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YES 2008 - Migration—Living Diversity



As in previous years, the Young Europeans' Seminar (YES) 2008 took place in Werbellinsee, Germany. The seminar lasted for 5 days (27 June - 1 July) and gathered some 450 YFU exchange students returning from an intra-European exchange year.

Workshops

The participants had the chance to participate in different kinds of workshops of which some - the so-called mind workshops - were directly related to the topic of the YES: 'Migration - Living Diversity', and had a more educational outline, while others - the body workshops - provided them with a space for being active and creative within and beyond the topic and for getting to know the other YES participants better and learning from each other.

The wide range of mind workshops on the YES 2008 included topics like the integration of migrants, the human rights aspect to migration or the history of migration.

The mind workshops were complemented by lots of interesting body workshops such as 'Dance Diversity' or a workshop on trust games.



The migration experience

The YES also witnessed a premiere! For the first time there was a simulation game organised on the topic of the seminar. The game was called "The migration experience" and was an obligatory activity on the schedule of each participant. It was aimed at fostering greater understanding on the process of migration and at making

clear the difference between refugees and other types of immigrants. During the game some of the students acted as migrants who wanted to leave their war-torn native country, the fictional *Ramus* and immigrate to *Sumra*, a peaceful, also fictional, neighbouring country with better living conditions, while other students assumed other roles like those of border guards or officers in *Sumra's* immigration office.



Leaving home - Going home

One of the purposes of the YES is to give the participants the opportunity to stay in a neutral place for some time before going back to their home country. This allows them time to reflect upon their experiences gained throughout the last year while exploring their feelings about leaving one home and returning to another. Therefore, one of the obligatory sessions of the schedule for all participants was the 'Leaving Home' and 'Going Home' session. These sessions were facilitated by YFU alumni from their respective host and home countries.



Plenary Sessions

Each day was started and concluded with a plenary session for all students which were moderated by the hosts Peter Bekes and Bianca Gaman, representing YFU Hungary and YFU Romania, the content organisations for the YES 2008. During the plenaries the participants learned about migration and YFU, but also got practical information and enjoyed the fun parts of the programme.

YES Parliament

On the last day of the YES 2008, the YES Parliament convened, where the YES participants represented their host countries. There they discussed various views and different policy approaches to immigration and integration.

Thank You!

EEE-YFU wants to thank the international organising team, YFU Hungary and YFU Romania who were responsible for the content of the YES 2008 as well as to YFU Germany who took good care of the logistics and last but not least to more than 100 European YFU volunteers without whom the YES 2008 would not have been possible.

For more information on the YES 2008, please see <http://www.yfu-yes.org>.



European Parliament wants to make it youthful! Written declaration on youth gains enough signatures!

On the 10th of July, the European Youth Forum (YFJ) was successful in gathering 427 signatures for the written declaration on youth: "devoting more attention to youth empowerment in EU policies" in the European Parliament session in Strasbourg, France. The YFJ has been gathering MEP signatures since April and have now reached the quota needed for the declaration to go to the European Commission.

The declaration sets out that the European Commission should develop a strategy on how to involve youth in all policy areas relevant to young people - that is, that youth issues be mainstreamed through the EU's policies.

How was it adopted?: The adoption of the written declaration is a reflection of the strong lobbying efforts put forward by the European Youth Forum (YFJ). The YFJ proposed the declaration in the European Parliament in April having worked on the issue since before 2006, and continued its work by promoting it through its "Make it youthful"-campaign.

At least 50% of the Members of the European Parliament (MEPs), i.e. almost 400 MEPs, have to sign a written declaration in order to make it go further in the decision process. Being put forward in late April by five MEPs from different countries and different political fractions (Marie-Hélène Descamps (EPP-

ED, France), Ramona Nicole Manescu (ALDE, Romania), Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou (EPP-ED, Greece), Christa Prets (PES, Austria) and Bart Staes (Greens/EFA, Belgium)) this declaration is still open for signatures until 24 July 2008, but already now reached enough support among the European parliamentarians for it to go further.

