



## 12<sup>th</sup> Edition

### YOUTH VOLUNTEERING FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT

In the Framework of the *International Year of Volunteers + 10 (IYV+10) 2011* and the *European Year of Volunteering 2011*

CEULAJ, Mollina (Spain) 18 - 25 September 2011

### Presentation of the University

The University on Youth and Development is an activity jointly organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, the Spanish Government (INJUVE), the European Youth Forum (YFJ), the Spanish Youth Council (CJE), the Latin American Youth Forum (FLAJ) and other international youth organisations.  
<http://www.uyd.me/> - [http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/Youth\\_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/Youth_en.asp)

Since its first edition in 2000, the University takes place once a year bringing together representatives of youth organisations and youth movements from all over the world who gather in the CEULAJ (Euro-Latin-American Youth Centre) to discuss, train and be trained as well as to take political action around the main issues on the global agenda.

In 2011 the University on Youth and Development will be gathering for the 12<sup>th</sup> time and therefore renewed hopes and aspirations, objectives and challenges are launched to the partners to reinforce this as the space and home of Global Youth Work and of the Global Youth Movement.

#### Main Goals

- To create a political space where youth can act upon and acknowledge the role they play in Global Development.
- To initiate and encourage debate aimed at defining the role youth play in elaborating development policies and in co-operation for development initiatives.
- To facilitate a process aimed at defining and implementing projects within the field of youth.

The University will be held from the 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

The main arrival day for participants to the University is the 18<sup>th</sup> of September and the Departure day is the 25<sup>th</sup>. Most of the activities are foreseen to have the length of 6 days starting on the 19<sup>th</sup> and closing on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September.

## Joint Theme 2011

On the occasion of the *International Year of Volunteers + 10 (IYV+10) 2011* and the *European Year of Volunteering 2011*, the 12<sup>th</sup> Edition of the University on Youth and Development will be held around the promotion of awareness of youth volunteering for Global Development and joining efforts to give visibility and engage into a debate about Youth Volunteering for Global Development.

In 2011 we will be living the 10th anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers, held in 2001. This will be an exceptional opportunity to join a global effort to reinvigorate the spirit of volunteerism. The Partners of the University on Youth and Development want to join the various institutions, from the different regions of the world, that are planning events throughout the year of 2011 “to showcase the diversity, breadth and depth of volunteering worldwide, to raise the profile of volunteering and to mobilize many more volunteers”. <http://www.worldvolunteerweb.org/iyv-10.html>

Within the European Union, “almost 100 million citizens of all ages invest their time, talents and money to make a positive contribution to their community by volunteering in civil society organisations, youth clubs, hospitals, schools, in sport clubs, etc. For the Commission, volunteering is an active expression of civic participation which strengthens common European values such as solidarity and social cohesion. Volunteering also provides important learning opportunities, because involvement in voluntary activities can provide people with new skills and competences that can even improve their employability. This is especially important at this time of economic crisis. Volunteering plays an important role in sectors as varied and diverse as education, youth, culture, sport, environment, health, social care, consumer protection, humanitarian aid, development policy, research, equal opportunities and external relations.” [http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/focus/focus840\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/focus/focus840_en.htm)

The Joint programme but also the training activities, seminars and discussions that partners will bring to the University are encouraged to be a contribution to this debate.

## Partners' Activities

**“From Millennium Development Goals to Millennium Development Wins”, A Seminar for Youth Leaders of the African Diaspora Living in Europe**

*Organised in the framework of the Partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Youth in the Field of Youth. Implemented by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, in cooperation with the African Diaspora Youth Network in Europe (ADYNE)*

*18-21 September 2011*

Organised in the framework of the Partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of Youth, the Seminar aims to be a forum and space to discuss, identify and propose how African Diaspora youth in Europe can successfully contribute to reinvigorate the debate and contribute to the MDGs agenda, coming up with actions that can convert some of the aspirations and requirements to deliverables.

Being a bridge between Europe and Africa, African Diaspora Youth are well placed to contribute to and raise this awareness among the European civil society, youth organisations and young people in general, and should have key roles in delivering the MDGs across the two continents - Africa and Europe.

