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News

Oxfam Volunteering Vacancy

Oxfam is looking for a Climate Change Campaigns Volunteer for one day a week in their offices in Glasgow. Oxfam Scotland's Campaigns Team works with a wide range of organisations and individuals to promote global justice. Volunteers play a key role in the team, helping deliver campaign activities on areas including

economic justice and health and education.

The Climate Change Campaigns Volunteer will be working on providing administrative and logistical support to Oxfam Scotland's Climate Change Campaigner, supporting a range of climate change campaigning activities including Stop Climate Chaos Coalition public meetings, Scottish Climate Bill lobbying, and Oxfam's Lifestyles and Sisters on the Planet campaigns and liaising with other Oxfam Scotland and Stop Climate Chaos Scotland members to deliver campaign objectives.

To get the role, you'll need to demonstrate:

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Good knowledge of IT (ability to produce local publicity materials)
- Outgoing people person, good at managing relationships and team working.
- Practical campaigning ability, including events planning and logistics.
- Knowledge of climate and/or gender issues an advantage.

For an application form, or to get some more information, get in touch with Sarah Watson on 0141 285 8875 or email sawatson@oxfam.org.uk

FYI Radio

For the Queer & Alternative LGBT Youth Community



FYI Radio is a collection of podcasts by the young, gay and the queer. As a social enterprise FYI Radio wants to help anyone 16 - 30 years old have a platform to promote their talent,

broadcast their activities, share their knowledge and learn new skills.

The FYI Radio team produces regular shows to discuss issues affecting young LGBT and S people, with live music and the newest sounds to hit the Net.

For more information please visit: <http://www.fyiradio.net/index.php>

Graffiti Workshop



Graffiti Workshop is a National Graffiti Art Contractor offering fun workshops and learning programmes to schools and youth groups throughout the UK. Established in 2005, the company provides the latest approaches in graffiti workshop education and practice. Teaching organisations and young people alike, Graffiti Workshop has teamed up with the police, youth offending teams, schools, youth clubs and churches to name a few. Spraying paint on cars, walls, carparks, shops, canvases, backdrops, furniture and bedrooms- basically if it doesn't move, they'll paint it!

For more information, go to www.graffitiworkshop.co.uk

Eupedia

Your guide to Europe in English

Eupedia is a website that offers a detailed and informative guide to EU countries for travellers, expats and locals alike, with an emphasis on sightseeing, history, culture, economy, and life in Europe. Currently they concentrate on England, the Benelux, northern France

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and western Germany, but they are expanding gradually.
<http://www.eupedia.com/>

EureleA 2009 European E-learning Award

EureleA 2009, the European eLearning Award for best-practice projects in eLearning for job training and further education, has been launched. Users of successful eLearning projects for teaching and learning with digital media within Europe (geographically) can apply in the following three categories: professional eLearning, non professional eLearning and public relations.

Deadline: 20 October 2008

You can find more information here:
<http://www.eurelea.org/>

The Journalist Award 2008

Now in its fifth year, the Award honours online or print journalists in the EU who, through their work, contribute to a better public understanding of the benefits of diversity and the fight against discrimination. The competition is open to journalists in the EU who write on issues of discrimination on the grounds of racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, age, disability and sexual orientation.



This year's competition includes a Special Award on the Roma as a community which frequently suffer from racial violence, hate speech and discrimination in accessing

employment, education, health care, and public and social services.

The deadline for entries is 31 October 2008.

For more information please go to:
<http://journalistaward.stop-discrimination.info/270.0.html>

events

Every Young Voice Workshop

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The British Youth Council believes that diverse and representative Local Youth Councils are essential to represent the views of young people effectively and engage with their Local Councils, Children's Trusts and other community organisations in a meaningful and informed way. By the end of the 3 part course Local Youth Councils will:

- Have the skills and tools to consult with a range of young people
- Identify the range of young people in their area
- Produce an action plan for submission to Children's Trusts and elected representatives
- Find other similar local organisations that they can work with

The course is being run in London in three parts on the 27th September, 13th December and 23rd February and it is essential you can attend all sessions. Each Youth Council can send 2 representatives to the course.

Venue: BYC Offices, London Bridge

Start Date/Time: 27th September (Registration from 10am, event starts at 10:30am)

End Date/Time: 27th September (Event ends at 4pm)

Registration closes: 20th September

Price: Free

BYC Provides: Travel Expenses x Food & Refreshments x

Contact Email: lyc@byc.org.uk

Contact Name: David Clark

Contact number: 020 7785 6461

For more information please go to:

http://www.byc.org.uk/media.php?parent_id=159&content_id=161

Move your city! Future City Youth Contest

The European Congress for a World Culture Forum will take place in Dresden / Germany from 26th of February until 1st of March 2009 with 500 experts and guests from all over Europe. The congress will be held under the topic »Culture is more – Europe in the Mirror of its Cities«. The Future City Youth Contest is looking for your expectations and ideas regarding the European city of the future that will then be integrated into the discussion at the European Congress 2009. Young people from the EU Member States between 15 and 25 years old are asked to realise and present their ideas for the future of the European city creatively and innovatively using artistic forms of expression. The registration deadline is 31st October 2008.

