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SALTO YOUTH Good Practices Newsletter

Youth Websites: overview

“The Partnership” in the field of youth

Since 2005, the Council of Europe and European Commission are cooperating on three main areas:

1. Youth worker / youth leader training
2. Youth research
3. Euro-Mediterranean co-operation

They strengthen this cooperation and to merge the existing partnerships to **one single umbrella covenant** covering these same issues. Related websites are available:

- **Youth Training**

This web site (former www.training-youth.net) offers training opportunities and publications for youth workers and youth trainers in Europe. It has been developed within the framework of the Partnership Programme between the Council of Europe and European Commission. www.youth-knowledge.net/INTEGRATION/TY/Intro/index.html

- **Knowledge and Research**

The website of the “European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy” (EKCP) is once again a product of the Partnership Programme between the Council of Europe and the European Commission. It provides recent research based information on the realities of youth across Europe www.youth-knowledge.net.

Have a look at the discussion platform: www.youth-debate.net

- **The Partnership on Euromed cooperation in the field of training**

The Council of Europe and the European Commission have agreed to develop a common project on Euro-Mediterranean youth training. The aim of this partnership is to provide further quality training and learning opportunities for youth workers and youth leaders active in Euro-Mediterranean youth projects. The “European Youth Centre” in Budapest and the “Salto Youth EuroMed Resource Centre” are the two leading structures.

<http://eycb.coe.int/eycbwwwroot/Euro-Med/index.html>

The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Agency Executive Agency

The EACEA is responsible for the management of certain parts of the EU's programmes in the **fields of education, culture and audiovisual**. Fully operational from the 1st of January 2006, the Executive Agency operates under supervision from its two parent Directorates -General: DG Education and Culture (EAC) and DG Information Society and Media. Concerning more specifically the **Youth Programme** you should know that a number of projects are dealt with directly at European level by the EACEA such as Youth Encounters (Action 1), Europe-wide EVS projects and multilateral EVS projects with Partner Countries (Action 2), projects submitted by European non-governmental youth organisations (Actions 1,2 and 5), pilot projects from organisations based in South East Europe (Actions 1, 2 and 5). <http://eacea.cec.eu.int>

Free newsletter subscription (EN/FR versions) by sending an email to youth@cec.eu.int

A European Portfolio for youth workers and youth leaders working in the context of non formal education/training

The Portfolio is a tool which has been designed to enable youth leaders and youth workers in Europe to assess and describe their competences, on the basis of a core set of European quality standards. (PDF version)

http://www.coe.int/T/E/Cultural_Co-operation/Source/Portfolio_final_eng2_boxed_4MB.pdf

Its draft version has been completed and is now ready for being tested before its dissemination across Europe (2007).

The test phase started in from April 2006. Following this phase, the draft Portfolio will be revised in the light of comments and suggestions that will be received from those who will participate in this process. To check on this tool and give your opinion an evaluation form is available http://www.coe.int/T/E/Cultural_Co-operation/Source/Portfolio_final_eng2_boxed_4MB.pdf

Comments should be sent to: youthportfolio@coe.int

A must: **European Youth Portal**

NOW TOOLS AVAILABLE!!! This portal aims at offering to young people a quick and easy access to relevant youth related information on Europe. The ultimate objective of the portal is to enhance young people's participation in public life and to contribute to their active citizenship. The navigation system has been improved with interactive tools as “Opinions Poll” or “Discussion Forum”. <http://europa.eu.int/youth/>

Weblog: Nonformality

Nonformality is a non-formal **weblog** about **educational thinking and practice**... Who does what? The two "intellectual and spiritual guides" behind the scene are Yael and Karsten. Main contributors are people active in the non-formal education and training sectors in Europe but also teachers, trainers or consultants, politicians or policy-makers. "What we have in common is our shared belief in the value of human rights and democratic education. It informs our work, our thinking and our writing."
www.nonformality.org

SALTO: A World of Youth Training Resources and Activities

SALTO keeps improving its website: adding constantly information and functionalities, proposing a wide range of training opportunities, organising youth/training related events in EU and partner countries. Get "registered" to benefit of different services: Toolbox, training calendar, TOY, databases, newsletters and be informed on Salto topics. www.salto-youth.net

All Different - All Equal: preparation phase

This is the official **website** of the preparation of **All Different - All Equal**, a European campaign on Diversity, Human Rights and Participation that will be launched in June 2006 and will last until September 2007. It is run by the Secretariat of the Campaign. The site of the Campaign itself is expected to be deployed in May 2006. <http://alldifferent-allegal.info/>

World Bank

The World Bank's 'Education' department is committed to help countries achieve education for all. The '**Education**' portal gives information on the World Bank's priorities, policies, and support, amongst others things, for education throughout the world: <http://www.worldbank.org/education>

Eurodesk

Eurodesk is a vast information portal on EU-related matters for young people. It acts as an **information centre** (search for funding, information in Europe, youth in Europe), a **support centre** (learning, teaching, training courses, etc) and an on-line professional forum and a **live help service** for any professionals working with young people and European information: <http://www.eurodesk.org:8080/edesk/Welcome.do>

Youth Pass

The Youth Pass is an instrument for **recognition of non-formal learning** which aims at developing and implementing a special European level validation instrument within the YOUTH Programme. It seeks to support the employability of young people and youth workers and favours the reflection upon the personal non-formal learning process and the social recognition of youth work. www.salto-youth.net/youthpass/

Online newsletters

UNICEF

The United Nations Children's Fund focuses on five main priorities aimed at protecting children around the world. To subscribe to their newsletter, visit: <http://www.unicef.org/e-newsletter/index.php>

UNESCO

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation's purpose is to contribute to peace and security by promoting international collaboration through education, science, and culture in order to further universal respect for justice, the rule of law, and the human rights and fundamental freedoms proclaimed in the UN. To subscribe to their 'Education' newsletter, enter your email in the bottom right section of this page:

http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/ev.php-URL_ID=42332&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

RIAJ (Réseau Institution Association Jeunesse)

This website contains a great deal of useful information, mostly available in English and French, about the **European youth field**. The newsletter (free subscription) edits info on: call for projects, training courses, partnership, etc. www.riaj.net

Youth Express Network

Yen - NGO gathering youth and social workers - organises training, study sessions and seminars or discussion platform. The "**YEN News**" provides up-dated information on: call for participants, partner requests, training courses and similar. www.y-e-n.net. To **SUBSCRIBE**, send a blank email to: Yen_news_subscribe@yahoogroups.com

European Youth Forum

Youth Opinion: electronic newsletter PDF version: www.youthforum.org/en/press/eYO.html

AVSO produces a regular newsletter **Voluntar-e-news** proposing the latest developments related to voluntary service in Europe. To download newsletters www.avso.org/en/whats_new/voluntar_e_news.htm

European Youth Card Association

The European Youth Card Association promotes youth mobility and information for young people (up to the age of 26).

They propose a "seasonal" **EYCA newsletter**. www.euro26.org/opencms/opencms/eyca_org/data/public/header/newsletter/

International federation of the Red Cross

Youth in Action: the quarterly youth newsletter of the International Federation is available in four languages (Arabic, French, English and Spanish) www.ifrc.org/YOUTH/resources/newsletters.asp