<http://youth-partnership-eu.coe.int/youth-partnership/>

<http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre>

<http://adynes.org/>

### **Meeting of African Diaspora Youth Network of Europe**

*Organised by the African Diaspora Youth Network in Europe (ADYNE, in cooperation with the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe*

*22-25 September 2011*

The representatives of African youth organisations from European countries will meet to develop strategies for their Action Plan for 2012 and 2013. The African Youth Diaspora Representatives Meeting is a moment for analysis and reflection on the reality of the African youth Descendants and youth Diaspora living in Europe involving representatives and youth leaders from 21 different countries. Aiming to develop and strengthen the African Youth Diaspora Network, allowing ADYNE to better represent the interests of young African Diaspora living in Europe and fostering its capacity to contribute to the development of European and African societies in partnership with other institutions from Africa and Europe.

<http://adynes.org/>

### **Euro-Mediterranean seminar “Indicators for Intercultural Dialogue in Non-formal Education Activities”**

*Organised by Council of Europe - Directorate of Youth and Sport in the framework of the Partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Youth in the Field of Youth*

*22-25 September 2011*

The seminar aims to discuss the relevance, feasibility and practical implementation of the project on a set of possible indicators for intercultural dialogue for non-formal education activities, as well as the process for trying the indicators in activities in 2012 and the follow-up of results.

The specific objectives of the Seminar are:

- To discuss and enlarge the consultation on the project (relevance, feasibility, interest, etc);
- To review a set of draft criteria and respective indicators;
- Elaborate guidelines for testing phase and consultation.

The participants of the seminar will be youth workers, trainers in non-formal education, educational experts and researchers, stakeholders, and youth policy experts from the Euro-Mediterranean region, who are interested and experienced in the topics of intercultural dialogue, familiar with the intercultural dialogue aspects in non-formal education activities and ready to contribute to the programme and reflections of the seminar.

<http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/youth/>

### **Training “Tools for youth organisations’s international work”**

*Organised by Consejo de la Juventud de España (CJE)*

*18-25 September 2011*

This training course is based on the idea that youth organizations are not only a legitimate space for participating in society but also a privileged one to become involved and to provide solutions to the many challenges that young people must face today. This associative experience helps to acquire knowledge, skills and capacities that are very useful for social, personal and professional developments.

International youth work is not a subject that you can learn at school or at the University. It is a knowledge that is acquired by doing; it is dynamic, built from daily experiences. This training course does not intend only to train the participants but also to learn from them and in that way to increase the international background of the Spanish Youth Council.

This activity will help its participants to learn, or deepen, their knowledge on how to better work in their organizations, broadening their frontiers, both geographic and/or thematic; It will offer them new possibilities for their personal development by learning about programs such as the Youth in Action one or by participating in a workshop to practice English in a international youth work simulation ... among other.

<http://www.cje.org>

## **Towards the European Year of Volunteering 2011 European Youth Forum Press&Communication Meeting “Youth organisations outreach: engaging with more volunteers”**

*Organised by European Youth Forum (YFJ)*

*21-25 September 2011*

As youth organisations, we want to reach out for more volunteers who actively participate in our activities. At the same time, we need to elaborate good communication strategies to better engage with our volunteers and motivate them for bigger challenges and more involvement.

The European Youth Forum Press&Communication meeting will provide Member Organisations a space to be trained on how to effectively plan and use their communication with their volunteers. We will explore which tools to use to improve your communication strategy towards membership as well as how to reach out to more young people to get engaged in youth organisations.

<http://www.youthforum.org/>

## **Towards the European Year of Volunteering 2011 European Youth Forum YO! Mag Correspondents Coordination Meeting “Building YO!”**

*Organised by European Youth Forum (YFJ)*

*18-25 September 2011*

The YO! Mag Correspondents Coordination Meeting is focused on strengthening the editorial team of the European Youth Forum magazine - YO! Mag, and especially the involvement and ownership of Member Organisations.

YO! Mag Correspondents and aspirant correspondents will be asked to shape the next editions of YO! Mag, as well as creating team spirit and a strategy for reaching out to more youth correspondents. Within the sessions participants will be expected to independently report with multimedia tools about the UYD, using the opportunity to get hands-on experience and gathering material for future European Youth Forum publications.

