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ways you can get involved in Europe. In this podcast you will hear about projects and services like Erasmus, IASTE, Eurodesk and more.

To view the podcast please go to:

<http://www.youngscot.org/podcasts/?nav=x&mpp=1&a=d&s=288&sr=1555&ss=6&id=174>

Scottish Eurodesk partner runs successful Study Abroad event

Students from throughout Scotland gathered at NUS Scotland's Promoting the Student International Experience conference on 17-18 March at Glasgow's Atlantic Quay.

The students devised a plan to promote study abroad opportunities, which they presented to education stakeholders on the conference's second day.

Scottish Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning, Mike Russell, spoke at the event and said the Scottish Government will push for greater study abroad numbers after students presented him with their proposal to enhance Scottish student mobility.

Russell referred to the plan as the "Year of Outgoing". Russell: "Next year there will be an intensive push on this."

Full article, Glasgow Herald:

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/education/more-students-to-study-overseas-in-year-of-outgoing-1.1014910>

For more information on NUS Scotland's international work contact Catherine Thwaites: catherine.thwaites@nus-scotland.org.uk

Cedefop Director announces full results of skills forecast at Barcelona conference

Cedefop is the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training. At the Spanish Presidency conference 'New skills and new jobs for a more competitive Europe' held on 8 and 9 April in Barcelona, Cedefop Director Aviana Bulgarelli presented the full results of the medium-term forecast on the demand and supply of skills.

For more information, please click here: <http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/EN/news/15553.aspx>

Eurobarometer survey: Sport and Physical Activity

According to a special Eurobarometer survey, 40% of EU citizens play sport at least once a week and 65% engage in some form of physical exercise, but 25% are almost completely inactive. Ireland and the Nordic countries take sport most seriously. Men play more sport and also exercise more than women. This disparity is particularly marked in the 15-24 age group. The survey also finds a correlation between socio-economic status and physical activity: 64% of people who left school by the age of 15 say they never exercise, while this rate falls to 24% for those who left education after 20.

For more information on this topic, please visit the European Commission website: http://ec.europa.eu/public_opinion/archives/ebs/ebs_334_en.pdf

News

Young Scot Podcast

European Youth Information Day

17 April 2010 was European Youth Information Day. To celebrate this day Young Scot have produced a podcast giving you the lowdown on some of the

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EU Youth Report

The first European Commission report on Youth in the European Union, is now available in pdf format. The report gives a picture of the situation of young people in Europe by compiling data and statistics. The report was requested by the Council of the European Union and constitutes one of the supporting documents of the Commission's Communication for the new youth cooperation framework, entitled "An EU Strategy for Youth: Investing and Empowering".

To read the report please go to the European Commission website:
http://ec.europa.eu/youth/pub/pdf/eu-youth-report_en.pdf

Manual for facilitators in non-formal education

This manual provides essential information and practical tips for all those who are involved in planning and delivering non-formal education intercultural activities on an occasional basis. It is part of the endeavour of the Council of Europe's youth sector to support and develop the quality of non-formal education activities across Europe and, in doing so, contribute to further their recognition.

To order online please go to:
http://book.coe.int/EN/ficheouvrage.php?PAGEID=36&lang=EN&produit_alia_sid=2459

Official Bologna Process 2007-2010

What is the Bologna Process? When did it start and which are the countries

and organisations involved in the process of creating the European Higher Education Area? To these and to some more questions you can find an answer on this website which covers all the topics concerning the process, relevant events, and much more worth knowing about it!

<http://www.ond.vlaanderen.be/hogeronderwijs/bologna>

Events

"Psychologists in schools - what do they do?"

Video contest call for entries

Students, teachers, parents and psychologists across Europe are invited to submit videos exploring the work of psychologists in schools. For example, it could be a presentation or an interview with people about psychologists and their work in schools. Videos should be maximum 10 minutes long and made in any EU language. The author of the best video clip will be invited to Dublin to present the video and will also receive a cash prize.

Deadline to submit videos is **31 May 2010**.

To find out more please go to:
<http://www.nepes.eu/?q=node/502>

CIPE Youth Essay Contest 2010

Students and young professionals worldwide are invited to share their ideas on how to create opportunities for youth to strengthen democracy and the private sector in their own countries.

Participants will have to write an essay of minimum 2,000 and maximum 3,000 words on the following categories:

1. Democracy that delivers
2. Entrepreneurship and society
3. Women and participation

The first, second, and third place authors for each category will receive a \$1,000 honorarium, and winning essays from each category will be published as Economic Reform Feature Service articles.

The deadline is **18 June 2010**.

Read more: <http://www.cipe.org/essay>

Youth in Action

Youth Reporter Video Contest: "There's much to do"

Young people from 13 to 30 years of age, who participate in a youth exchange, EVS or another project within the YiA programme, are invited to capture the moments of their works on a video and show everyone what they do. Short film, animation, interview, fictional, commercial or sketch: every form of expressing oneself via video is welcome.

Videos should be edited, set to music, be no longer than three minutes and uploaded to youtube. Online users will be able to vote until 31 June 2010. The 10 best videos will receive cash prizes.

Entries should be sent by **31st May 2010**.

Further information can be found on:
<http://www.youthreporter.eu/intern/there-s-much-to-do.5369>

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Contact Making Seminar

A new training offer has been published in SALTO's European Training Calendar.

Title: International Inspiration - contact making seminar for professionals working with youth in care

Date: 14/06/2010 – 17/06/2010 in

Location: Norway

Target groups: Youth workers

For participants from: All Youth in Action programme countries

This is a contact making seminar for those of you working directly with youth in care. We hope the seminar will inspire you to work more internationally both professionally and with your youth.

The participants should be interested in international cooperation but not necessarily have experience in international projects.

The aims and objectives are:

- To find partners for future cooperation and be inspired to work internationally.
- To gain knowledge of activities supported by the Youth in Action programme, with focus on Action 1.1; Youth Exchange and 4.3; Training and Networking for youth workers.
- To identify challenges and possibilities in using non-formal learning methods
- To explore ideas, areas of common interests and possible future projects.

Arrival June 14th by 19:00, departures 17th, after lunch.

For more information please go to:
<http://www.salto-youth.net/find-a-training/1803.html>

Journals

Year Abroad: Politics and Law in Toulouse (France) via the Erasmus programme

By Georgina Dietrich, 2009 Erasmus Photography Competition Winner

I spent the second year of my undergraduate degree in Politics and Law in Toulouse (France) via the Erasmus programme. I feel I have progressed both personally and academically the most in that year, since I came to university.



Georgina Dietrich (photo right)

Having learned French at school, I was already able to express my thoughts in writing fairly well. However, I would have never dared to open my mouth. Simple things, such as opening a bank account, sending a package back home or finding a flat in a country where the languages I knew fluently (German and English) were not spoken, helped me to develop excellent problem solving skills. This gave me confidence and made me a more independent person. After nearly 12 months in Toulouse, I now have no problem speaking, writing and (if I had to) sing in French! Through the exchange I also gained an insight into the way my subjects are taught in a

different cultural context. This has broadened my perspective and challenged some of my views. Coming back to the UK with a wider knowledge of another European country, its people their culture and language, has not only enabled me to make friends in France, but to approach French exchange students in my home institution. Above all, I believe that if I do get wanderlust again, the skills I gained from the Erasmus experience will enhance my chances of employability abroad and throughout the UK.

For more information on the Erasmus programme please visit:
www.britishcouncil.org/erasmus

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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