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1. Hudební projekt, Spojené království Velké Británie a Severního Irska

Question: I am looking to make links with music project by young people in Europe. I manage a promotion organisation to promote music by young people in the U.K.

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Heard About Eurodesk: Search Engine

Region: England

Thanks and regards,

Patrick Klein

2. Výměna mládeže

We are an informal group of young people coming from Silla, Valencia. We are planning an exchange according to Action 1.1 named "CULTURA JOVEN: EL ARTE Y EL DEPORTE" that is going to take place during the local festival, from the 2nd-9th of August. This project pretends to fuse traditional playgrounds and sports with modern art.

Target group:

-aged between 20-25

-Slovenia, Lithuania and 3 EU members

-6 people per country.

Deadline application: **22nd JANUARY!** (send your part III to the address below)

So if you are interested in sharing your views, meeting us and learning about our language and culture, come into contact with us.

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3. Výměna mládeže, Řecko

Dear Friends,

We are an informal group of young people coming from Patras, Greece. Our group is called 'Cleopatra' and consists of about 20 young people aged between 13 and 25 years old. The members of our group deal with topics regarding social problems, equality of sexes/genders, racism, xenophobia, the cultural heritage of our country, the protection of the environment and others.

We would like to participate in Action 1-Youth for Europe of the Youth in Action Programme. Specifically, we are interested in taking part in trilateral or multilateral European programme of activities within the framework of Action 1.1 Youth Exchanges. Specifically the topic of our project is "**Promoting healthy lifestyles through physical activities including sport and healthy diet habits.**"(with a possibility of extending or even changing it) So if you are interested in sharing your views on mutual interest topics with us, meeting us and learning about our language and culture, come into contact with us.

We are looking forward to hearing from you asap.

Yours truly,

The informal group of young people from Patras,
'Cleopatra'

PS: Our Contact Youth Worker is Voula Karamanou (teacher in the 6th Vocational Lyceum of Patras). My e-mail is vkaramanou@yahoo.gr

4. Partner pro environmentální projekt, Ukrajina

Dear friends!

Ecocentre of Rivne Youth and Children Palace greets you.

We are searching partners for environmental protection projects in programmer «Youth in Action».

We have rather big experience in environmental education, in supporting natural reserves, in scientific researches of various ecosystem, in youth and children environmental camps, in city-landscape designing and in having good time together!

We are ready to share our experience and to learn smith new in this sphere and to have common projects and actions on the topics.

We are open to new ideas and suggestions. Looking forward to your answer.

Irina Kurochenko, Varvara Ryskova.

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5. Projekt Comenius Regio, Rumunsko

Hello, partners!

We are from the "Mihai Eminescu" High School of Bacau, Romania.

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We would like to get involved in a Comenius Regio partnership. Our school has students aged between 14 to 19. There is also a postliceal nursing school in which students learn for 3 years to become nurses.

We are looking for a similar school in another European country to write a Comenius Regio partnership together. Comenius regio projects are quite new and we would like to be among the first ones to implement this new type of projects. The main purpose is to make an exchange of ideas and good practices between two similar regions of Europe. The local community and authorities are also involved in the project. They will actually be the coordinators of the project in which we will be partners.

Looking forward to an answer from a future partner,

Andrioaie Ana-Maria

deputy headmaster of the "Mihai Eminescu" High School of Baca

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6. Výměna mládeže, Španělsko

SOWING EUROPE

Action 1.1 deadline: **1st. February** - 3-10 August 2009 Carrión de los Condes (Palencia-Castilla y León- SPAIN)

1. Context

This International action is an initiative of the Youth House of Village Council of Carrión de los Condes (Palencia, Castilla y León).

Our Village is situated in the north of Spain. Now it has got 2.312 inhabitants, 506 youth people between 12 and 30 years old. Our village is a strategic point of "Saint James' Way". This is a historic way of pilgrimage, and it's "First European Cultural Itinerary". The economy is based mainly in social services and tourist, with establishment and little business and factories, but in a area with very important agriculture.

