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News

New Culture Programme Guide

Interested in applying for funding under the Culture Programme? Check out the latest version of the Programme Guide to get updated information on the latest developments:
http://ec.europa.eu/culture/calls-for-proposals/call2061_en.htm

Comenius Assistantship

A new guide on good practice for host schools and assistants

Each year up to 1,500 future teachers in Europe go abroad with the help of the Comenius programme to be an assistant teacher. The guide gives advice to the assistants on how to cope with the challenges of integrating into the host school and local community and of adapting to the various teaching situations. It provides plenty of practical tips and ready-made teaching ideas. More info on:
http://ec.europa.eu/education/news/news1995_en.htm

Young European of the Year awarded

Every year the Heinz-Schwarzkopf Foundation awards 'The Young European of the Year' in co-operation with the European Youth Parliament. This year the award ceremony took place on 2nd December in Berlin where the Young European of the Year 2009 Sandra Orlovic from Serbia was awarded. She works for the Humanitarian Law Center in Belgrade. She has been rewarded for her commitment to stimulating international understanding between people. According to the foundation, her commitment to the understanding in Southeast Europe is exemplary.

Every year the foundation is looking for young European people between the age of 18 and 28 who dedicated themselves in a particular way to European communication and integration. The award is financed with € 5,000, to be used to finance a 6 month practical traineeship with a Member of the European Parliament or another

European institution or to finance a project which promotes European integration.

For more information please visit the official website:

<http://www.heinz-schwarzkopf-stiftung.de/?area=9>

Events

Celebrating 25 years of the European Capital of Culture 23rd-24th March 2010, Brussels

2010 marks the 25th anniversary of the European Capitals of Culture, which were launched in 1985. On 23rd-24th March 2010 the European Commission will be hosting a celebratory event and strategic conference to mark the event, to look back at the achievements of the past 25 years, and to reflect on its legacy and impact.

The conference will be opened by President Barroso and Jack Lang, who was the founder of the idea along with the late Melina Mercouri, former Minister of Culture for Greece.

The event will begin in the early afternoon on 23rd March. In the morning there will be an information day for future bidding cities. There will also be the opportunity to exchange practices with certain past, current and future cities.

A strategic conference will take place on 24th March, which will be open to past, present, future, and potential bidding Capitals, as well as other interested stakeholders.

For more information please visit the European Commission's website:
http://ec.europa.eu/culture/news/news2459_en.htm

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The header features the Eurodesk UK logo in blue and yellow, with a yellow star. Below it, the word 'newsletter' is written in large, bold, blue letters. The background is yellow with silhouettes of two people jumping joyfully. Faint words like 'travel', 'meet', 'study', and 'work' are visible in the background.

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European Capitals of Culture 2010

Essen for the Ruhr in Germany, Pécs in Hungary and Istanbul in Turkey are the European Capitals of Culture for 2010. On 1st of January 2010 they will officially start a year of music, theatre, dance, film and literature events.

Essen/Ruhr will hold its opening ceremony on the 9th and 10th of January, Pécs on the 10th and Istanbul on the 16th.

Further information on their events can be found at:

Essen 2010:

<http://www.essen-fuer-das-ruhrgebiet.ruhr2010.de/en/home.html>

Istanbul 2010:

<http://www.en.istanbul2010.org/index.htm>

Pécs 2010:

<http://en.pecs2010.hu>

Youth in Action NOW Seminar

22nd - 25th February 2010,
Central Manchester

The NOW seminar, organised by SALTO-YOUTH, is an inclusion policy and training event for youth workers and professionals with Youth in Action experience.

Participants can make contacts and network with other people involved in international youth work. They can invite young people from their projects to celebrate their achievements, share their experience of Youth in Action projects and learn more about future funding opportunities.

One aim of the event is to map some of the reality of international youth work across the country, and to hear some feedback about how the programme works, and what we can do to improve the Youth in Action Inclusion strategy.

For more information please contact the SALTO-YOUTH team on:
+44 (0)20 7389 4527

You can find an online application on:

www.salto-youth.net/applicationonline/423

2010 Application Forms

The new application forms for the Youth in Action programme have been published on the YiA website. Please use the following link:
<http://www.britishcouncil.org/connectyour-forms-european-youth-programmes.htm>

Any previous versions will not be valid. Please take care to ensure your application has been filled out using the new 2010 version.