<http://www.wcf-dresden.de/junges-forum>

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European Day of People with Disabilities Conference

"Acting locally for a society for all"
1-2/12/2008

To mark the European Day of People with Disabilities, the European Commission organises a policy conference in the first week of December each year, in close cooperation with the European



Disability Forum (EDF). The Conference will focus on how EU

action/legislation reaches the local level and will provide examples of disability mainstreaming.

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=88&langId=en&eventsId=104&furtherEvents=yes>

International Educational Conference "Moving beyond Mobility"

Berlin, 13-14/10/2008

This is a conference for researchers, practitioners and experts in the field of international youth exchange and intercultural learning, about the educational impact, success stories and obstacles of exchange programs. The conference is organised by EFIL (European Federation of Intercultural Learning)/Brussels, AFS Interkulturelle Begegnungen/Germany and IDRI (The Intercultural Development Research Institute)/Milan.

<http://www.movingbeyondmobility.org>

International Education Week

17 November 2008

"International Education Week (IEW) runs annually in November, on the 17th - 21st in 2008. IEW is an excellent opportunity to show the world how an international dimension has benefited your school, college or organisation. The DCSF encourages everyone at all levels of education across England to join in the celebrations."

<http://www.globalgateway.org.uk/default.asp?page=3146>

youth in action

Eurodesk and Youth in Action



Eurodesk is an internet based youth platform as part of the Youth in Action programme, funded by the European Commission. Youth in Action is the programme the European Union has set up for young people. It aims to inspire a sense of active European citizenship, solidarity and tolerance among young Europeans and to involve them in shaping the Union's future. This programme covers 5 elements otherwise known as ACTIONS to support a large variety of activities for young people such as volunteering, youth seminars, youth exchanges and youth democracy projects. It also provides major support to the youth work sector across Europe by providing study visits, training and job shadowing.

What is Youth in Action?

The Youth in Action programme has been set up by the European Union for young people to promote mobility, tolerance, solidarity and participation.

The programme is split into 5 Actions: **Action 1 – Youth for Europe** provides grants for group Youth Exchanges, Youth Initiatives and Youth Democracy Projects. Action 1 grants focus on the mobility and participation of young people.

Action 2 – European Voluntary Service gives the opportunity for young people to spend up to 1 year participating in various activities as a volunteer in another country either within or outside the EU.

Action 3 - Youth in the World supports Youth Exchanges and Training and Networking projects in "Neighbouring Partner Countries" which aims to promote dialogue, mutual tolerance and intercultural awareness outside the borders of the EU.

Action 4 – Youth Support Systems provides the necessary tools for those working in the youth field to develop projects within the context of the Youth in Action programme. Activities include training courses, network building and sharing of good practice

Action 5 – Support for European Cooperation in the youth field promotes cooperation, seminars and structured dialogue between young people, those active in youth work and those responsible for youth policy.

What is SALTO-YOUTH?

SALTO-YOUTH.net is a network of 8 Resource Centres working on European priority areas within the youth field. It

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provides youth work and training resources and organises training and contact-making activities to support organisations and National Agencies within the frame of the European Commission's Youth in Action programme and beyond. SALTO-YOUTH's history started in 2000 and is part of the European Commission's Training Strategy within the Youth in Action programme and works in synergy and complementarity with other partners in the field.

For more information please go to:
<http://www.salto-youth.net>

Youth in Action news

BTM Wokingham

The Bi-Tri-Multi (BTM) training course is a 3-day event to train voluntary and professional youth workers who have not yet organised a youth exchange. This year's UK-based course took place in the peaceful Wokingham countryside and involved 28 participants from countries including Germany, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Slovakia.



Gerald Dowden and Sandra Siere took the group through a series of activities which aimed to stimulate ideas and provide practical guidance on how best to put an exchange together. The activities included role-playing scenarios focussing on typical issues

surrounding young people and a live working through of the various steps of the application process.



As a result their future applications will be of a higher standard, giving them a much better chance of grant approval. Participants also gained employment benefits from the YouthPass certificate they were awarded and were able to make new friends who could potentially become partners in a future exchange. The next deadline for applications is 10 December 2008 for the Switzerland based training course happening 4-8 February 2009.

For more information please visit the website:
<http://www.britishcouncil.org/connect/youth-programmes-action-1-training.htm>

European Youth Week



European Youth Week 2008 will be celebrated in all 31 countries participating in the Youth in Action programme, with various activities being hosted by European institutions in Brussels. It will take place during the week of 2-9 November 2008. European

Youth Week was also organised in 2003, 2005 and 2007.

2008 marks the successful implementation of 20 years of EU youth programmes. The European Youth Week 2008 will look back on the development and achievements of EU youth programmes whilst also looking forward, as part of the structured dialogue with young people, to the future direction of EU youth policies which will contribute to the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue.

For more information on European Youth Week please visit
www.eurodesk.org.uk after 15th September.

The next Eurodesk UK Newsletter will be distributed in September 2008.

Eurodesk national partners are formally established as a permanent support structure of the YOUTH IN ACTION Programme of the European Union to provide high quality information and advice concerning Europe to young people and those who work with them.
<http://www.eurodesk.eu>

The Eurodesk Network updates and manages the information content of the Commission's European Youth Portal. Enquiries coming through the Commission's Youth Portal are answered by the Eurodesk Network.
<http://europa.eu/youth/>



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