There is an important participation of youth people through The Youth Center of the Village Council and different Associations.

2. Objectives

- Favour intercultural relations between European Youth.
- Foment and sensitivity with other cultures and traditions the environment.
- Promote the contact with nature and a respectful attitude towards environment.
- Contribute to the maintenance of customs and traditions of the rural world of a nature form.

3. Schedule

Every group will participate with 8 youth people and a responsible monitor. (6 + 1) They must prepare an activity about respect by nature and environment. During all project the youth people of Carrión it will prepare activities about environment, and a day the rest of the groups carry a activity about environment too.

4. Profile of participants: From 14 until 19 years old.

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Before to choose to the groups, these must send us information graphic, power point, video and documentation about every one of environment or nature.

5. Application: Next **deadline 1st . February.**

6. Languages: English and Spanish.

The Interested people can contact with us, Centro Juvenil del Ayuntamiento de Carrión de los Condes. Pl/ Mayor, 1 34120

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7. Projekt o zdravém životním stylu , Maďarsko

Joining request:

For a multilateral project made by Hungarian university students with the sponsoring of the European Union.

The name of the project: Lifestyle suggestions

Planned date: 22nd June 2009 – 6th July 2009

Time span: 13 days without travelling

Location: Vásárosnamény (www.turistaszallo-vasarosnameny.hu)

The planned date of the preparatory meeting: 1th – 3rd May 2009

The organizing group's name: OPEN YOUTH

contact keeper: Lippai János

cell: 0036-30-655-0012

e-mail address: halip@citromail.hu

During the project we, the young (the age-group of 14-26) get to know the cultural specialities of each other's nationality (for example during the national introducing evenings organized by the groups, the national dinner cooking afternoons and while working up the themes), practice English language (the work language is English), make the friendship between the young persons of the European nationalities stronger, get more tolerant for other cultures, their responsibility intensify, they take part in the public life concerning the problems of the whole European youth.

During the program they get to know the healthy lifestyle, discuss their opinions and compile a guide, a pack of suggestions for the youth of Europe that they publish on a homepage made by them.

The project concerns these themes:

- Eating habits, right nourishment
- Fast food
- Analeptics, speeds, energy drinks, refreshments
- Stimulating drugs (alcohol, drugs, coffee, tea)

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- Additives, colorings
- Consuming trends
- Genetically manipulated foodstuffs
- Home sports
- Hiking
- Application opportunities for sport programs, YOUTH program
- Cheap leisure time activities
- Public life & sport (trip-trend suggestions, designation of forest resting-places, using unused buildings for sport, etc.)
- Making contact with civilian organizations, presenting suggestions to local councils and establishments, addressing to an M.P. and requesting for sponsoring, looking for sponsors, etc.

Our planned productions:

Make a daily prandial calorie chart

Make up a two-weeks-long healthy diet

Design and spread posters and handouts about healthy nourishment, home exercising, hiking, team sports...

- For changing our eating habits
- Encouraging for hiking
- Encouraging for mass sport

Cheap sports' collection

Suggestions for hiking and/or bicycle tour paths

Skill competitions

Make a methodological guide book for example for a sport day

Make a biofood grower and seller catalogue

Should-I-Eat-it list

Etc.

8. Partner pro festivalový projekt, Rumunsko

The Young European Association Calarasi 2007 from Romania wants to apply for an art festival project (theater, music, dance). The festival will include artists, youth, disabled people. They want to organise the festival in Romania, but they are open to participate in other countries, as well.

Those interested should contact Cecilia Stoian to share ideas.

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phone: 0040729733817

Deadline: **25th January 2009**

Kind regards,

Mihaela

9. Výměna mládeže, Portugalsko

We are pleased to announce the Youth Exchange (Action 1.1) "MY LITTLE TOWN".

"MY LITTLE TOWN" is a youth exchange inspired by the book of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry "The Little Prince" and is focused in art, culture and nature, and also is inspired in its good values as well.

The main goal of this exchange is to promote youth participation, enabling participants to share experiences in small group activities, to share common European values, above of all, share Friendship.

