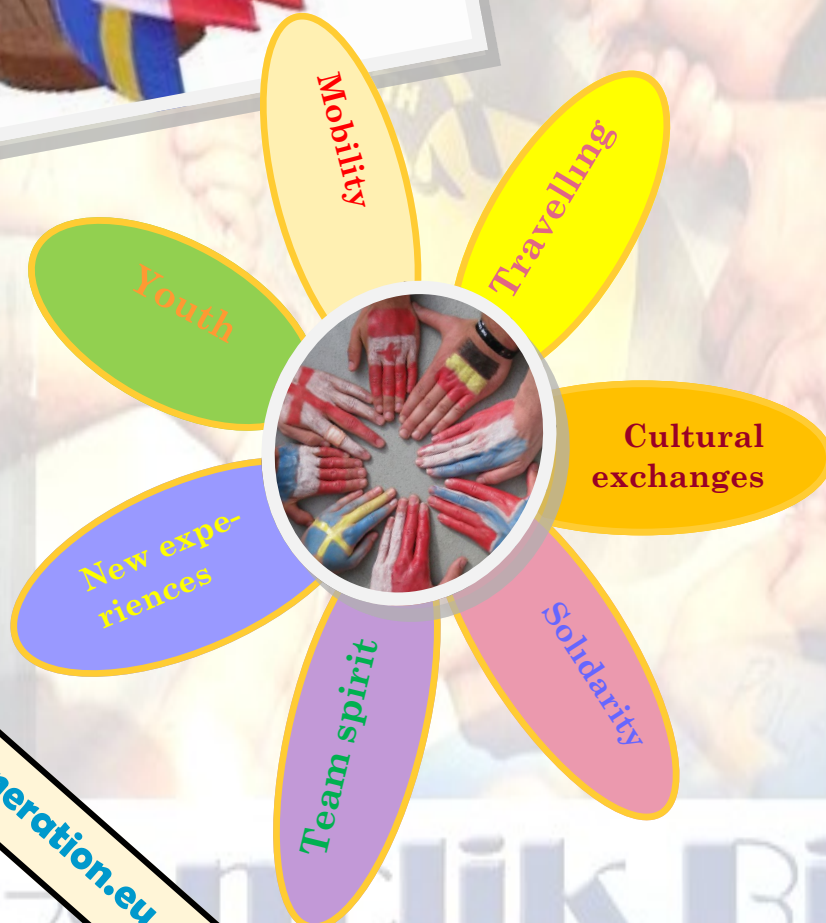




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## THE YOUTH CARAVAN

The Youth Caravan project has been implemented in order to give young people a chance to share informations about their cultures and promote mobility.

It provides you to obtain international organization experience,

It provides you an opportunity to share our knowledge and experience,

It also provides you an opportunity to progress yourself personally.



The Caravan is a group working in order to share their experience and informations.

It provides you to learn the way of professional class work via volunteerism. about youth, creating opportunities about youth project by EU projects.

## STAY WITH ME PROJECT. ,SATI ALATURI DE MINE'



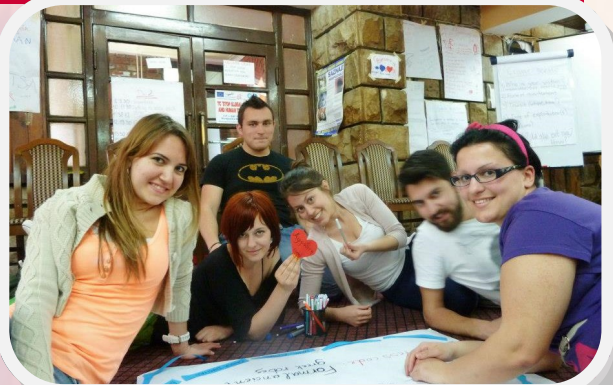
Ufuk and Tulay from System and Generation travelled to Romania in May for the APV of the project 'Stay with me, Sati alaturi de mine'.

The big meeting will soon be taking place, from July 28th to August 4th, in the same place. The participants will exchange on the theme of **violence** during this week, through workshops, discussions, but also creative and artistic activities on this theme. They will also have the opportunity to visit cities and landmarks around the Western part of Romania.



## " STOP ILLEGAL MIGRATION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING" IN VRNJACKA, SERBIA

Young people are under the risk of poverty because of the economic crisis that endangers nearly 80 million people in Europe. The lack of experience and of relevant information is due to lot of serious failures in the formal and informal education and general lack of inclusion of youth development of policies that tend to solve key problems of youth makes them the most nonprotected category regarding illegal migrations, and so the riskiest group with respect to human trafficking. The purpose of training course that happened from April 17th to 26th is to reduce social exclusion of the young. The participants developed and improved their knowledge about the



### Here are the impressions of Bahar Şahin, who took part in this training:

"First off all we played some games to know each other and to meet. After we had important topics and it was heavy. Generally we were divided in small groups for a determined time, and then presented what we had done together to the others. So we shared our own opinions and at the end we could reduce to a common denominator. It was a total teamwork. This was during the first 4 days. On the 5th day, a woman from Belgrad talked to us about human trafficking, with a movie about the victim's psychology. We then analysed victims' psychology. We learned how the

were really impressed by the movie. After that everybody prepared presentation about minorities which stay in their own countries. And we played some games in the conference room, my favorite game was "democracy game". We gathered in small groups again, and every group represented a different country, and had small cards with information about health, education, ... We had to choose the most suitable cards for our country in this game. Actually the countries had different political systems and we had a chance to explain our countries' systems. After, as a complement to our program we went to Kraljevo city center to visit the association. A professor of criminal law in university came and

terms migration and division at legal and illegal scales, and tried to understand the reasons for migration-poverty, joblessness, factor of attraction, need for labor in countries of destination. while they were understanding the process, they raised their awareness about the need for active participation on the field of fight against illegal migration and human trafficking. they got an opportunity to become highly aware citizens of Europe.

victims were mentioned law and rules about deceived, and this topic. And the association presented us their project. They were really sympathetic and funny. On the first 4 days we had cultural evenings. Every country presented their own food, history, play..etc. we realized everyone was very similar: we had similar cultures. During the 9 days we had the chance to understand each other, to analyse our countries' own problem and to search for resolution. We were a voice of our own country. It was a chance for youth. After this meeting, we created a group on facebook to keep in touch. Its name is 'TC:STOP ILLEGAL MIGRATION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING'."

### Lets Go Visa Free

The project idea was improved during the workshop called "Visa is an obstacle in front of civil society dialogue" which was organised by EU General Secretariat on December 11th, 2010. Our goal is to explain that visa requirement is a big barrier for young people who would like to benefit from Youth in Action program; and then influence political decisions in order to stop visa regime.

### Trainings for Projects Development and Writing



**29-30<sup>th</sup> of June in 2013, Ankara**

In the negotiation process, project development and implementation methodology play an important role in our country. For this reason, a training about writing project took place in S&G, Ankara. Our aims were to select the authors of the project who are involved in it.



### ONE STEP GREENER

**1-7 July 2013 / Graz, AUSTRIA**

It took place with six participants( 2 boys,3 girls and one group leader) One step greener is many side youth exchange project among Armenia,Austria,Turkey and Poland and is took place in Graz,Austria. The purpose of the project is to support the 20 participants( 2 partners from EU, 2 from non EU states) in their working process with young people in the field of children' rights, mostly related to environment. Project lasted 7days and included workshops with experts and international as well as local professional, city serves, discussions, intercultural evenings and sightseeing by using the method of experimental learning. One of the our goals is to extend the participant's knowledge about children' rights and that the social workers their practical skills and experience about working with youngsters in the field of children's right. In their own country, participants should be promoted in finding ways of how to enhance children's awaransess an environmental rights as part of human rights.



## Anti-bias project,

articulated in 3 modules, takes place in Poland and Germany, gathering people from different countries. Two volunteers from S&G are involved in it, and travelled to Poland from 16-21<sup>th</sup> June,

The second module will take place on 23-29<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 in Germany.

**What is bias? It means factor thought in the occurrence of prejudice.** The themes of the 1st module were identity, discrimination and prejudice, with a self-reflection effort. The Turkish participants explain us...

The first stage of the anti-bias project was based on the concept of "self-reflection". For this reason we particularly worked on defining ourselves and our identities and listening and understanding the other participants who have different properties and who come from different cultures. After we saw self-reflections of each other's, we continued to work on an important concept that is "Power relations". We started to analyze this

concept first of all at an individual level and we analyzed the power relations in our group. It was one of the most basic parts of our workshop because understanding the power relations helped us to deepen our anti-bias approach understanding.