What does the declaration mean?: The paper aims at incorporating the rights and views of young people in Europe into all new European legislation proposals concerning youth and children. These policy fields are: education and lifelong learning, employment, social integration, health, youth autonomy, mobility, fundamental rights and non-discrimination. Young people are a group that have often been neglected in policy making outside youth policy and the written declaration aims at a more horizontal approach, i.e. including them in the policy debate in other areas. It is based on the EU White Paper on Youth, adopted in 2001 (see link below), and calls upon the European Commission to hear and seriously consider young people's opinions in the fields mentioned. It suggests reaching this by ensuring ongoing structured dialogue and consultation between youth organisations representing European youth and the European institutions on new policies in all fields that affect young people.

Read the Written Declaration at <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//NONSGML+WDECL+P6-DCL-2008-0033+0+DOC+PDF+V0//EN&language=EN>.

The White Paper on Youth from 2001 is available for download from http://ec.europa.eu/youth/archive/whitepaper/download/whitepaper_en.pdf.



Update on Individual Pupil Mobility, IPM

Submission of the final report

On 2 June 2008 EEE-YFU together with the European Federation for Intercultural Learning (EFIL), submitted its final report on the Individual Pupil Mobility Pilot (IPM) Project to the European Commission. The report is a culmination of the work carried out on the project since it began in 2006.

Being long time experts in the exchange of secondary school students across Europe and around the world, several European YFU and AFS organisations were involved in carrying out pilot exchanges for the European Commission between 2007 and 2008. The results of the pilot will aid the Commission in devising its own long-term student exchange scheme under the Comenius programme, which will be launched in 2010.

IPM Meeting for YFU organisations

On May 17, two weeks prior to the submission of the final report, EEE-YFU held a meeting for representatives from European YFU organisations on the IPM in Brussels. The meeting aimed at updating the YFU community in Europe on the current status of the project while discussing with the organisations present how they foresaw their involvement with the scheme once launched in 2010.

A briefing note was circulated to all YFU organisations, shortly after the meeting, useful for both those organisations present and those unable to attend.

Many of the NOs are now in the process of assessing the IPM situation in their respective countries and establishing contacts to important partners on the programme.

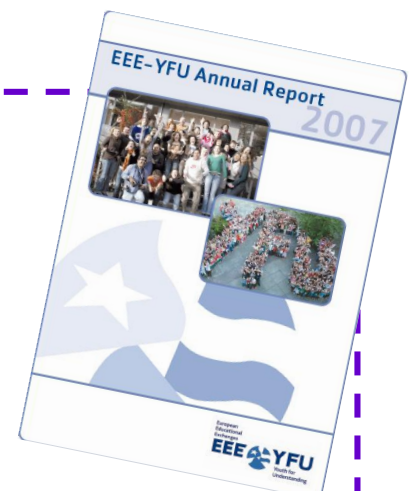
The European Conference, which will be held in the Netherlands in the end of October 2008, will again provide a space for IPM to be discussed in more detail among the YFU community.

The EEE-YFU Annual Report 2007 is now out!

You can download the Report from here:

http://www.eee-yfu.org/download/EEE_YFU_AnnualReport2007.pdf

Alternatively you can email intern@eee-yfu.org with your mailing address for a hard copy version.



Internship possibility in EEE-YFU

EEE-YFU is looking for an intern for a period of 3 months, starting in September 2008, to be based in EEE-YFU's office in Brussels, Belgium.

Tasks of the intern would include:

- Preparing the monthly newsletter
- Updating the website
- Assisting the director in her tasks

Position Appeal:

- Assist in day to day running of the office of an international Youth organisation
- Attend meetings on European youth policy issues
- Gain valuable experience in general office-related work in a European environment
- Possibility to gain insight in European youth structures and YFU operations.
- Attendance of conferences and seminars when relevant
- Opportunity to work in a European level organisation

Intern profile:

- YFU-experience (volunteer or returnee)
- Likes administrative work
- Good command of English , French an asset
- computer literate
- Able to work independently
- Willingness to learn
- Flexible, enthusiastic and sociable

Conditions: The intern will pay his or her own travel from home country to Belgium. We will cover all work-related travel expenses. The intern must find their own accommodation in Brussels. EEE-YFU will provide an accommodation allowance of up to 400euro per month. In addition, the intern will receive an allowance of 300euro per month for their personal use. Medical and liability insurance have to be taken care of by the intern themselves.