After this experience, the youngsters should be aware of the importance of their individual role in community and in our planet. With the strength of young people we can be able to repair a world that adults leave in bad conditions. The youth of our world must make the difference... for a better world.

NOTE: The project will take place in Summer 2009, but is important for you to send already all your documents (FAX and ORIGINAL), because we will apply in **1st February deadline**.

Montijo – Portugal

General information

Partners: 6 countries

Duration: 9 days

Age of participants: 18-30 years old (suggested)

Number of participants: 5 + 1 leader

Finance: according to Youth Programme, 100% of the accommodation, food and local transports expenses in Montijo and 70% of the travelling expenses are covered by the project. For youngsters with special needs we will provide an additional support once proposed during the application procedures.

We will apply next deadline, **1st February**. If you are interested in becoming participant in this exchange, please fill in the Partnership agreement - Part III (see attach), and send it back to us on fax number +351 21 232 78 85 **not later than 25th January**, and send us also the original by post to the address announced in this call.

Please indicate the name of the participant, date of birth, spoken languages and the estimated travel costs from the origin countries to Lisbon airport.

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For more information please contact:

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10. Výměna mládeže, Rakousko

The "ecological village" in Styria is planning a youth exchange about ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT AND SUSTAINABILITY IN PRACTICE.

Time of the exchange: End of June 2009

Time of the 2-days-advanced planning visit: May 2009

We are looking for three partnergroups from all YIA-programme countries. The group should be 4 participants and 1 group leader, age 19 - 25. The group leader can be older than 25.

Of course it is still open for your suggestions!

We would be very happy if you participate actively, also in the planning phase!!

We will apply with **1st February**, so please contact us as soon as possible.

Costs should be covered by YOUTH IN ACTION, travel costs will be 30% (70% are covered)

Youth Exchange Programme KEIMBLATT OEKODORF

exploring sustainable ways of living:

how to think globally and act locally –

steps into a smaller ecological footprint

Time: 15. May – 22. May 2009

Place: House Sunshine, Riegersburg, Austria, project Center of KEIMBLATT OEKODORF

Host: KEIMBLATT OEKODORF: <http://www.oekodorf.or.at/>

Youths: from four different countries (including Austria), age between 19 and 25

SHORT DESCRIPTION:

During the 8 days the participants develop skills and knowledge about sustainable alternative ways of living.

The group will form a kind of temporarily intentional community. Communication tools will be highlighted and attention will be drawn on group processes and sharing of feelings, in order to build the foundation of an self-enrichening exchange.

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The workshops will be given on the basis of shared decision making and enactive learning. There will be also made extensive use of games, role play, and world café and open space technique.

The programm will consist out of tools and knowledge about sustainable ways of living: on the one hand a theoretical understanding of global energy situation will together be worked out, on the other hand concrete examples of possible changes will be explored.

After the youth exchange the participants will have an deeper understanding about sustainability, alternative movements and will be able to build, plan and evaluate alternative living solutions. The course will empower the participants to use those skills and enhance sustainability also in their home towns.

PROGRAMM OVERVIEW:

DAY 1: WELCOME

getting to know each other through games and talks, exploring expectations and setting personal goals, KEIMLBATT OEKODORF welcome and first exploration of the project center and area.

DAY 2: COMMUNICATION

- How do we communicate? how do we want to communicate? exploring ways of communication techniques.
- What do you need for living in a community? (workgroups, and then open discussion)
- Making decisions in consensus, group discussion and facilitators
- Reflecting on Findhorn-Community rules and setting own rules for the following week. (How do we want to communicate and live with each other during this course?)
- Installing an evaluation circle at the end of the day: sharing feelings and thoughts

DAY 3: SUSTAINABILITY

- What is sustainability?
- Why do we need sustainability?
- How can we reach sustainability?
- Introduction of concept of Ecological Footprint
- the participants will analyse and calculate their own footprints, help each other with evaluating their personal styles of living and ideas how to enhance sustainability

