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News

Focus on Higher Education in Europe 2010

The impact of the Bologna Process

The European Commission presented a report focusing on the state of European higher education after a decade of major reforms. Produced for the Commission by the Eurydice Network, the report shows

that countries still face challenges in modernising higher education, a decade after the launch of a blueprint for reform known as the 'Bologna Process'. The report, based on data provided by the 46 countries participating in the process, shows that the economic crisis has affected higher education in different ways, with some countries investing more and others making radical cutbacks in spending. The report will be discussed at the Conference of European Higher Education Ministers, which takes place in Budapest on 11 March and in Vienna on 12 March.

You can find more information:

→ on the focus on Higher Education in Europe 2010: The impact of the Bologna Process:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/education/eurydice/documents/thematic_reports/122EN.pdf

→ on the Bologna Process:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/higher-education/doc1290_en.htm

→ on the forthcoming Ministerial Conference in Budapest and Vienna:

http://www.ond.vlaanderen.be/hogeronderwijs/bologna/2010_conference

→ on the EU's education policies and programmes:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/education/pub/pdf/gher/ehea_en.pdf

Erasmus: I am one of the two million who did it!

Since its launch in 1987, the Erasmus programme has helped two million students carry out a part of their studies or a work placement in another

European country. Thirty one students (one per country participating in Erasmus) were chosen to symbolically represent the two million students. Have a look at their experiences and what they gained from the Erasmus programme. For more information please click on one of the links below:

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/publ/pdf/erasmus/2million_en.pdf

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/publ/index_en.html

Report "Study on volunteering in the European Union"

The report is the result of a study launched by DG EAC in 2008 in order to get reflections on volunteering in the EU and start the preparation for a European Year of Volunteering. The report provides research and insights of the current situation of volunteering in the European Union. It includes a comparative analysis of volunteering in 27 Member States with 27 national reports, a sector study on volunteering in sport and 27 national fiches on volunteering in sport.

<http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/eyv2011/doc/Volunteering%20in%20the%20EU%20Final%20Report.pdf>

National reports:

http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/news/news1015_en.htm

International Children's Peace Prize 2010

Every year KidsRights organises the International Children's Peace Prize. This prize is awarded annually to a child who is courageous, or otherwise

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extraordinary efforts have made an impact on behalf of the Rights of the Child. The Children's Peace Prize was first awarded in 2005. The Children's Peace Prize includes prize money, which will be invested by KidsRights in specific projects related to the struggle for peace and children's rights of the winner.

Organisations and governments worldwide can nominate a child between 12 and 18 years old who has a history of standing up and fighting for children's rights.

The deadline to submit nominees is 1st April 2010.

To find out more please go to:
<http://childrenspeaceprize.org>

Events

Earth Hour 2010

27 March

This is a global call action to every individual, every business and every community to stand up, to take responsibility and to get involved by switching off lights for one hour at 8:30 pm on Saturday 27 March and sending a powerful global message that we care enough about climate change. People across the world will turn off their lights and join together in creating the vital conversation about the future of our precious planet.

For more information please visit:
<http://www.earthhour.org/Homepage.aspx>

"PLURAL+" Youth Video Festival

Young people from 9 to 25 years of age (as of 30 September 2010) worldwide are invited to submit short videos of one to five minutes and

share their thoughts, experiences, opinions, questions and suggestions about migration, integration, inclusiveness, identity, the human rights of migrant and related issues; highlighting their realities as well as presenting their ideas on how to develop peaceful coexistence in diverse cultural and religious contexts.

Videos must have been completed after January 2008.

An international jury will award prizes in three age-based categories. The three winners will each receive US\$ 1,000.

PLURAL + festival is a platform for young people to express themselves on key migration and diversity issues and reinforce the belief that youth are powerful and creative agents of social change in the world.

Entries should be sent by 30 June 2010.

Further information can be found on:
<http://www.unaoc.org/pluralplus/submit/rules>

The Co-operative Film Festival

Have your say. Make a film!

The Co-operative Film Festival invites young movie-makers to be creative,



submit entries and join the Festival. Young people from 19 years old or younger will have to create a video tackling issues that concern them, such as climate change, fair trade or about

their life, community or experiences. Entries should be no more than six minutes long. Maximum two entries can be submitted by individuals or groups. Entries are accepted on DVD format only.

The best movies will be used for the "Co-operative Young-film Makers Festival 2010".

Deadline for sending entries is **28 May 2010**.

Find out more on:
<http://filmfestival.co-operative.coop>

Youth in Action Call for Proposals for Action 3.2 - 'Youth in the World'

The European Commission have published the Call for Proposals for Action 3.2 - 'Youth in the World': Co-operation with countries other than the neighbouring countries of the European Union. The deadline for submission of applications is the 17th of May 2010. For more information and supporting documents, please refer to:
http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2010/call_action_3_2_en.php

Seminar 'Youth Information as a Base for Youth Participation'

19th - 21st of May 2010,
Ljubljana

'Youth Information as a Base for Youth Participation' is a seminar open to participants who are involved in the

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youth information process at local level which aims to increase participation, i.e.:

- representatives of municipalities (responsible for youth)
- youth information multipliers (regional or local youth centres, clubs, councils, info services)

The seminar is a result of co-operation between the Youth in Action Programme National Agencies of United Kingdom (British Council), Slovenia (Institute Movit NA Mladina) and Norway (Norwegian Directorate for Children, Youth, and Family Affairs) and national Eurodesk partners from United Kingdom and Slovenia.

For more information and to receive and application form, please contact the Youth in Action information unit:
Phone: +44 (0) 207389 4030 or email: connectyouth.enquiries@britishcouncil.org

Youth in Action – Call for Experts

The UK National Agency is looking for experts to assist us with different aspect of the Youth in Action programme from 2010/2011.

The experts' duties will include assessing applications, assisting with monitoring and site visits, and other adhoc tasks.

If you have experience/involvement in youth work and youth volunteering (preferably in an international context) and you are committed to the aims and priorities of the Youth in Action programme, you can register your interest by completing an application form.

To access the application form, and for more details about the Call – please

read the full specification on the website <http://www.britishcouncil.org/connectyouth.htm>

The deadline for returns is 26th March 2010

Cre-activity for urban youth

**18th -23rd June 2010,
Warsaw (Konstancin-Jeziorna),
Poland**

This training course is in a close relation to the 2010 - European year for Combating Poverty and Social exclusion, giving young people from the disadvantaged areas new learning opportunities and providing innovative, low-cost methods of work.

The aim of the training course is to increase the participation of youth in disadvantaged (sub)urban areas.

Objectives:

- to provide tools supporting active participation of urban youth with fewer opportunities in local activities
- to give the inspiration for creating interactive and inclusive methods of working with youngsters using the resources available in the neighbourhood (recycle materials, public space, local partnerships, etc.)
- to increase participants' skills in attracting and empowering young people from urban areas
- to explore possibilities offered by the 'Youth in Action' Programme and motivate participants to use it
- to share experiences and best practices
- to offer space for new contacts and partnerships

This training course is meant for youth workers and youth leaders who are:
- directly working with young people from the cities, especially from disadvantaged urban/suburban areas

- willing to use creative active methods (including sports, music, games, etc.) to facilitate social inclusion and learning process of young people
- not very experienced in 'Youth in Action' Programme
- able to communicate and work in English
- aged 18 years or older
- ready for ACTIVE participation in the whole training

The deadline for applications is 31st March 2010.

For more information and to fill in an application form please go to: <http://www.salto-youth.net/find-a-training/1730.html>

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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