<http://www.youthforum.org/>

<http://issuu.com/yomag>

## **Meeting of the YFJ Consultative Body on Membership Applications (CBMA)**

*Organised by European Youth Forum (YFJ)*

*23-25 September 2011*

The Consultative Body on Membership Applications is the internal body of the European Youth Forum dealing with membership applications and membership reviews. In this role the analyze and report towards the Board and Membership on membership issues and in this way guarantee that the membership criteria are uphold.

*ABOUT THE YFJ: The European Youth Forum (YFJ) is an independent, democratic, youth-led platform, representing 98 National Youth Councils and International Youth Organisations from across Europe. The YFJ works to empower young people to participate actively in society to improve their own lives, by representing and advocating their needs and interests and those of their organisations towards the European Institutions, the Council of Europe and the United Nations.*

*ABOUT THE BOARD: The European Youth Forum is governed by young people elected from organisations connected to the realities on the ground. The composition of the Board reflects the diversity of the membership and is truly multinational. The average age of the Board members is 25.*

The Board is a collective body elected by the General Assembly and responsible for the implementation of the work plan and the development of European Youth Forum. The Board meets every two months and takes active part in the working structures of the organisation as well as in the external representation of the organisation.

<http://www.youthforum.org/>

**Crossing Euro-African with Global Youth Work: Evaluation and Follow-up Seminar - What's next?**  
*Organised by Portuguese National Youth Council / Conselho Nacional de Juventude de Portugal (CNJ-Portugal)*  
18-25 September 2011

The Seminar "Crossing Euro-African with Global Youth Work: Evaluation and Follow-up Seminar - What's next?" is organized by the Portuguese Youth Council in partnership with the Youth Forum of the Portuguese Speaking Countries and the Southern Youth Councils of Europe under the Project "Crossing Euro-African with Global Youth Work". In 2009, ten National Youth Councils from Southern Europe and Africa came together for the first time for a long term cooperation project financed by Youth in Action Programme: "Africa-Europe National Youth Councils Training Cooperation - Strengthening Partnerships for Youth Participation through Training Strategies Development". Partners are Portugal, Angola, Spain, Cape-Verde, Italy, Guinea-Bissau, Catalonia, Mozambique, Cyprus and Slovenia.

The "Evaluation and Follow-up Seminar - What's next?" consists of the final seminar of the project, in which youth leaders and educators from partner organizations will be able to evaluate and reflect on the impact of the project at national and international levels; as well as to prepare follow-up on it. Previous phases of the project comprise a "Networking and Partnership Development Event", as well as a "Training for Trainers on Global Education" - which took place at the 3<sup>rd</sup> African University on Youth and Development, held in Cape Verde in May 2011.

<http://www.cnj.pt/>

**Volunteering against Poverty, Preparation meeting for global EVS project**  
*Organised by International Falcon Movement - Socialist Educational International (IFM-SEI)*  
18-25 September 2011

This meeting will bring together 15 volunteers from four European, one Asian, one Latin American and two African youth organisations to prepare a large-scale volunteer project for IFM-SEI. Starting in January 2012, the young people will work for one year in another member organisation, contributing to their regular activities and running a global documentary film project on youth poverty, youth unemployment and child labour as a group.

This meeting will launch the ambitious project and aims to offer participants a platform to get to know each other and the host organisations and to start to form a strong network. Ideally, participants will reflect on the role of volunteers in our organizations, share expectations towards the project and hear stories from Ex-EVS volunteers to get inspired and enthused for the coming year. The meeting also aims to equip the participants with basic intercultural competencies, so that they can start preparing the common documentary film project on youth poverty and unemployment, develop networking and contact mechanisms between each other and develop strategies on conflict prevention and conflict resolution.

<http://www.ifm-sei.org/>

**Eurogaming 2010: NFE in Action - Increasing Inclusiveness in Youth Work and Volunteering**  
*Organised by Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU)*  
18-29 September 2011

Eurogaming 2010 is a long term project with the aim to increase the level of participation of young people from disadvantaged groups, especially young people with disabilities, and promote non-formal education as a tool for social inclusion among more than 250 stakeholders. The Training Course will use NFE methodology and Eurogames2010 Manual to increase the SKAs (Skills, Attitudes and Knowledge) of youth leaders working with disadvantaged young people especially related to volunteering and the promotion of its role in raising the skills levels amongst young people from

disadvantaged backgrounds. Participants will be 18 youth leaders and the trainers' team working with disadvantaged young people who are willing to develop further actions towards inclusion and promote youth work role in shaping global community.

