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Tony GEUDENS is perhaps one of the last Belgians: born in the North of the country, studied in the South and now living in Brussels. He is always on the lookout for new challenges and likes to wear different hats: Sometimes he is a free-lance trainer, working on topics such as international project management and voluntary service, which brings along a strong intercultural component. You can also catch him part-time at SALTO-YOUTH @ Jint where he organises training initiatives to enhance the quality of projects within the YOUTH programme. His latest passion is event management, as he had the chance to organise "Bridges for Training" last September, a European training event bringing together different actors in the field of training and youth (www.eu2001youth.be). And when there is time left, he runs training courses for youth workers for the federation of youth clubs and participates in work camps with Service Civil International (Japan will be next).

Corinne GRASSI first was a volunteer and trainer for youth leaders from different countries in an international work camp organisation. She then worked for the Youth sector of the Council of Europe as a trainer with international youth organisations, to a large extent with target groups in difficulty of cultural or social integration and recognition. Today she is employed part time for the Youth Express Network, a European network of social workers, and works as a freelance trainer for various NGOs. She is always ready for projects which offer new perspectives and open up the local to the international level.

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