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Volontaire un jour, bénévole toujours!

Written by The World Organization of the Scout Movement - WOSM



Creating a Better World

An effective volunteer story was published in Vivre à Genève, publication of the city of Geneva.

Laurent Menoud is running the Resto'Scout where hot meals are served to people in need. The Resto'Scout serves about 150 people per Sunday with a budget of 200 CHF. Laurent mobilizes every weekend a team of volunteers to collect the goods, prepare and serve the meals.



Laurent joined the Scouts at very early age and spent time in various troops in Geneva. Several years ago, he discovered, by accident, the Resto'Scout and is now managing it as a volunteer, being present Sunday after Sunday. The Resto'Scouts has to be closed three or four times a year when tensions are rising during the service or when there is not enough volunteers for the service. But in the meantime, while Laurent is getting more money, he is preparing bigger and better meals and even more people are coming.

To learn more about the Resto'Scout, please visit www.restoscout.ch

You can download the full article about Laurent here <http://www.ville-geneve.ch/fileadmin/public/publications/vivre-geneve/vivre-geneve-magazine-40.pdf>

Conference “Inspiration for recognition”

Written by The World Organization of the Scout Movement - WOSM / The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts – WAGGGS



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and Girl Scouts

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Éclaireuses

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Mundial de las
Guías Scouts

From 13 until 15 April, around 40 people met in The Netherlands for a conference about recognition of non formal learning in voluntary work. They not only represented Scouting and Guiding, but also local volunteer centres, national organizations for the support of volunteers, and formal education.

The event was organized by Scouting Gelderland, one of the regional centres for training and support of scout leaders in The Netherlands, together with partners from Sweden, Scotland, Germany, and Slovakia.

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The aims of the meeting were:

to inspire organisations to start working on, or improve their strategies towards, recognition of competences of their volunteers to present guidance for tools and processes that organisations can use in the recognition process (resources/trainings/criteria for tools/different levels of tools).to present and exchange good practices in the field of recognition of non formal learning. New developments on European level, such as the European Qualifications Framework and the European Skills Passport, were presented, and the participants explored and discussed opportunities for future cooperation.

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Volunteering in Sport - a priority topic for the French ENGSO Youth Member, CNOSF Youth Commission

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



The European Year of volunteering offered the youth commission of the French CNOSF (made up of all volunteers) a priority topic for the year as volunteering is one of the main pillars behind participation in sports as we know it.



The youth commission thus, made a common reflection on the current situation and needs for both youth and the sports movement today. This brainstorm led to the creation of a tool-kit; "I am a sports person, but also a volunteer in my club" targeted to youth ranging from school students to university. This tool-kit elaborated not only on what volunteering is but additionally, offered an insight into the different tasks and levels a young individual could contribute to. This tool kit is accompanied by a pedagogical support document to be as user friendly as possible. The kit was presented and is disseminated in a variety of meetings and schools sports conferences in the hope to develop an even wider Volunteering Culture in France and Sports.

In addition, the French CNOSF with the youth commission contributed to a full day of panel debates around volunteering during the "volunteering caravane" which traveled around Europe. This day dedicated to sports and volunteering looked at issues around, youth, gender, disability, inclusion and access to volunteering in France and extended the debate to wider Europe. Overall a very successful day which brought, practitioners, leaders and politicians to enter into a trans-generational dialogue around the common barriers and solutions to volunteering in sports in



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Europe.

Even though volunteering is not a punctual action and demands long term commitment, strategy and initiatives, the focus of a European Year of Volunteering offered within the French Youth and Sport movement a valuable space for both reflection and dialogue.

Dutch Holidays with Humanitas, The Netherlands

Written by Solidar



Volunteers at Humanitas, in the Netherlands, organize holiday weeks for children who do not get that opportunity in their own families.



CSVnet organised the Italian launching conference of EYV 2011

Written by CEV - European Volunteer Center



CEV member organisation CSVnet was among the organisers of the Italian launching conference of the European Year of Volunteering 2011, held in Venice on 31st March – 1st April 2011. On the first conference day, 5 working groups discussed different issues related to volunteering, namely: subsidiarity, EU 2020, support policies, active citizenship, and youth and participation. The working groups were composed of representatives from various stakeholders including the volunteering and third sectors, public institutions, private companies, research centres and foundations. Participants, from Italy and other European countries, exchanged their opinions with the view to ultimately formulating concrete proposals regarding the position of volunteering in the mentioned topics. The second conference day was open to the broader public and provided an overview of volunteering in different European countries, with representatives from Scotland, Germany, Slovenia and Portugal presenting their organisations and the reality of volunteering in their countries. At the end of the day the final statements of the working groups were presented. During the conference, an appeal for solidarity, tolerance and hospitality was also addressed to the European Union, the Italian Government and the Italian society, in relation to the social emergency due to the arrival of thousands of immigrants on the island of Lampedusa. Finally, the Italian Minister for Labour and Social Affairs closed the Conference with a speech tackling some hot topics currently under discussion between the Ministry and volunteering sector. For more information, you can visit the dedicated Italian civil society website on the EYV 2011, which contains the material related to the Conference.

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European Youth Forum - WORKING GROUP ON VOLUNTEERING

Written by YFJ - European Youth Forum



This Working Group meeting aimed at developing a the draft outline for the Charter on the Rights and Responsibilities of Volunteers, on bases on the European framework for the rights of the volunteer, in consideration of the outcomes of the YFJ data collection on Volunteering, to be presented and discussed during the Policy Commission at the YFJ spring COMEM 2011. The outcome of the debate was the foundation for the first draft Charter, that was open for consultation of Members, Civil Society Partners and Institutions. (16/17 April 2011, 120, Rue Joseph II, 1000 Brussels)

Swedish Red Cross launches volunteer blog

Written by Red Cross - EU Office



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Red Cross volunteers from all over the country and active in different sections of Red Cross launched a special blog written by volunteers. They describe their voluntary work on a daily basis and engagement in Red Cross life.

<http://www.frivilligbloggen.se>

Red Cross says "thank you" to volunteers

Written by Red Cross - EU Office



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The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement publicly thank their 13 million active volunteers who do an outstanding job every day of the year saying that these volunteers are the power of humanity and make the world a better place. In the run-up to 8 May, the ICRC has posted a selection of photos to say "thank you" and highlight the work of Red Cross and Red Crescent volunteers round the world.



<http://www.icrc.org/eng/resources/documents/photo-gallery/8th-may-photos-2011.htm>

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EYV 2011 Alliance member organisations featured in European Commission stockshots (Part 1)

Written by EYV 2011 Alliance



On the occasion of the EYV 2011 launch in Italy the Audio Visual team at the European Commission, EbS have made available volunteering stockshots featuring volunteers from Alliance member organizations to be used free of charge by journalists reporting on volunteering during 2011 and beyond.

[Watch the stockshots](#) and [download the script](#).

[See document](#)



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