DAY 4: HANDS ON

- groups are formed and several ecological constructions and skills will be learned (building clay-oven, planting, seeding, cultivating mushrooms)... the construction of those things will go on during the next days, so that the groups can teach each other new learnt skills
- the KEIMBLATT team will support the ideas of the participants

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DAY 5: FOOD

- reflecting on food
- what qualities of food are important?
- planning and making a "worldmeal"
- visiting the ecological and fair-trade chocolate factory ZOTTER

DAY 6: FORMULATING THE VISION

- how can you make your own home more sustainable
- what do you need therefor and how can you get that
- how can the EU help you
- world café of ideas how to reach higher sustainability
- going on with HANDS-ON project

DAY 7: CONNECTING, EMPOWERMENT

- connecting the ideas
- according to the wishes of the participants different focuses can be laid on this day, in order to empower to make changes
- personal strenghts

DAY 8: REFLEXION

- what have you learned
- have you reached your personal gains
- what has happened in the group and why
- future

TYPICAL DAYSCHEDULE

07.30 – Yoga optional

08.00 – Breakfast (45 min)

09.00 – 12.30: activating game, dayplanning, workshops

12.30 – 13.30: lunch

13.30 – 15.00: silent lunch break: ev. walk, mediation, ...

15.00 – 18.00: workshops

18.00 – 18.30: evaluation of the day

18.30 – 19.30: dinner

20.00: evening program

>7 hours of „workhops“ every day

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METHODS:

- games: in order to get activated, but also in order to think on another level
- role games
- open discussions
- world café
- having walks together > meditative or with a certain focus
- working out topics on your own/ in groups
- open space
- presenting topics to each other
- teaching each other

VENUE:

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11. Výměna mládeže, Bulharsko

Dear partners,

I hope the New 2009 Year brought you more positive, challenging and fruitful moments!:)

I would like to invite you to participate in a multilateral exchange under "Youth in Action" Program, Action 1.1, aiming to meet volunteers' working with vulnerable groups and children at risk from "closed" institutions. The main idea of the project became a necessity because of the gained experience of our volunteers, who have been working for more than 6 years on BBBS Program, as a preventive one regarding violence and abuse among children.

The volunteers participating in the project are not only friends to the children, but also serve as their consultants and role models for positive behaviour. The mentoring relationships in the institutions, the specific way of organizing the activities, as well as the discussions between the big and little friends are unique for the BBBS Program. This is especially true in the "School for deaf children" where older students from the school serve as volunteers to help mediate between the smaller children from the school and the volunteers.

So, we would like to meet these volunteers with other foreign ones, having similar experience.

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I will really appreciate if an organization, working on the abovementioned fields, contact me, in order to discuss further project steps.

Wish you all the best and I'm waiting for any comments!

Please, do not hesitate to contact me, if you need any further information!

Regards,

Nina Laskova

/Network Manager/

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12. Mezinárodní filmový festival Human Rights Watch, USA

09 Human Rights Watch International Film Festival

New York | June 12 - June 25

YOUTH PRODUCING CHANGE

CALL FOR YOUTH MEDIA SUBMISSIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

***Deadline for submissions: EXTENDED TO JANUARY 16, 2009**

The Human Rights Watch International Film Festival in partnership with Adobe Youth Voices seeks youth-produced media works on human rights issues* for its second annual YOUTH PRODUCING CHANGE program to screen in our New York, London, Boston and San Francisco film festivals in 2009-10. YOUTH PRODUCING CHANGE provides a platform for youth to share their perspectives with audiences worldwide. We want media works on human rights issues created by youth ages 19 and younger!!! SUBMIT TODAY!

To submit projects, all you have to do is email the following information to leed@hrw.org:

- Director (or production group/community organization) name
- Names and ages of all filmmakers at the time of production
- Film Title
- Film synopsis (a paragraph summary describing the subject matter of the film).
- Filmmaker bio (or a brief description of the producing organization).
- Genre: Tell us if the film is a documentary, PSA, animation, experimental film, fiction or narrative.

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- Country where the film was produced
- Year of production
- Film's running time

Complete contact information for the person(s) who is (are) submitting, and is (are) ultimately responsible for the film (name, website, email address, mailing address and phone number).

