

Report – YES Forum 2018 Annual Event & General Assembly

Athens, 14-15 June 2018



1 – YES Forum marches forward!

The youth field has an **essential role to play in tackling societal challenges all over Europe**, especially the rising divide within youth itself, youth social involvement and youth unemployment. As we believe that youth work makes a significant contribution to young people's lives, YES Forum and its associated members held their Annual Event in **Athens** on 14 – 15 June **to stay on course on helping European youngsters** thanks to the network.

2 – General Assembly

As every year, the GA was the unique opportunity for members to review the latest network developments and to contribute to YES Forum's future. The last year reaffirmed the positive trend of 2016 regarding quantity and especially quality of projects. Giving young people a voice remains YES Forum's key message and motivation to make difference. What we have achieved can be read in our 2017 annual report, which can be downloaded here: <https://goo.gl/CNvffT>



This year we integrated a session "YES Forum's new horizons" presenting in-depth information on numerous projects. To make it more lively and authentic, (young) people directly involved in the project introduced them.

Please find here attached the presentation of the General Assembly <http://urlz.fr/7gRy>

We are glad to announce two new EEIG YES Forum members, **Action Jeunesse Pessac** from France and **Jong Goud Slochteren** from the Netherlands. Welcome to YES Forum network and we look forward working with them!

Please find attached the presentation of the two new members



Action Jeunesse Pessac
<http://urlz.fr/7hTr>



Jong Goud Slochteren
<http://urlz.fr/7hTp>



We also welcome a new associated member, **CFP Bassa Reggiana** from Italy (<http://www.cfpbr.it/>).



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3 – Human Library “Say YES to Volunteering!”



Finally, on 15 June morning the YES Forum organized a **“Human Library” focused on volunteering**. 10 Human Books presented their experience to multiple small groups of “Readers” during informal exchanges. The “Books” represented current and former volunteers – in EVS but also through other public schemes such as FSJ in Germany or the Civil Service in France – as well as organisations involved in volunteering, as sending or hosting organisations especially in EVS.

The participants could therefore get a better – and more personal! – understanding **the many benefits of international volunteering**. With already motivating outcomes: several participants reported their new interest in getting involved in volunteering!

Don’t forget to Save the Dates!

<p>10-11 October, Groningen, NL</p>	<p>Project Planning Meeting</p>	<p><i>Open to all interested members and partners. Meeting focused on finding partners for new project proposals, and design the future proposals together.</i></p>
<p>Between 19-22 November, Brussels, BE</p>	<p>Policy Event – “Why so serious? EU politics can be fun!”</p>	<p><i>Concluding the “YourEP” project, join us to discover our results, engage with our young participants and policy-makers, and discuss how “political games” can contribute to bridging the gap between the European Union and youth!</i></p>

Programme

14 June		
13:00 – 14:00	Networking Lunch	
14:00 – 16:00	General Assembly: Statutory Part	All statutory aspects of the General Assembly, including: Report on our activities, finances, some important votes, approving and welcoming new Members.
16:00 – 16:30	Break	
16:30 – 18:00	General Assembly: “YES Forum’s new horizons”	YES Forum has new achievements to celebrate ... and has expanded to broader horizons thanks to new partners in the past few years. We’d like to celebrate these new YES Forum’s friendships by showcasing a few specific results we achieved thanks to these new collaborations! Among others, we’ll discuss PROMISE, DIVE, YourEP and the European Youth Event, YeToVo.
19:00	Networking Dinner	

15 June		
09:30 – 12:00	Human Library “Say YES to Volunteering!”	Because there is no better way to understand the benefits of volunteering abroad for young people than by hearing real life experiences, come and meet with current and former volunteers, as well as people dedicated to make volunteering possible!
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch	