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## Activities going on and upcoming events

### Daily information service for young people and their small associations from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015

The objective is to listen, inform and guide young people by encouraging their participation in social and educational activities. Daily information service takes place from 9:00 to 12:00 and 14:00 to 18:00.

### Neighborhood partnership meetings already started and continue throughout the year 2015

The aim is to create spaces facilitating the expression of the aspirations and the project ideas of young people and their structures. The objective is also foster young people personal development.

### Library Resource Centre on youth projects, an open access and cost free

The objective is to provide necessary documentation to the young people and member associations by facilitating their good initiatives in link with the inclusion and the strategy 2020 of the European Union. This resources centre and its tools promote the participation of disadvantaged young people by giving them the access to these tools.

### Initiation and linguistic unlocking workshops for youth leaders and participants in their first European mobility experience

These workshops aim to promote equal opportunities and inclusion of for disadvantaged youth by providing them essential language support to facilitate their first involvement of European mobility projects, enabling inclusive growth.

### Webinars on the management of online communication of associations and the modernization of project management

AMSED will organize 8 Webinars (online seminars). The objective is to give young people and their association digital competences of E-communication and instantaneous conferences to improve the communication between the members and partners.

### E-conference on expectations and the role of the young people in the European year of sustainable development on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 18:30 to 20:30

The objective is to be able challenge the decision makers with recommendations resulting from expectations of the young people on sustainable development.

### Open doors dedicated to Europe, in the presence of European deputies, from May 9<sup>th</sup> to May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The open doors will be the opportunity to reinterrogate the direction of the European project and help to have a place for disadvantaged youth in the strategy of the European Union 2020. For participants this event will be an opportunity to be sensitized with the challenges of the democracy and European construction facing in many countries – Eurosceptic deputies.

### One weekend of initiations to the intercultural exchanges from June 6<sup>th</sup> til June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

This weekend is for all young people, especially for those having less opportunities. Main idea of this weekend is to sensitize young people with the challenge of comprehension, cultural diversity and the trainings related to the building sites of international solidarity (preparation, realization and restitution). This weekend will be a lever for their personal development. Indeed, they will deepen their cultural knowledge, geopolitical, historical, and their ability to make social connections through meetings and interaction. This weekend will help young people to accept the rules of collective life and foster mutual empathy.

# International activities in the near future

## Study visit to UN-Vienna

We invite you to join study visit to UN-Vienna. The study visit is organized for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time for youth workers interested in the work of the United Nations. You can find more information about the study visit on page [trainings.salto-youth.net/4668](http://trainings.salto-youth.net/4668)

## Training course in Italy

Training course "Equal chance for all – chance for a better future" in Prato, Italy on February 8-15, 2015.

## Youth Exchange in Italy

Youth exchange "Unlock your creativity – be an entrepreneur" in Salento, Italy on April 13-21, 2015.

## Training course in Germany

Training course "Do clothes make the man?" in Potsdam, Germany from March 27th til April 5th 2015.

## Training course in Romania

Training course "Euroma Cafetaria" in Sfântu Gherghie, Romania on April 2-10, 2015.

# Call for partners

One of our network partners from Turkey (Trex-EVS) is planning to apply for an EVS project called "WindJammer" and looking for partners from programme countries. If you are interested in becoming a partner please contact with Ayse Kavas by [info@trexevs.org](mailto:info@trexevs.org).

# Previously in AMSED...

AMSED participated the call "To build diverse and inclusive societies offering all migrant(s) opportunities and a dignified life". FORIM launched the first edition 2014 Price MADIBA, solidarity initiative designed to pay tribute to Nelson Mandela. We are glad to let you know that the second prize was obtained by AMSED for the initiative "International solidarity mobility as a lever for the professional integration of civic engagement: Renovation Awladi Care Centre for street children in Morocco".

## Assistance and Support for partner organizations of the network

The Network supported JARIT (Spain), ACD and AFJIC (France) for developing new mobility projects for youth workers, and TREX-EVS (Turkey) for establishing new contacts for future partnerships.

## Hosting new volunteers from partner organizations of the network

AMSED continues hosting new volunteers from partner organizations of its network. Anni (Estonia), joined the team one week ago, supports organization of network activities.



She is willing to implement a training course in Estonia after finishing her mission in AMSED.

