

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

EUROPE FOR ALL?!?

RETHINKING (INTERNATIONAL) VOLUNTEERING

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Is Europe really open to all young people?

Many agendas and declarations presented by European institutions, their funding programmes and organisations working in the field of international volunteering have set up a focus on including young people “with fewer opportunities” into European volunteering activities and in particular on creating more diversity among the target group.

But despite this priority, examinations show that exchange and volunteering programmes are still reaching mostly young people who are from a rather privileged background – and are in general less open to youth “with fewer opportunities”.

The Strategic Partnership “Europe for All” brought together partners from four European countries around the idea of joining efforts to

better involve this target group in European voluntary service opportunities – and thus to make the slogan “Europe for All” come true.

The aim was to increase the inclusivity of such programmes by offering tailor-made volunteering activities, developing specific promotion and mentoring strategies, building up regional network approaches and urging the political level for more resources in the field of international youth work. The project was scientifically accompanied in order to examine the conditions for success of the implemented strategies.

Two years later, many of the project goals have been achieved: different volunteering activities, peer approaches and mentoring activities have been conducted between all involved countries, regional networking structures have been set up to get involved in international youth mobility and

overall: a newly created network of practitioners and volunteers is willing and dedicated to take further steps together!

The international conference shall provide a platform to share the insights won by the project, to discuss best practice examples, to create new synergies with other actors involved in youth work, youth policies and international volunteering.

We invite everybody to be part and contribute their views and approaches on how to create a “Europe for All”!

WEDNESDAY | 11 MARCH 2020

12:30 – 13:30 | Arrival & Lunch

13:30 – 14:00 | Welcome

Welcome Notes

Reinhard Griep | Jugendakademie Walberberg

Manfred von Hebel | JUGEND für Europa – German national agency for the EU-programmes Erasmus+ YOUTH IN ACTION and the European Solidarity Corps

14:00 – 15:30 | “Moved by Europe”

Warming up:

Exchanging perspectives: Exchanging perspectives on acknowledging diversity in international volunteering

Discovering new forms of inclusive international volunteering

Connecting youth work with youth politics

15:30 | Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:00 | Keynote Speech

Presentation of results from the scientific accompaniment of the project “Europe for All” access and barriers in European volunteering activities

Stefanie Bonus | Technical University of Cologne

17:00 – 18:15 | Panel Discussion

“Europe for All?!? Why? Who? What?”

Prof. Dr. Andreas Thimmel | Technical University of Cologne

Albert Klein-Reinhardt | Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ)

Manfred von Hebel | JUGEND für Europa – German national agency for the EU-programmes Erasmus+ YOUTH IN ACTION and the European Solidarity Corps

Annette Mütter | IKAB e.V.

Paul Fletcher | Achieve More Scotland

Aiesha Marr | Achieve More Scotland

18:15 | Official Launching of the Project Publication

18:30 | Dinner

19:30 | Evening Programme
“Experiencing Europe”

Project fair by Practitioners and for Practitioners

Guided Tour through the Exhibition on the Project “Europe for All”

Theatre Session with Eva-Maria Antz

THURSDAY | 12 MARCH 2020

09:15 – 09:30 | **Start Into the Day**

09:30 – 12:30 | **WORKSHOPS – Slot 1**

① Structural barriers and strategy development – exchange of knowledge and implications for policy and developing policy papers

Stefanie Bonus & Zijad Naddaf | Technical University of Cologne

② EU Youth Dialogue – Enabling youth participation in political decision making processes

Rojda Kaya & Nicolas Uhrberg | German Federal Youth Council (DBJR)

③ Municipalities heading towards Europe – concepts & initiatives of strategic anchoring international youth work within local communities

Conny Meyne | City of Wiesbaden

12:30 – 13:30 | **Lunch**

13:30 – 16:30 | **WORKSHOPS – Slot 2**

④ Peer Education Concepts & ideas for international networks – an Empowerment Workshop for young volunteers

Pauline Wilson | Young Movers Youth Bank Glasgow

⑤ Barrier-free public relation work: how to reach everyone

Jelena Auracher | bezev

⑥ Building up sustainable European networking projects

Sophie Brandes | YES Forum EWIV – Youth and European Social Work Forum

16:45 – 17:00 | **Highlights of the Workshops**

17:00 | **Coffee Break**

17:15 | **Conclusion & Transfer**

18:00 | **Closure & Departure**

FURTHER INFORMATION

TARGET GROUP:

Professionals and trainers from (international) volunteering organisations and international youth exchange programmes, teachers, social workers, representatives of the open youth work, youth care and youth association work, participants from the field of science, employees from the municipalities, representatives of the sponsors of international youth programmes, young peers and everybody interested in the topic and political institutions.

COSTS:

The participation fee for the conference is 70,00 € (reduced rate: 50,00 €) for accommodation, meals, programme costs. We want to enable everyone to participate, so if the fee provides a problem, please contact us. Accommodation will be in twin rooms (single rooms on demand).

NOTES:

The location is wheelchair accessible. Conference language is English, but if necessary translation might be organized. Please contact us in advance.

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