After analyzing the power relations in the societies, we worked on our prejudices. Simply the subject of the workshop was based on creating a new society on an island and choosing the best 8 people in from 20 candidates to create our own society. In this group-work, there were many different opinions and combinations. In each discussion we found a chance to produce new opinions about our own prejudices.

In small groups we discussed about the functions and the effects of the prejudices and we found the reasons and the results of the prejudices in our lives. We shared our experience and then we shared our opinions with the whole group and we presented the functions and the effects that we found. It was a useful way to deepen our Project.

In the following stages of our Project we worked on another important concept, which is discrimina-

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stages of our Project we worked on another important concept, which is discrimination. This stage was mostly based on sharing our personal experiences, but also how to analyze real situations and how to solve them.

Moreover, we decided to enrich our short-term Project with a participatory-video and we presented our idea to the whole group and the other participants accepted it with pleasure. We decided to deepen and complete our Project until the second part of our Anti-bias Project.

At the end of the Seminar that we completed in Krzyzova, we informed the other participants about our organization S&G and on of its project "Standing for No Visa" which is also connected by our subject of seminar.





## EQUAL CHANCES FOR ALL - A CHANCE FOR A BETTER FUTURE, SERBIA



Between the 23rd of June and the 2nd of July, around 30 people from 16 different countries (EU, Balkans, Turkey) met in Serbia to talk about equal chances. System and Generation's volunteers who studied social work, Nejdet and Şükran took part of the meeting.



The global group had a very nice ambiance and the cohesion helped making their exchanges really constructive. They first had a training course on several topics, such as minorities and majorities, migration, discrimination, social inclusion and exclusion, HIV and AIDS that were defined and conceptualised by the whole group. They were also informed about National agencies' and European Commission's, Youth in Action programmes' works on this topic. They also had the chance to meet the local population of Vrnjačka Banja, and visit the city. They organized cultural nights during which each person could show the others about his/her culture, for example by showing their traditional dances. They also had some free time and could go out to the restaurant, and have fun together.

At the end, they had a good feeling: they had an opportunity to learn words in different languages, pieces of culture, and the specific social problems of every country.

Nejdet explains: "In university, we are interested in these topics, but I couldn't really practice about them. During this training course, I could practice and apply these terms and concepts on real situations, I learned their real meaning. And I had a chance to design projects about these topics"





## AYNA PROJECT

The inauguration of **Intergenerational Interaction Project for Active Living—[AYNA] (mirror, in Turkish) PROJECT** took place on Wednesday, July 10th in Ankara.

This project involves S&G and other national and international partners, between the 4th of July 2013 and the 4th of April 2014.

The Overall Objectives of the Project is to strengthen old and young Ankarian people's participation in social life, to ensure that old people play an active role in society by reducing the generation gap and to contribute to the development of young people's awareness of social responsibility.

The Specific Objective of The Project: The specific purpose of the project is to create a model to develop interaction and dialogue between generations of young and old people.

This model does not intend to offer a new model of aged care services in Ankara. This model's aim is to develop interaction between young and old people equally. Through this interaction, the elderly and the young people are going to have the opportunity to benefit from each other about various subjects and are going to enter into interaction with each other. The project is going to given 200 young people and 100 elderly people who are living in Keçiören, Çankaya and Altındağ the opportunity to carry out various activities in harmony with each other. As a result, young and old people's approaches towards each other are going to be examined; identified strengths and weaknesses of the predicted model and designed latest version of the model.

On the first 3 months, we will develop a scientific study on the subject, and will follow on the next 4 months with a project implementations in Ankara with hundreds of people. At the end, we will disseminate the project, and inform the public. About it.



Informational video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=IB75p8TNdvo#at=33](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=IB75p8TNdvo#at=33)



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## System & generation and the volunteers

The first time I came to Turkey was 2 years ago, as an Erasmus student. I definitely consider this period as the best of my life, as Turkey amazed me so much, through its culture, its language, gastronomy, and people's welcoming behaviours. I had to come back, and so I did twice, once for a thesis, and this summer to work as an intern at System and Generation.

