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Working Groups' Monthly Newsletter



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HOLIDAY IN ACTION!

Culture Working Group



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School is over! Let's get together and feel alright!

by Dóra Mészáros

As school is over we can start our best summer in AEGEE ever!

Topics of the month

This month we have got the final decision of the winner of AEGEE Capital of Culture. There was a long process to consider all the projects of the applicants and it was really hard to decide the winner as we got so many great future plans for the event. But finally we had to decide and regarding all the conditions, possibilities, circumstances and of course preparedness and offers of the applicants, we have chosen AEGEE-Sibiu! Congratulations to them and we wish you guys a great preparation and event!

What have we done this month?

As we have decided the winner of Capital of Culture we needed to have a skype meeting about the discussion of the details of organization. The meeting was succesful and AEGEE-Sibiu is preparing for our Anniversary Event right now. Good luck for them! Besides this there was also a CWG meeting in Bruxelles with our CD appointed member, Guillermo García Tabarés to discuss the future actions and events of CWG. The meeting went very well and fresh ideas were born regarding the future, that you can follow from month to month in our newsletter or on our facebook page.

In the World...

June it is worth going out to nature to feel freedom and the wind of holiday! If you like extreme sports go and try bungee-jumping, rafting or water ski! If you would like to try flying, go to paraglide! There are a lot of beautiful places in Europe for paragliding but probably the best ones are in Turkey. For paragliding in Europe check out this site

Our members

This time the "Member of the Month" award is going to **Guillermo García Tabarés** who used to be a CWG member and is still doing a lot for us via collaboration. We also give him our special thanks for having us over at the CD house and for taking the time to discuss the current and future activities of CWG with us. Congratulations!



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STUDENTS' MOBILITY: MAKING THE DREAM OF ERASMUS A REALITY FOR ALL

Education Working Group



ewgblog.wordpress.com

Others rest - we work!

by Liliya Buyukliyska

Usually the summer is the season for vacation. But not for the Education Working Group or at least the part that is connected with our new Flagship topic "Students' mobility: making the dream of Erasmus a reality for all". We already created a team, gathered 38 motivated people and we are building the structure of work. Forming a project is not easy and needs to be based on lots of research that will take place before the real work starting in the autumn. Meanwhile EWG is starting a new initiative called Mobility Training School that would be realized in cooperation with the Flagship Topic Team.

Topics of the month

The main topics that we talked

about was mobility - all its aspects and problems that we plan to talk about during Mobility training school and also the development and structuralizing of the Flagship topic. We also made the discussion in forum and EWG-L that are still open and you can give your recommendations to us.

What have we done this month?

To start with, we refreshed the team and made team meetings. We also discussed all aspects of Mobility training school and built the program and we are collaborating with AEGEE-Tirane in order to help for realizing the SU they organise.

In the World...

The "Erasmus for all" debate is as hot as the summer in the Balkans. And fortunately AEGEE is taking active part in it. On 5th of June Gizem has attended a round table discussion in the European Parliament, later on a meeting became clear that Youth Forum will get a chance to work together with Commission on the future Programmes Users' Guide.

Our members

Peter Ullrich has studied Civil Engineering in Aachen, currently he is fighting with economics in Köln and soon will go to Groningen and explore the enigma of psychology. He is a member of both AEGEE-Köln and AEGEE-Aachen.





YOUTH AT THE RIO+20 SUMMIT IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL (13-22 JUNE)

Environmental Working Group



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Is this the #futurewewant ?

by Hans-Peter Bretz

Since long, June 2012 has been branded as the Rio+20 month, with the Earth Summit coming back to Rio de Janeiro. But it has also been an active month in EnWG, between the last EDE events and the start of the GreenSU season.

Topics of the month

20 years after the first UN conference on sustainable development, world leaders, youth, businesses, and civil society activists gathered once again in Rio, to assess the (non-) progress made over the past 20 years and find an answer to the new challenges standing between today and a sustainable future.

After almost 2 years of negotiations, a text was finally agreed on Tuesday evening, just hours before the start of the high-level meeting (20-22 June), where world leaders like Hillary Clinton, François Hollande,

and Wen Jiabao epibrated on their countries' visions and achievements in the field of sustainable development.

EnWG Speaker Mathieu Soete was among the many youth following the negotiations from up close, lobbying politicians and EU commissioners to increase their commitments and include the priorities of young people. Is this the outcome they had in mind? Is this the #futurewewant? Read all about it in the Rio+20 article coming out soon in The AEGEEan!

What have we done this month?

The beginning of June also marked the last week of the European Day of Environment 2012, that included a variety of events in Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Aachen, Moscow and Turin. We'd like to thank the EDE organisers Davide and Diana as well as all local organisers!

In the world...

- Rio+20: See main article
- We finished our Eco Foot-print survey and will publish the results soon.
- The report from our visit to the CD house where we checked it for energy efficiency is ready and can be downloaded here.

Our members

Maurits Korse representing the Agora organiser team who made a great effort to have a green and sustainably Agora and made it part of this year's EDE.





'OPENING DOORS TO EVERYONE. WHAT WILL BE FOUND BEHIND IT?'

Human Rights Working Group

A happy new board!

by Maria Arends

Nearly two months after Agora-Enschede I am happy to present you the first board of the HRWG. It took us quite some time to form the board, since real elections will be in September, for now our approach was to form the board based on motivation and experience.

First we have Aleksandra Ivanovska from AEGEE-Skopje as our wonderful Secretary. She is quite new in AEGEE, but she is motivated enough to change the whole world. Fortunately she doesn't have to do that on her own, because we also have Niklas Vaalgamaa from AEGEE-Helsinki as HR. He is an energetic, nice and social person, so I guess he will be doing a good job as HR! For PR we have our own PR-guru, Stephanie Müller from AEGEE-Heidelberg and very well

known as Editor-in-Chief of the AEGEEan. Then we decided we needed another position, someone who is in charge of projects and who likes to organise. The first project this person will have to deal with is a pre-event in Bratislava, so that is why we have Lucia Sobekova as Projects Responsible. Not only is she a member of AEGEE-Bratislava, she is also a very enthusiastic person who is able to move a mountain if she wanted to. And last we have Maria Arends, from AEGEE-Groningen as Speaker.

We are all very enthusiastic to start working, and now that we are all finished with the exams I am sure that together with all the other enthusiastic people on the HRWG-L we will make it a wonderful term!

Our members

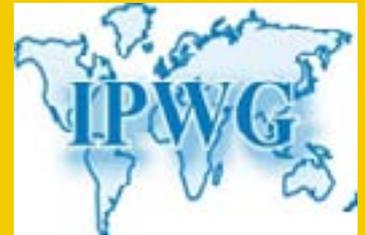
Besides the board we have a lot of motivated, hard-working people in the WG, which I don't want to leave out here! At the moment we are all working on the pre-event in Bratislava, contacting NGOs to cooperate with, and together we will make it great.

If you have any ideas, would like to work with us or if you are just interested in human rights, you can contact us at hrwg@aegee.org and join the HRWG!



THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE RTC ORGANISED BY AEGEE-MOSKVA

International Politics Working Group



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More than Just 3 Letters in a Row for IPWG

by Armenak Minasyants

Have you ever participated in Regional Training Course organized by any AEGEE local? Have you ever experienced with racism or discrimination or thought over the role of social networks in modern revolutions? And the most important thing to ask you, have you ever been a key speaker or trainer of any European event? No, you have not? So, continue reading this page and get updated.

Topics of the month

It is really strange but during the last month in our WG we did not have any big topic for general discussion. Anyway, two big publications have been presented to AEGEE network by joint efforts of the Board and IPWG members. We have once again raised the topic racism and discrimination on the AEGEEan and once again highlighted role of social media in the revolutions of "Arab Spring".

What have we done this month?

The Board has launched and started several big initiatives;

firstly we summed up our upcoming Youth in Action Project in illegal migration and got agreement with 11 partner locals. The application will be submitted to the EU Commission by October 1st.

The WG has also initiated the very first steps for cooperation with AEGEE Eastern Partnership Project. An article about EaP Team has already been published in our blog and very soon a contact person towards the project team would be appointed.

And lastly IPWG has successfully participated in the Regional Training Course organized by AEGEE-Moskva. Around 30 AEGEE-ans mostly from the North-East part of the Network got involved in the project. The IPWG was presented by one of the Board members', who delivered 3 big trainings/workshops which were dedicated to the EU Enlargement and Neighborhood policy and the youth involvement in decision making processes of the EU.

In the world...

The situation and political processes are getting absolutely new shapes in Syria. This state is edge of revolution or maybe something else?

Our members

Julietta Beglaryan

(AEGEE-Yerevan) is the Projects Responsible of IPWG's Board. She has a MA Degree in Political Science and is a student of the Diplomatic Academy of the



Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia. Still, she always finds time for AEGEE and recently she was the representative and trainer of IPWG to

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FIRST BOARD OF SPORTS WORKING GROUP WAS ELECTED

Sports Working Group

The start up

by Tomáš Kápl

What have we done this month?

June was the month of the first election of board. There were seven candidates for only six board position. So it is our great pleasure to announce you the first board of Sports Working Group:

- Speaker: Hakan Unal (AEGEE-Çanakkale/AEGEE-Kyiv)
- Secretary: Patricia Anthony (AEGEE-København)
- PR Responsible: Tomáš Kápl (AEGEE-Praha)
- HR Resp.: Zoi-Vasiliki Karapati (AEGEE-Athina)
- FR Responsible: Özgün Kaplama (AEGEE-Istanbul)
- IT Responsible: Eva Brieler (AEGEE-Bamberg)

Few board members have been traveling around Europe without possibility to be online and other members were fighting with exams. That means all communication in board were quite complicated and forming of working group and working format is still in the beginning.