Applications should include a letter of motivation and CV. Please send your application to intern@eee-yfu.org by **6 August 2008 at the latest**. For questions or information about the internship just send an e-mail to the same address.

Calls for participation

In this section you can find calls for events in which you as a volunteer can get involved either by participating in seminars and trainings and learning about and contributing to a certain topic, or - if you are already more experienced - by acting as an organiser and/or trainer to pass on your knowledge and experience.

University on Youth and Development 2008

Call for participants - “Seminar on Youth and the Alliance of Civilisations”; Mollina, Spain; 15-17 September 2008

The European Youth Forum (YFJ) and the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC) in cooperation with the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe and the Youth Partnership between the CoE and the EU are organising a seminar on Youth and the Alliance of Civilisations in the framework of the 2008 edition of the University on Youth and Development. The event will bring together young people from different backgrounds to discuss and tackle different aspects of intercultural dialogue and mutual learning through an interactive approach. It aims at exploring and discussing different approaches to intercultural dialogue in special regards to how these could be implemented in the Alliance of Civilisations' initiative.

Profile of participants: Participants should have good knowledge of practices in strengthening intercultural dialogue; knowledge of the Alliance of Civilizations would be an asset. They need to have some experience in projects dealing with intercultural dialogue and intercultural learning and have to be committed to prepare and actively take part in the meeting. Fluency in English is required as it will be the working language of the Seminar.

Potential value for YFU: The seminar will - as well as the University on Youth and Development in general - be a great opportunity to network and exchange views, experience and practice on how to strengthen intercultural dialogue through youth work. It would increase the visibility of YFU as an organisation that is devoted to intercultural dialogue, which is interesting especially since ideas and conclusions resulting from the meeting will give input to the messages that will be conveyed to the 2nd Annual Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations which is becoming an increasingly important global actor.

For further information and a detailed call please contact intern@eee-yfu.org. The deadline for sending in your application is 21 July 2008.

European Citizenship training courses 2008/09

From September 2008 to May 2009, another series of six training courses on European Citizenship will constitute a great opportunity for youth workers and youth leaders. The training courses will be held at different locations all around Europe, while the curriculum will be the same for all of them.

ECTC-IS in Iceland,	29 September - 5 October 2008	(deadline: 15 August 2008)
ECTC-ES in Spain,	26 January - 1 February 2009	(deadline: 15 December 2008)
ECTC-BE/FL in Belgium (Flanders),	9-15 March 2009	(deadline: 26 January 2009)
ECTC-RO in Romania,	30 March - 5 April 2009	(deadline: 16 February 2009)
ECTC-UK in the United Kingdom,	4-10 May 2009	(deadline: 6 April 2009)

Participation will be free of charge for the selected participants (travel, visa and accommodation costs will be covered by the Partnership of the Council of Europe and the European Commission and/or the National Agencies, depending on your country of origin).

The deadlines mentioned above are for applicants from Youth in Action Programme Countries (EU + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway & Turkey).

Note! The deadline for applicants from South East Europe, Eastern Europe and Caucasus for all the training has passed on 30 June 2008.

More information on the courses and the application process is available under:

<http://www.training-youth.net/europeancitizenship>

Call for trainers - “European Youth Week”; Brussels; 1-6 Nov 2008

The European Youth Forum is looking for trainers for the European Youth Week 2008 which will be organised by the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium. The event will bring together approximately 200 young people from the EU and other countries as well as around 30 young journalists. After working on specific topics in Working Groups, the participants of the Youth Week will get a chance to debate with the President and Members of the European Commission and senior representatives from other European institutions.

The selected trainers will mainly do facilitation of Working Groups, as well as moderate discussions and facilitate groups to work on the conclusions/resolutions on the relevant issues.