After reviewing submitted info, we will contact you for screener(s). Additionally, please read through our submission guidelines for detailed information on how we review submissions and make selections:

<http://www.hrwgraphics.com/filmfestival/download/CallForSubmissions2008.pdf>

(5 page PDF guideline/ submission instructions)

*Please send us your original films on equality, civil rights, children's rights, politics, women's rights, international justice, HIV/AIDS, the environment, Lesbian/ Gay/ Bisexual/ Transgender rights, health, the environment, war and conflict, freedom of expression, counterterrorism, gender, refugees, immigration, economic, social, and cultural rights. To learn more about human rights, please visit our website: <http://www.hrw.org/>

13. Hledají se čeští a zahraniční facilitátoři!

Dear Trainers,

The Czech Presidency of the EU Council is planning to organise a three day Youth Event focusing on the evaluation of the framework of European cooperation and future challenges in the youth field. For this occasion we search for 10 facilitators.

The Youth Event will be focused not only on evaluating of what happened in the youth field in last years, but it will focus mainly on sharing of good practice in different fields of youth work. There are five main topics to be discussed during the Youth Event:

- Voluntary activities;
- Information for young people;
- Youth participation;
- Better understanding of youth;
- Future challenges in the youth field.

The Youth Event will take place in different settings – there will be parts in plenum, parts in smaller working groups (about 25 people) and a part where young people will have opportunity to meet with the DGs (Directors General responsible for youth). More about it can be found in the programme part.

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The event will take place in Prague, Czech Republic, from 2nd till 5th June. The facilitators are expected to arrive one day ahead (1st June) and leave on the 5th June.

Preparatory meeting will take place in Prague from 17th till 19th April.

Who will be the participants of this event?

Participants will be young people from all EU Member States and from the EU Candidate countries (Croatia, Turkey and Macedonia) and EFTA countries. Representatives of international youth organizations will be invited to join the event as well.

Programme of the event

The main outline programme for the event is the following:

- Tuesday, 2nd June – Arrival;
- Wednesday, 3rd June – Plenary session, division into working groups, working in small groups, evening cultural programme;
- Thursday, 4th June – Summarising results, visit of Bambiriada (nation-wide children and youth festival), round tables with DGs responsible for youth, dinner together with DGs;
- Friday 5th June – Departure.

Language of the Youth Event

Official language of the Youth Event is English – all participants, as well as organizers, should be fluent in this language.

What will be the role of the facilitators?

The main role of the trainers is to facilitate working groups (each group will focus on a particular aspect of youth policy). Specific themes for working groups have still to be defined in more detail.

During the preparatory meeting the trainers together with the organizers will go through the programme and decide on the most effective methods to use in order to reach the goals of each session. Participation in the preparatory meeting is expected from all facilitators.

Each of the trainers is responsible to follow the preparation of the Youth Event and have sufficient knowledge on the topic of his/her working group. The working groups will be divided during the preparatory meeting in April.

What should be the profile of the facilitator?

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- Teamwork skills and facilitation skills: good listener, able to summarize and rephrase arguments, able to stimulate active participation; able to take into account both the process and the outcome;
- Excellent communication skills; including good command of English;
- Knowledge and/or experience in working on the topic of EU policies in the youth field.

Costs and payments:

Travel Costs: covered by the organizers

Subsistence and lodging: covered by the organizers

Payment: Facilitators will receive 200 € per working day (including the preparatory meeting)

How can you apply?

Should you wish to participate as a facilitator in this event, then please take a look at the profile and realistically assess, whether you have the skills and knowledge required.

Once you have done this, please complete the attached application form as fully as possible and return it to jana.belohlavkova@crdm.cz by **15th February 2009**.

How will the selection be made?

The facilitators will be selected by an internal working group for Czech Presidency of Czech Council of Children and Youth. The group consists of representatives of Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Czech Council of Children and Youth and European Youth Forum.

Application form: <http://www.eurodesk.cz/?pid=50>