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# INFORMATION SHEET

## VOLUNTEERING OF YOUNG PEOPLE

### LIECHTENSTEIN



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# 1. Volunteering of young people in Liechtenstein

*Give an overview on volunteering of young people (13 – 30) in your country on the national and regional level (in federal states) answering the following questions:*

*- Are there official national/regional recommendations (policies) concerning volunteering of young people?*

**On national level:** no

**On regional level:** no

*- Is volunteering usually paid? Y/N*

*- Is there any National voluntary service? no*

*- What is the legal / financial (fiscal) / social security status of volunteers ?*

no specific regulations

## 2. Main actors and networks

- *Who are the main actors (institutional and NGOs) in the field of volunteering of young people on the different levels?*

**National:** Sports and cultural, religious associations, NGOs in environmental and political realms , aha-Tipps und Infos (Youth information Center)

**Regional:** dito, youth clubs

**Local:** dito

- *Are any organisations in this field specifically targeting youth (as participants in voluntary activities and voluntary services)?*

- *Do networks and/or co-operations exist for supporting volunteering of young people in your country?*

- Yes, aha -Tipps und Infos für junge Leute. (Youth information center /NA for Youth in Action) for (international) out-going and in-coming volunteers (EVS)
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- *What is the legal / financial (fiscal) status of organisations promoting volunteering?*

No specific regulations

### 3. Promotion of volunteering of young people

- Which methods among the one listed below are the most used to promote volunteering of young people in your country?

**By national policies:**

- X Advertisement campaigns (competition in 2011)
- Education
- X Youth information centres (for EVS projects)
- funding of NGOs
- Other:
- xNone

**By NGOs:**

- Advertisement campaigns
- X Education (Scouts non –formal training measures)
- X Youth information centres (for EVS and other projects)
- Other:
- None

*Explain and provide examples for each of the box ticked.*

- Which among the followings are methods of recognition of volunteering of young people in your country?

- X European Youth Pass (for Yi A/EVS-projects)
- X Certificates (not actively in use)
- Credits in the formal education system
- X Awards
- X Incentives
- x They are valued in the CV
- Other:
- They are not recognised

*Explain and provide examples for each of the box ticked.*

Award: The Liechtenstein government has announced to improve the supporting conditions for volunteering activities and has launched a competition ("ehrenamtlich engagiert") for best volunteering projects. The winning projects will be presented in April 2011.

Incentive: There is a legal basis in the Youth Act (2009, Kinder- und Jugendgesetz, Support of Youth work, Art. 82 and Jugendförderungsbeitragsverordnung Art 13-22) to promote and support volunteering in youth work by reimbursement and training. A youth leader (e.g. who helps in or organises a youth camp) can be reimbursed for up to 5 five days a year per 60 CHF (when under 16 of age) /120 CHF (when over 18) a day. He/she has to apply in advance at the Office for Social Services /Division youth office.

- *What obstacles to young people's engagement in volunteering do exist and how are these faced by national policies ?*

No obvious obstacles known.

#### **4. Mobility of young volunteers**

- *Is there any national monitoring of how mobility of young volunteers takes place? Y/N No*
- *What are these monitoring mechanisms? If yes, please explain.*

## 5. Sources of information

Scouts (PfadfinderInnen in Liechtenstein), as Member of the Youth Council (Kinder-und Jugendbeirat)

NA Youth in Action/aha –Tipps and Infos für junge Leute (Youth information center)

Andrea Walter, [www.scout.li](http://www.scout.li), member of the National Youth Council (Kinder-und Jugendbeirat, [www.kjb.li](http://www.kjb.li))

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