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Home finances and administration with Humanitas, The Netherlands

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Volunteers at Dutch association Humanitas supporting and teaching people to independently manage their home finances and administration.



Villaggio Solidale: the first Italian fair on volunteering

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4 days, more than 9.000 attendees, 143 speakers, 33 cultural events! These are a few numbers that demonstrate well the great success of the first Italian fair "Villaggio Solidale" (Solidarity Village), organised by CSVnet member, CNV Lucca, on 17th-20th February in Lucca. The aim of the fair was to draw the attention of citizens, volunteers, voluntary organisations, third sector organisations and public authorities on the crucial moment that EYV 2011 represents for many of us. Following a video message from Marian Harkin, reiterating the commitment of the European Parliament in this regard, the Italian MEPs Silvia Costa and Gianni Pittella provided more details about the institutional efforts and the precise objectives to be reached in the coming years, including a White Paper on Volunteering. Luca Jahier from the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) underlined EESC's support to the set-up of an enabling environment for volunteering. Renzo Razzano, CEV Vice-president, delivered a speech on volunteering and communication. Among the discussions, the outcomes of the economic crisis on welfare systems and society, causing among others the misuse of the third sector and volunteer effort, social exclusion and conflicts, were thoroughly discussed. In this context, volunteering appears to be a possible way for actively reacting and directing social and economic changes.



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Portuguese Red Cross - Video clip with testimonies by volunteers

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This is a video clip presenting statements by several Volunteers with Portuguese Red Cross who talk about their motivations, their activities, about solidarity and the benefit from being engaged in humanitarian action...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YLK-9QGDLG4>

Volonteurope Seminar Series: the Value of Volunteering

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The Volonteurope Secretariat recently held two consultative seminars on the Value of Volunteering, delivered in the framework of the European Year of Volunteering 2011. The seminars (in Prague, run jointly with our Czech member Hestia; and in London) progressed the call on Member State Governments and EU institutions to take volunteering seriously and recognise it as a strategic response in economic and social terms, as well as a driver of civic engagement. The speakers included a range of leading representatives from EU institutions, European and national NGOs and social enterprises. The departure point for the seminars, as well as Volonteurope's ongoing work in recognising the value of volunteering, is the recently-published 'Review on the Value of Volunteering' - available for downloading by following the link on the right-hand side. Read the Volonteurope Reviews "The Value of Volunteering"

<http://www.eyv2011.eu/resources-library/item/260-volonteurope-reviews-the-value-of-volunteering-volonteurope-2011>

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