Specific objectives of the Training will be: Develop the quality of support systems for youth activities and the capabilities of civil society organisations in the youth field; Promote the role of volunteering in social inclusion both on local and international level; Develop young people's active sense for responsibility in global perspective; Increase the SKAs of youth leaders related to the engagement of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, especially young people with disabilities to engage with youth work and NFE; Develop solidarity and promote tolerance among young people, fostering increased social cohesion in the European Union.

<http://www.yeu-international.org/>

### **Youth Express Network activity: "In the Starting Blocks"**

*Organised by Youth Express Network (YEN) and the Spanish Youth Council (CJE)*

*18-25 September 2011*

Youth Express Network will organise "In the Starting Blocks" (combination of a feasibility visit and a seminar) as "starter" of our long-term and multi-measures project Youth in Action 4.3) together with the Spanish Youth Council (CJE) and 20 other youth organisations.

This activity, designed for 20 young people, youth workers and social workers from 15 different countries and representing 22 partner organisations will focus on the added value of volunteering; identifying key competencies developed in volunteer work and how these competencies can be transferred in order to improve young people's employability. The aim of this activity is to raise awareness on the value and importance of volunteering as a form of active citizenship and participation in the society and as a tool to develop or improve competencies for personal and professional development.

Participants will come from Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Turkey.

<http://www.y-e-n.net/>

### **Seminar "Spice up your community!"**

*Organised by Rural Youth Europe (RYEurope) and the International Movement of Catholic Agricultural Rural Youth (MIJARC Europe)*

*18-25 September 2011*

"Spice up your community!" is a seminar focusing on a youth-centred approach to sustainable development of communities in rural areas through volunteering and youth employment. The educational approach will encourage participants to critically analyse their own local communities and find solutions in a proactive way. The participants will create their own opportunities for being more participative, active and proficient by learning from each other and sharing new ideas. This sharing of ideas and realities during presentations, discussions, debates and interactive exercises is designed to inspire a common will to change and "spice up our communities".

Participants are expected to be aged 18-30 years and be able to demonstrate a close involvement with a youth organisation and be an active member (board member, youth worker, youth leader). A strong commitment to act as a multiplier by using the skills and expertise developed at the seminar within their own organisations and local communities will be expected and actively developed during the seminar.

<http://www.ruralyouth europe.com/>

<http://www.mijarc.org/>

## **Rio + 20 Meeting**

*Organised by Rio+20*

*18-25 September 2011*

The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, known as “Rio+20”, which will take place on 4-6 June 2012 will be hugely significant as world leaders will review progress that has been made towards achieving sustainable development since the 1992 UN Conference on Sustainable Development and the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development. Coming shortly after the global economic crisis and the failure to reach a legally binding successor to the Kyoto Protocols, the results of this conference will have a huge impact on young people and generations to come. The conference will debate crucial topics related to Sustainable Development such as the institutional framework, green economy, renewed political commitment, progress up to date and implementation gaps. It is therefore crucial that there is a strong youth presence. This requires international cooperation among youth. The University on Youth and Development on the 18-25 September provides an excellent opportunity to mobilise young people and exchange different approaches to the conference as it provides a space to bring together various actors in the youth development field.

<http://www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/> ; <http://www.earthsummit2012.org/>

## **Volunteers Co-ordinators Meeting**

*Organised by European Educational Exchange - Youth for Understanding (EEE-YFU)*

*18-22 September 2011*

A three day meeting is proposed to bring together 13 Volunteers co-ordinators from different EEE-YFU member organisations to exchange practices and develop collaboration ideas in regards to managing volunteers. The participants would be volunteers or staff that are actively involved in managing the volunteer structures and have decision power to represent their YFU organisations.

Involving 13 participants and 2 facilitators, the objectives of the Meeting will be to:

- provide participants a space to exchange practices and ideas related to volunteer management;
- increase the level of communication and co-operation between different volunteer coordinators from the YFU organisation;
- motivate volunteer co-ordinators to explore new approaches to volunteer management;
- interact with other University participants in order to offer new perspectives to volunteering
- ensure a follow-up meeting after the training course on volunteer recruitment.

