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'Europe for Citizens' Programme

Workshop/Conference: Volunteering in times of crisis

2 and 3 March 2012 | Venue: Auditorium of the Botanical Garden of the University of Valencia, C/Quart 80, 46008 Valencia

Draft agenda

Introduction

The conference is organized in the framework of the *VIT project* which is financed by the European Commission and which deals with volunteering and democracy in an enlarged Europe. It seeks to promote volunteering in various European cities, raising debates on questions of active citizenship and participation. 19 partners - local and regional authorities, NGOs and associations - in the whole of Europe are working together during a period of three years. They will organize a series of conferences and workshops to reflect on how an active citizenship can improve European governance. Through this a platform of debate will be created collecting tools and good practices used by the regional and international actors involved.

The workshop in Valencia will take place on 2 and 3 March 2012 and will deal with "Volunteering in times of crises". Spain is among the countries which have been most affected by the current economic crisis with an unemployment rate rising to more than 20%, among young people even more than 40%. The conference will discuss the effects of the crisis on active citizenship and volunteering.

The event will be held in Spanish and English and will invite a variety of experts, representatives of NGOs, local governments and others.



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14.30 Registration and NGO Fair

16.00 Welcome

Dorothee Fischer, Vice-President RECREATURA_arts&culture

Marco Boaria, Resource and Development Unit Coordinator, ALDA

16.30 Round Table: Volunteering in times of crisis

Chair: Dorothee Fischer, Vice-President RECREATURA_arts&culture

Javier Edo Ausach, Vice-President of the Social Volunteering Platform of the Valencian Community

Participants of the 15-M movement: a historic moment for Spain? Is a new generation born?

José de Brito, youth specialist and teacher, Lisbon, Portugal

Umit Ozturk, Mediterranean Resources Network, UK

Pilar Ortega, Human Resources, Intermón Oxfam Valencia

18.30 guided tour in cooperation with GA Valencia (<http://ga-valencia.es/>)

20.30 Opening of the exhibition "...cruzando el charcO"

Laminúscula Asociación, C/ Villena nº13, Valencia, <http://laminuscula.blogspot.com/>



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9.30 Different working groups

Group 1: On gender and intergenerational issues

Introduction by Ines Novella, expert on equality issues

With the participation of Prof. Dr. Ruth April Stoffels, Director of the Equality Department of the CEU Cardenal Herrera University; Tania Magro Huertas, Architect and member of collectiu 6; María Huertas, Member of Women in Black; Cristina Martínez Vallier, communication expert and founder of Canguro Verde Papillas y Café, Ruzafa (Valencia) and representative of the Seminar "Mujeres Grandes"

Venue: La Nau, C/de la Universidad 2, 46003 Valencia

Group 2: Youth and education in volunteering (English-speaking group)

Introduction by Ridvan Elci, teacher and project coordinator, Turkey and a team of the Provice of Milano (Italy)

Venue: La Nau, C/de la Universidad 2, 46003 Valencia

Group 3: on the participation of foreign citizens

Introduction by Olivier Breda, the Belgian Association of Valencia

Venue: Cultural Centre Arte&facto, C/ Pie de la Cruz 8, 46001 Valencia (to be confirmed)

From 11h onwards Breakfast with Pedestrians ("Desayuno Con Viandantes")

Venue: Calle Triador in the neighbourhood of Velluters/old town

<http://www.desayunoconviandantes.com/>

12.00

Group 4: Volunteering, social economy and crisis

Introduction by Daniel Atienzar, expert in social economy

With the participation of CEIP La Paz (Albacete, Spain), Linnabor (Estonia, www.linnabor.es) and Desayuno con Viandantes

Venue: L'Aminúscula Asociación, C/ Villena nº13, Valencia

15.30 Participation in the Radio Mernet Show (UK)

16.00 Working Group 5: on the role of the social media (English-speaking group)

Introduction by Dorothee Fischer, Vice-Presidenta RECREATURA_arts&culture and European communication expert

With the participation of members of the couchsurfing community in Valencia

Venue: Cultural Centre Arte&facto, C/ Pie de la Cruz 8, 46001 Valencia

18.00 End of the working group

19.00 Conclusions of the workshops followed by RECREAparty, Arte&facto, Calle Pie de la Cruz nº8, 46001 Valencia



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Live music by *Mitrofán y la Burbuja Inmobiliaria*

Exhibitions: "*We are outraged*" (Indignándose) by Gustavo Reboredo Ortega and "*Imagina Velluters*" by Sostre and Arquitectes pel Paisatge, more info: www.sostre.org

Practical information:

Travel and accommodation costs of international participants:

The participants will be responsible for their travel and accommodation costs. However, the organizers are trying to set up a network of *couchsurfing* possibilities for the international participants. If you are interested to be hosted by one of our locals, please contact Dorothee Fischer from RECREATURA_arts&culture (info@recreatura.com)

NGO Fair on 2 March

Associations and NGOs wishing to share their publications and materials, are invited to participate in the NGO Fair taking place on the 2 March. Tables can be provided for, but need to be reserved in advance by e-mail or telephone.

Registration and contact person:

Participation in the conference/workshops is for free, but all participants need to sign up by e-mail:

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More information on the VIT project can be found on the website of the Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA), the lead partner of the project:

www.alda-europe.eu



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