

Contributors notes...

Karolina Vrethem is an educational trainer with her background mainly in youth organisational movements. She works both on the European level and with local training projects with much of the focus on training of trainers and the development of non-formal education. During 3,5 years she worked in Bosnia-Herzegovina with the development of local community youth work and is now involved in a long-term school project to develop methods to prevent gender- and honour based violence and suppression. She was a team member of the Advanced Training for Trainers in Europe 01-03.

Asuman Göksel was born in 1975 in Turkey. She was graduated from the Middle East Technical University - METU, Department of Political Science and Public Administration in 1998 and started to work there as a research assistant. She got her MSc at the same department. Meanwhile she was also working as the national coordinator of the Euro-Med Youth Action Programme on behalf of Turkey from 1999 to 2003. While she was studying for her PhD in METU, she got a scholarship from the Turkish government for her doctoral studies in Belgium's KU Leuven. She moved to Leuven in November 2003 and she is still trying to settle down and concentrate on her academic career.

Anne Françoise Storz has a Masters in Political Sciences from Brussels University (ULB) and a Masters in Communication and Media at Florence University (Italy). She is Belgian and is deeply fond of the Mediterranean, the Sun and the cultural beauties of Italy. Anne has worked on European projects concerning Mobility, Tourism, Environment, Culture, Sports and above all the Social Field. At present, Anne is the coordinator of several European projects, connected to the young (SporTrio II*) and to general topics including Sustainable Sporting Tourism and Accessibility for All.

Arturas Deltuva is a consultant and partner in the consultancy group «Bespoke Projects» in Lithuania. He is a Psychologist and holds a Ph.D. in Social Sciences. He specialises in: teamwork (intercultural teamwork), leadership, intercultural communication, coaching and training of trainers, personal development. He uses experiential, outdoor methodology, open space technology, and other interactive learning methods. Arturas works as a freelance trainer for the Council of Europe, National Agencies of EU YOUTH and EuroMed Programmes and other partners all over Europe.

Paul Kloosterman is a freelance trainer and consultant based in Amersfoort in the Netherlands. He works for a wide range of projects throughout Europe. Major areas of work are: Intercultural learning, Training for Trainers, Motivation, Working in International teams and Distance Learning.» Sharon Holder has a background in youth work and is currently delivering sex and relationships education for young adults with learning disabilities. Sharon has also worked independently as a Trainer on issues related to minority youth and diversity, working with the Council of Europe and the European Commission in recent years.

Gavan Titley works as a researcher in the Renvall Institute of Helsinki University, where his interests include understandings of globalisation and cultural change, tourism and culture, and ideas of multiculturalism. Gavan has worked as a freelance trainer for many years, and particularly with the Youth Directorate as a trainer, rapporteur and researcher. He is also involved in the Bridging Global Gaps project based in Prague, an attempt to develop processes of negotiation between different stakeholders in globalisation issues. He is Irish living in Helsinki, and at this time of the year is mainly engaged in inter-climatic learning.

Karina Chupina lives in St.Petersburg, Russia. She is a vice president of the International Federation of Hard of Hearing Young People and organises IFHOHYP study sessions in European Youth Centre Strasbourg. Since 2002 she has been a project coordinator and trainer of the European Human Bridges network. Her other responsibilities include volunteering as press secretary for the Fund of Assistance to Disabled Children and Youth in Russia. Her interests lay in trainings for disabled/mixed ability youth, human rights education, intercultural learning. Today she is working on her Master thesis in International Journalism "Information Policy of the Council of Europe and Disability Rights".

Geoff Cooper is head of Metropolitan Wigan's two outdoor education centres in the English Lake District. He has organised training workshops on environmental education for youth leaders and teachers throughout Europe and is author of «Outdoors with Young People: A Leader's Guide to Outdoor Activities, the Environment and Sustainability», published by Russell House Publishing.

Flavia Giovannelli is a former EVS volunteer. She has worked for a few years in the French Youth NGO's sector and is the Member-administrator of SVE-Connexion, a French based former EVS association. Flavia has an MA (DESS) in European Project management and carried out a 3 month placement at the EYC in Strasbourg assisting educational advisors during training courses. Since September 2003 Flavia has been working as programme officer at the "SaltoYouth EuroMed resource centre" (France).

Louis Leroux worked for ten years for the association Solidarités Jeunesses, a member of the NGO Youth Action for Peace. As founder and director of an international centre, "La Maison des Bateleurs", he participated in the organisation of voluntary work in rural areas involving rehabilitating heritage buildings and artistic projects. This educational association engages in practical peace-building work and brings together people from all backgrounds (including EVS and Step-by-step). Louis has a Masters in Educational Science and is currently Chair of the School as a Tool for Peace' (EIP) association.

Marianne Schapmans (31) is currently employed as project officer International Affaires at the Flemish Youth Council - Belgium. She has been working in the youth field at different levels for many years. Voluntary work is for all time important to her, even though in 1995, after a study in social sciences at the University of Ghent, she started a 'professional' youth work life. Initial, as a policy officer and a process manager in a rural youth movement, today, at the national youth council of Flanders.

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Bryony HOSKINS has a PhD in Youth Research on young people's sexual practice but she is not a traditional academic. She has recently completed an internship/stage in the Youth Unit of the Commission working on the Youth Programme, particularly Action 5. What is most important to her is empowering young people's voices particularly within youth policy and academic youth research. Since April 2003 Bryony has been working at the EYC Strasbourg as a Research Officer within the Partnership Agreement.

Jean-Philippe RESTOUEIX is 38 years old. He is a former member of the European team of the International Youth of Catholic Students (JECI-MIEC) and former Secretary General of the European Coordination Bureau of INGyOs (ECB). Since 1994 he has been working at the Youth Directorate of the Council of Europe, where he is currently responsible for the programmes of assistance for the Youth sector. Enthusiastic about Europe, he is also a specialist of silent movies.

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