Ninna (Sweden), with AMSED more than 2 months, is working on a street dance battle online between France and Sweden. For two hours, excellent dancers in hip hop, breaking and dancehall, will perform their best moves and at the same time exchange their experience and ideas. Everything will be filmed and broadcasted. Stay tuned on <https://www.facebook.com/events/1781054188786433/> to follow this Digital Battle!

You can find Anni's and Ninna's testimonies about their voluntary work on the next page!



# Our partners from Estonia and Sweden come to support network activities

**Anni is writing:** The first time I got to know about AMSED in September 2014, when they were looking for participants for training course „Inclusive growth and employability of young people with fewer opportunities“. I decided to apply, I participated this training course and I'm very happy I had this opportunity. People from AMSED are very nice and friendly, also they are passionate about what they do. Seeing them working in international environment and how well they managed this project, got me an idea doing a voluntary work at AMSED because I thought I have a lot to learn from them. During the training course I got an invitation to participate network meeting in November and I gladly accepted because it was a great opportunity for my quite young association to find partners and exchange ideas. This meeting was very motivating and then I knew I should volunteer at AMSED because they have a great network, an awesome international team who knows how to create and manage international projects related to important topics like employability, solidarity and young people with fewer opportunities. So I discussed with Djilali about it and he agreed to host me. And now I'm here in Strasbourg. I have been here a little bit more than one week. I was very glad that once I arrived here I had a meeting with Djilali and Saïde to discuss my learning goals and what I would do during my volunteering. My main objectives is to learn how to organise international training courses from the scratch – from writing to implementing what was learned during the training; support to manage international network activities and what methods can be used for local work with young people with fewer opportunities. So when I finish my volunteering and go back to Estonia I can organise international trainings, develop my association's network and organise different activities on a local level to engage young people with fewer opportunities to everyday life activities (worklife, learning etc). So far I've been working on network newsletter and feeding network's e-platform with new events. Both activities are good for network communication so I have already learned some ideas how to manage my association's network.

Anni, Ninna and Djilali happily at AMSED office



**Ninna is writing:** On my first day upon arrival I was asked if I knew how to make a blog. "No", I said, "but I can try". I let that be the guiding star of my volunteering, which proved to be a good strategy. I have a bachelor in social anthropology from Stockholm University. Coming from a very theoretical field, this volunteering was a great way to gain more practical experience when about to enter the labor market. I also got to practice and develop my French, since that was the general language being spoken at the office. As for my administrative tasks I prepared blogs and PowerPoints for AMSED's new network site, prepared and carried out a webinar and created (and handed out) flyers. This might sound like simple assignments but with no former experience, and no in-depth knowledge in French, I learnt a lot and certainly developed my digital skills. Once a week I taught English to young unemployed people and students. This was in collaboration with the NGO Maison des potes and I was fully responsible for planning and executing my workshops. Through this task I developed skills in structuring my own work and leading a group of people. This way I also got to meet some of the young

people of Strasbourg, one of AMSED's target groups. I also met several other people connected to the association while assisting a training course and a network meeting. These occasions were great opportunities to meet other people in the same field, enhance my social and language skills, and begin to create my own network for possible future work. My biggest task during this time was a project that I myself proposed: DIGITAL BATTLE. As the founder of the Swedish organization Dancers without Borders, I was already involved in a project in a suburb outside Stockholm, Sweden, and in collaboration with AMSED I could carry it through during my volunteering. The idea for DIGITAL BATTLE was to arrange an online street dance battle between Swedish and French young dancers, where the communication was carried out with Google+, webcams and projectors. By leading this I indeed developed my project management skills since I had to find dancers and a location, work out the digital technique, handle the marketing and contact with Sweden and make sure that everyone was involved and informed all the way through. It turned out to be quite a lot of work but we pulled it through and I was happy with the result. Strasbourg is a beautiful, welcoming and cultural city and I very much enjoyed my time here. My colleagues at AMSED are very nice (and hardworking!) and my volunteering proved to be a fun and developing experience in many ways. I want to thank everyone for making my stay possible and for blessing me with so many good memories.

If you would like to do an internship, voluntary work etc. with us and to get involved in network activities, please feel free to contact us by e-mail: [network@amsed.fr](mailto:network@amsed.fr)!