2010 Changes

Action 1

→ For bi-lateral and tri-lateral Youth Exchanges there is now only one promoter who applies. The hosting promoter applies to their National Agency for all project costs (including travel for their sending partner promoter/s). This is known as one-sided funding and now matches the method for multi-lateral applications.

→ There is a change to the mechanism for how 1.1 and 3.1 Youth Exchange activity costs are calculated. Now a

promoter applies for a single lump sum, a scale of unit cost relating to the number of participants per night and a second scale of unit relating to the total number of promoters.

→ There are changes to the amounts applicants are eligible for regarding all elements of 1.1 and 1.2 grants. Please check the Programme Guide for details.

Action 2

→ To accompany the activity description, organisations are now required to provide a sample weekly timetable.

→ The entitlement for the travel cost of the volunteer(s) has been reduced from 100% to 90% of eligible costs.

→ As part of the Activity Agreement organisations are required to check that the volunteer has not taken part in EVS before (with the exception of short term volunteers).

→ Co-financing: organisations need to evidence their contribution for 10% of travel costs. This can include contributions in kind or other grant funding.

Action 3

→ There are changes to the amounts applicants are eligible for regarding all elements of 3.1 Youth Exchange and 3.1 Training and Networking Grants. Please check the Programme Guide for details.

Action 4

→ There are changes to the amounts applicants are eligible for regarding all elements of 4.3 grants. Please check the Programme Guide for details.

Action 5

→ There are no changes for Action 5.

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2010 Annual Priorities

In 2010, the Youth in Action Programme priority will be given to project proposals taking into account one or more of the following priorities:

1. European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion

- projects aimed at raising young people's awareness of everyone's responsibility in tackling poverty and marginalisation as well as promoting the inclusion of groups with fewer opportunities.

2. Youth unemployment and promotion of young unemployed people's active participation in society

- projects tackling the issue of youth unemployment and aimed at stimulating young unemployed people's active participation in society.

3. Awareness-raising and mobilisation of young people around global challenges

(such as sustainable development, climate change, migrations, the Millennium Development Goals).
- projects aimed at raising young people's consciousness of their role as active citizens in a globalised world as well as fostering their sense of global solidarity and commitment vis-à-vis current issues.

Read more on the European Commission's website:

http://ec.europa.eu/youth/news/news1655_en.htm

You can also contact the Youth in Action information unit on:
+44 (0)20 7389 4030

Or visit the Youth in Action website:
www.britishcouncil.org/connectyouth

Journals Bryson EVS Volunteer Art Exhibition

Ulster Hall Belfast, Group Space!

Past and Present European Voluntary Service (EVS) volunteers have come together to create an exhibition which is pleasing to the eyes... and ears!



The Belfast City Council supported exhibition, which was launched on Friday 8th January, is entirely composed of visual and audio work created by past and present EVS volunteers.



"This is a wonderful opportunity for us to acknowledge and celebrate the work done by EVS volunteers", says Cailín Lynn, project manager for the exhibition and herself an ex-EVS volunteer. "EVS is such a unique and unforgettable opportunity not to be missed, and we would like more young people from our

communities to grasp this opportunity with both hands!"

EVS is part of the European Commission's Youth In Action Programme and is open to any young person aged 18-30. Placements are available across Europe and beyond, are up to 12 months in duration and are fully funded. Current and ex-EVS volunteers will be present at the launch and will be happy to provide further information.

For more information about the launch or EVS, please contact Cailín Lynn from Bryson: Cailin.lynn@gmail.com

You can also find more information about EVS on the Youth in Action website:

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/connectyouth-programmes-evs.htm>

Eurodesk national partners are formally established as a permanent support structure of the YOUTH IN ACTION Programme of the European Union to provide high quality information and advice concerning Europe to young people and those who work with them.

<http://www.eurodesk.eu>

The Eurodesk Network updates and manages the information content of the Commission's European Youth Portal. Enquiries coming through the Commission's Youth Portal are answered by the Eurodesk Network.

<http://europa.eu/youth/>

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