But don't worry, we are ready to work much harder and achieve our goals!

Sports Working Group secretary Patricia Anthony was in Gdansk (Poland) volunteering for one of the biggest sport events in the world: Euro 2012 (European football championship). Why? For the love of travelling, sports and volunteering. Funny thing is that she is not the only AEGEE representative in this Polish sea-side city. In a peculiar conversation on the beach, relaxing with the other volunteers, Patricia discovered that a fellow volunteer Fabio from Torino is enthusiastic about our students organisation as well, as he is the vice-president of AEGEE-Torino.

During June we also received a request from Márton Demeter (main organiser of Agora Budapest) to prepare some sport activities for at least 200 people. If you want to help us to decide, contact us!

In the World...

- UEFA EURO 2012 (European football championship) is taking place in Poland and Ukraine. Both countries are well prepared and many members of AEGEE are enjoying fan zones in host cities.

- At the end of month:

Wimbledon tennis championship started in London

We are also waiting for start of the London 2012 Olympic Games in July.



Visa Freedom Working Group



www.wg.aegee.org/vfwg

LIMITED SUMMER - WHAT CAN BE WORSE

How far can you go?

by Anna Kotovych

First month of summer is already over, most of us are done with exams and already asked the boss for holidays. Passport and a backpack is enough for you to take the low-cost and to go anywhere even tomorrow? For some it can be a dream, or a final spot of a long-long chain. Summer is a period that everyone is waiting for. Some of us are planning it in few months, some are spontaneous and taking the nearest train. For others decisions should be done in advance, without possibility to travel as much as they would like. These "others" - are people that need visa to go abroad, the same active AEGEE members, that are fighting for their unforgettable summer, while preparing the whole list of required documents to get a "sticker" in passport, named visa. Summer should not be limited. Plans and dreams can not be destroyed. The Agora finished almost month

ago, have you already seen Visa Chronicles in AEGEEan?

What have we done this month?

This month started with a reform in VFWG, which board decided to increase the work inside WG.

After contacting to each member, everyone had an opportunity to choose activity that member is interested the most. This way members can be more involved in one of our projects.

Also a skype talk took place in the beginning of the month, where current tasks were distributed and some questions were discussed.

Also SU period is already started, and SUs in cooperation with VFWG are getting ready, plan of workshops is fulfilling with useful information and inter-

In the world...

- Ukraine and Poland - Canceling fee for the issuance of national visas

- "Russia-Georgia: Issues of the visa regime

- 4 million people crossed Ukrainian border since Euro 2012 start.

Our members

We have not got any new members this months, but as distribution of duties was done, our current ones were activated.



MOTIVATED AND READY FOR THE SUMMER TERM CHALLENGES

Here it is! Your Academy board ready for you all!

by Ramón Martínez

Nothing better to start our term than sending to the network some nice words.

Hello AEGEE! I am Burak Ölmez, one of the enthusiastic HR workers of the Academy and now the Human Resources Responsible, currently studying engineering in Ankara. Looking at it more detailed, I am interested in motivation, dynamism, development in an organization and social innovation. Right now, I'm excited to be in this team and I am looking forward to going steps further!

Hello everyone! I am Katre-Heleena from AEGEE-Tartu and AEGEE member already from the year 2007. Aside from AEGEE, I am a pharmacy student and hoping to receive my masters degree next year. For the next months I will be holding a position of Secretary in the current Academy board. I have already been a trainer in some AEGEE trainings and my next project will be upcoming PRES1 in October.

I hope that my current input will be useful for the future development of the WG.

Hi followers! I'm Michele Turati, the Treasurer of the Academy. A BSc in Finance, a Master in International Trade, two years in the Audit Commission and two mandates (2006 and 2007) in the Comité Directeur as Financial Director are my related experiences with money management. Just like House I believe that everybody lies, so numbers are in reality more reliable than people.

I'm Moncho, speaker, coming from the north of Spain I'm glad of taking care of this board and all the members, specially the new generations arriving. As a team we are ready for empowering youth in their life long learning process, and helping academy to be a lead group in European students training action, through internal and partnered activities. Stay tuned!

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In the world...

Summer is already here, and with it, our future term events. Write down the dates!

- ESSU Patra 24/07-07/08
- ESSU Debrecen 10-21/08
- SUPS Ljubljana 27/09-05/10
- PRES Nova Gorizia 14-21/10

Our members

New trainers onboard:

- Andra Berila, AEGEE-Bucures-ti
- Elena Georgieva, AEGEE-Sofia
- Eleni Baltatzi, AEGEE-Patra
- Robert Brunet, AEGEE-Tarragona