<http://www.eee-yfu.org/>

## **Core Group Meeting**

*Organised by European Educational Exchange - Youth for Understanding (EEE-YFU)*

*22-25 September 2011*

Established in 2010, the Core Group is one of the main outcomes of the work of the Pool of Representatives, within EEE-YFU. The Core Group has two main functions, to facilitate the work of the Pool of Representatives and to advise the secretariat on the Pool of Representatives and their representation work, functions which have been developed mainly through regular skype calls, since the Group never had the chance to meet in person.

The Meeting aims to describe and measure EEE-YFU’s effectiveness in representation and of the PoR, and further increase the competences of the members of the Pool of Representatives.

Involving 9 participants and 2 facilitators, the objectives of the Meeting are:

- Increase the level of interaction and co-operation between the representatives of EEE-YFU and other members of other organisations.
- develop the group dynamic and bonds among the members of the new configuration of the Core Group;
- explore and develop ways to measure the effectiveness of EEE-YFU and of the Pool of Representatives;
- elaborate ideas for creating learning systems for the Pool of Representatives.

<http://www.eee-yfu.org/>

## **FEULAC - Euro Latinamerican and Caribbean Youth Forum**

*Organised by the Spanish Youth Council (CJE), Latin-American Youth Forum FLAJ, European Youth Forum (YFJ), Iberoamerican Youth Space (EIJ), Iberoramerican Youth Organisation (OIJ), INJUVE and the North-South Centre*  
22 September 2011

The FEULAC is a meeting of various partners involved in the youth cooperation among the regions of Latin American, Europe and Caribbean.

This meeting aims at providing a space for follow-up of the results of the EU-LAC Youth Summit held in 2010 and to strategise on the implementation of the commitments established. The meeting will also look forward in the preparations of the up-coming EU-LAC 2012 Summit of heads of State to be held in Chile.

## **Joint Programme**

To complement the different activities taking place simultaneously during the week, the 12th UYD offers an informal social space of amazing possibilities to share, give, receive, transform, discover, create and re-create ... our common humanity so rich in Diversity! We are all invited to make the 12th UYD a celebration of global youth energy, joy, creativity and social innovation!

The joint programme provides opportunities for participants to share cultural expressions and propose different activities inviting all of us to travel during the week around the globe. This year, we find ourselves gathered around a theme, which has been, is, and will continue to be an enriching part of our lives, namely "Volunteering for global development" and we will try to create spaces to share our experiences of volunteering and its impacts.

The Joint Programme team will help facilitate the different joint moments in our programme by supporting the daily implementation of participants' proposals and contributions. We will also assist in building bridges between the different activities, which will hopefully allow us all to live and explore the potential of being together in this resourceful youth centre to the fullest.

The Global Café - The central joint meeting space where a number of events and activities will take place during the week, most of them proposed by participants. There you can find programme information, the space for coffee and tea breaks, music, video projection possibilities, creative workshops, relaxation space, morning sports and other different proposals put forward by You (for instance music, dances, theatre, story telling, etc) and by the Joint programme team.

The Global Games - CEULAJ, this excellent centre we are all sharing as our living space an indoor sports pavilion, where basketball, volleyball, football and similar sports can be played, there is also a swimming pool and tennis courts available at some moments of the day. With the support of the joint programme team or self-organised, you can share with other participants your traditional games or simply spend some active sport time with other participants.

The Joint programme team is composed of trainers and facilitators with multifaceted competencies, they are experienced in theatre, music, plastic arts, sports and games, dances and other sorts of cultural expressions, ready to help you in putting in action your ideas and proposals for the joint social programme - in the spirit of Ubuntu, an African word for the feeling that "I am because we are" - the University is Us! Lets share and discover each other.

Unicology: Over the last years the partners of the University on Youth and Development have developed and encouraged inspirational practices in order to build a socially, physically and environmentally sustainable activity. This is also expected in the 2011 UYD (eg: non-paper policy, low energy consumption, using recycled and recycling materials, using fair trade goods, keeping our body and mind fit etc). The

Five pillars of the Unicology approach: Reflect on our consumption habits; Refuse products that cause damage to the environment or our health; Reduce garbage production; Re-use whenever it is possible; Recycle - to transform into a new product.