Profile of trainers: Trainers should have experience of working with/facilitating large groups individually, in a European/international environment, previous experience of facilitating EU Youth Events is an asset. They have to be able to work well under pressure and need excellent communication skills as well as an excellent command of English and the ability to work well in a team. Good knowledge and understanding of the European Institutions and of European Youth Policy issues and the role of Youth organisations and the European Youth Forum is highly recommended. The trainers are expected to participate at the preparatory meeting to be held on 18-19 of September in Brussels.

For further information on the requirements and on how to apply, please contact intern@eee-yfu.org. Applications have to be sent to the European Youth Forum by 28 July 2008 at the latest.

Upcoming events and deadlines for EEE-YFU

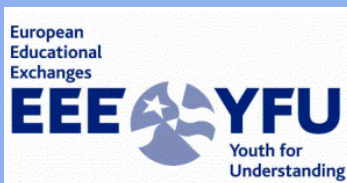
Activity	Eligible	Apply to/ with	Deadline
“Seminar on Youth and the Alliance of Civilisations”; 15-17 September; Mollina, Spain	volunteers from youth organisations	EEE-YFU	21 July 2008
Training Course for Youth Leaders on Cultural Diversity; 14-21 September 2008; Mollina, Spain	volunteers from youth organisations, youth workers, youth leaders	Jenny Hennecke, EEE-YFU	closed
FEULAT training; 14-21 September 2008 & FEULAT political; 17-21 September 2008; Mollina, Spain	volunteers from youth organisations		closed
Seminar, “Youth Exchanges, key players in promoting intercultural dialogue”; 18-20 September 2008; Mollina, Spain	volunteers from youth organisations		closed
ALERT—Representative Training for EEE-YFU representatives, end-November 2008; Brussels, Belgium	present and future EEE-YFU representatives	EEE-YFU	to be announced
Funding Source	Eligible	Apply to/with	Deadline
European Commission: Youth in Action Programme	National Organisations (project start: 01/12/08–30/04/09)	National Agency	1 September 2008
	EEE-YFU (project start: 01/03/09–31/07/09)	EACEA	1 September 2008
Council of Europe, European Youth Foundation Grant categories A and B	EEE-YFU	EYF	1 October 2008

Do you have ideas, suggestions, themes you would like to see explored further in the next EEE-YFU newsletter?

Then please send your suggestions to intern@eee-yfu.org!

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About us!

In 1985 EEE-YFU was founded as an umbrella organisation for national YFU organisations based in Europe. Our aims are to:

- promote intercultural exchange programmes in Europe
- heighten EEE-YFU's visibility and activity on the European level
- organise trainings for YFU staff and volunteers
- provide financial and administrative services to our members
- facilitate intra-European activities such as seminars, meetings and conferences on various topics, ranging from "Europe and Islam" to "Conflict management" and "Intercultural learning".

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Common Abbreviations

AC	Advisory Council on Youth (Council of Europe)
CDEGJ	Steering committee on Youth in the Directorate of Youth and Sports of the Council of Europe
CoE	Council of Europe, intergovernmental organisation of 47 countries with the secretariat based in Strasbourg, France
COMEM	Council of Members of the YFJ, taking place every 6 months
DG EAC	EU Commission Directorate-General for Education and Culture
DYS	Directorate of Youth and Sports of the Council of Europe
EC	European Conference for YFU European organisations
EC	European Commission
EP	European Parliament
EYC	European Youth Centre of the Directorate of Youth and Sport, Council of Europe
EYF	European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe
EYID	European Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008
GA	General Assembly of the European Youth Forum
GM	General Meeting of EEE-YFU
INGYO	International Non-Governmental Youth Organisations
IPM	Individual Pupil Mobility (Comenius sub programme of European Commission)
IS	International Secretariat (of YFU)
MEP	Member of the European Parliament
MO	Member Organization (of EEE-YFU as well as of the European Youth Forum or others)
NYC	National Youth Councils
NFE	Non-Formal Education
NO	National Organisation (YFU)
PC	Programming Committee on Youth (of the Directorate of Youth and Sports of the Council of Europe)
POT	Pool of Trainers (European Youth Forum)
YFJ	Youth Forum Jeunesse (European Youth Forum)
YiA	Youth in Action Programme of the European Commission