured as well as the issue of recognition of volunteer time as in-kind contribution as co-funding for projects and funding. [Read more.](#)

Flag Tour 2011 raises the profile of volunteering



The flag tour of the Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations celebrates the valuable contribution the voluntary service has on society, communities and individuals it raises awareness and the profile of the European Year of Volunteering 2011 and the International Year of Volunteers +10 while encouraging active involvement of people within civil society. This campaign strives to strengthen European Voluntary Service Organisations to empower meaningful community volunteering. [Read Press release.](#) [Read the Flag Tour blog.](#)

FEBA celebrates its 25th anniversary & volunteering



The European Federation of Food Banks (FEBA) is holding its annual General Meeting April 28 to 30 in Lisbon. Founded in 1986, FEBA will be celebrating its 25th anniversary. The theme of the meeting is "Volunteering". Workshops will be organized to share best practices on the recruitment of volunteers, their integration within the organisation and development of long-term commitments. Representatives of 21 country members and potential future members will be present. José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission and the Portuguese coordinator of EYV2011 will attend.

Selected flagship projects in the framework of EYV 2011

From 125 eligible applications 35 EYV 2011 Flagship Projects have been chosen for co-funding by the EC. The list of chosen recipients is now available. [Read more.](#)

EYV 2011 Tour in Madrid and Athens

The [EYV tour in Madrid](#) took place between 28 February - 5 March and [the EYV tour in Athens](#) between 17 March - 23 March 2011. Find out more about participating in the [EYV 2011 tour in your country](#). The EYV Tour Press releases are available in our [Press Kit](#). Check the [EYV tour dates here](#) & contact the [National Coordinating Bodies](#) in each Member State to participate in the EYV 2011 Launches. The [EYV 2011 logo](#) in 23 languages and all visual elements are available.



European Parliament interest group on volunteering



The European Parliament interest group on volunteering met on March 30th 2011 chaired by Marian Harkin MEP. The MEPs and assistants shared ideas about how to engage with EYV 2011 at a member state level and how to co-ordinate efforts to participate in the 2nd EU thematic conference on volunteering to be addressed in a key note speech by EP President Buzek together with EC Vice President Reding and EESC President Nilsson. Some MEPs expressed the wish to bring volunteers from their own member states to the event to be held on 23rd and 24th May in Brussels.

EESC Public Hearing: "Volunteering: motivation, value and recognition"



The [EESC public hearing "Volunteering: motivation, value and recognition"](#) was organised in the framework of the European Economic and Social Committee Coordination Group on the European Year of Volunteering 2011, chaired by Mr Pavel Trantina including an intervention on the Value of Volunteering by Tamara Flanagan, EYV 2011 Alliance, Volunteurope and on the recognition of Volunteering by Rosemary Hindle, EYV 2011 Alliance, WAGGGS. Three other public hearings on volunteering in 2011 are planned on 26th May (Volunteering infrastructure and quality of volunteering), 27th September (Legal framework for volunteering), 9th November (Employee volunteering).

CoR EPP Group Declaration on volunteering



The EYV 2011 Alliance addressed the EPP Group in the Committee of the Regions conference - "2011 European Year of Volunteering" Cities and Regions promoting sport and active citizenship for social cohesion in Europe and Hungary on 3 March 2011. The Conference adopted a declaration which can be found [here](#).

May 26: EESC public hearing "Volunteering infrastructure and quality of volunteering", Brussels, Belgium.

Aug 31st- Sept 3: [European University for Voluntary Service](#), 31st Aug- 3rd Sept 2011, University of Basel, Switzerland.

September 3-5: 64th Annual United Nations DPI/NGO conference "Sustainable Societies; Responsive Citizens" Bonn, Germany. [Read more.](#)

September 6-10: 2nd: The [European Youth Forum](#) (YFJ) will organise the [2nd Youth Convention on Volunteering](#) in Brussels

September 22-23: The [EUCLID](#) Annual Conference will be in Naples in Italy

October 20-23: 20th annual [Volunteurope Conference](#), "[Make a difference by volunteering](#)", will take place in Edinburgh.

European commission:

EYV 2011 Calendar - is your event there? On the [official European Commission calendar of EYV 2011](#) get an overview of the many events happening in the context of EYV 2011 across Europe! Download the form [here](#) and send it to the EC at sn.volunteering@paueducation.com to include your events on the calendar.

At the EYV 2011 launch in Italy the Audio Visual team at the EC, EBS have made available the first [volunteering stockshots](#) featuring volunteers from the EYV 2011 Alliance to be used free of charge by anyone during 2011 and beyond.

There is still time to host a [Relay Reporter](#) and get your organisation in the spotlight! The 27 EYV 2011 Volunteer Journalist Relay will visit each member state in turn, check the deadline for your country and [apply here](#).

The European Commission launched an open Stakeholders Consultation to gather ideas and opinions for the establishment of a [European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps \(EVHAC\)](#). [Read how to submit your contribution.](#)

Funding opportunities:

[EVHAC Call for Proposals 2011 for Pilot projects](#) until 20 April 2011. The overall indicative amount made available: €850 000. The maximum amount per proposal: €425 000. [Read more.](#)

The European Foundations' Initiative on Dementia (EFID) – Awards: Call for projects "Living well with Dementia in the Community" until 31st August 2011. Up to 10 projects will be funded with up to €10.000. [Read more.](#)

Research & reports:

"[Volunteurope's](#) most recent publication, a 'Review on the Value of Volunteering', looks at the current debate on the value of volunteering in Europe and identifies key areas where volunteering brings positive changes to individuals, communities and economies. [Read more.](#)

Proceedings of the Forum held on 26 January 2011 at the [Committee of the Regions \(CoR\)](#) on Regional and local authorities in action during the European Year of Volunteering 2011 in Brussels was published in March 2011. [Read more.](#)

The International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Johns Hopkins University Center for Civil Society Studies announces a new manual to help statistical agencies track the amount, type and value of volunteer work in their countries. [Read more.](#)

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Commit ! Help us meet our target! [Sign up online here](#) to commit to volunteer for a specific number of hours, during 2011. _____

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