Working in System and Generation is a very nice experience, a lot of young people come to the office to work, but also to talk and exchange about many subjects. Everyone cooperates with each other, we get involved in team working, which is definitely more exciting and fruitful than doing it alone. We designed different projects about European youth, solidarity, mobility... and I could abandon my self-focused point of view to understand the generalities that turn around each subject, whatever our backgrounds or nationalities.

This time I came, I found a new Turkey, for this reason (my international friends have left, I met new people) but also because with « Gezi parkı »



events that took place in the whole country, a lot of people got interested into politics and society, and developed their opinions on many subjects. Talking and working with them is really stimulating and I am just disappointed my journey here is about to end.... for this time !!

Lucile J. , intern



## EVS exchanges

### Group EVS Youth Mobility for a Healthy Environment in Greece

In July, 2 volunteers from S&G were sent to Greece, and 8 more will follow during the next 3 months.

One volunteer was also sent to **Belgium** within the frame of 'Mayors for peace 2020 vision campaign'

On the first of August, S&G will host a **Greek** volunteer, and from the 1st of September, a **Ukrainian** volunteer will join the adventure, too!



## LANGUAGE EXCHANGES WITH S&G



S&G organized **Russian lessons**. This was speaking club to help young people to improve their speaking skills in Russian.

During 3 weeks in July, our French intern Lucile organized French conversation courses in System and Generation conference room, twice a week. It gathered Turkish people who had had some lessons before, or had lived in France for a short time, talking about culture, language tricks, similarities with Turkish language.

System and Generation Association organized Portuguese lessons. There was a portuguese volunteer willing to share some information about her culture, language, people. It took place every thursday at 17.30 until end of May.



## TRIPPING WITH THE CARAVAN



**On the beginning of January**, some S&G volunteers from Germany, France, Syria and Slovakia travelled with S&G board members to **Keçiören** and **Konya** for a several-days trip with the caravan. They visited a school in Konya and one in Keçiören, and offered 6th and 7th grade pupils to do some things related to their proper cultures, with activities such as dancing, discussing, singing, playing...

It was the opportunity for them to discover new cities with museum visit and mevlana dances, as well as to exchange about culture and make sensibilisations about resemblances between different countries and Turkey. This trip was fruitful and everyone seems to keep a good memory of it.





The **'Wisdom of Earth'** project took place in Kokkola, **Finland**, from 1st to 8th June 2013. During the project we stayed at Villa Elba, it was an amazing place: forest, lake, sauna, 24-hours daylight, ... and our lovely friends: the mosquitoes!

It's an outdoor activities project, which teaches you how to survive outdoor without any electronic machine. We could also experience to stay 24 hours by yourself in the wild (Some of us even stayed 2 days like this). Nearly 30 volunteers (including 4 from Turkey) tried to do it and succeeded. This experience was also good for introspection and listening to ourselves, we had the opportunity to discover who we are, question what is the aim of our lives.

Shortly, it was much more than a project...!

Merih Akgunay

### PAVITT Participatory Video a Training Tool for Young Entrepreneurs

(1 March 2013- 30 April 2014)

PAVITT project targets to making participatory videos and stimulate creativity of the young participants, who will come from Spain. Italy, Bulgaria, Portugal and Turkey. It aims at stimulating innovation, and self expression as well. The participants targetted are young entrepreneurs, who can make use of this type of videos, and understand the power of the images, sound, light... of new technologies in general. PAVITT project states that using this method in trainings can be more efficient and be a good tool to fight against unemployment in Europe.



### EVS gave me a job conference in Spain

The conference took place between 17th and 22nd of June in Cercedilla, 60 km from Madrid, Spain. During these 4 days, themed on the relation between EVS and employability, 22 young people from 13 different countries who already had an experience as an EVS and found a job thanks to this, gathered together to share their stories, in order to share

What came back from their experience in general was both a personal (in languages, in organization abilities, in socialisation, cultural discoveries and opening ...) and professional experience (in precise technical tasks as well as project design and management, team work



## Poland Let's Risk it Project:

"Let's Risk it! Risk awareness international youth projects" was a training course. The Project was hosted by Eco-Initiative Association. The participation was supported by System and Generation Association.

Within the youth in action programme, a training course is a project where youth workers and youth leaders come together for several days to develop their knowledge, skills, and attitudes on a certain theme. The daily programme of the course is based on learning objectives and facilitated by experienced trainers. The training courses promote the initiative and creativity of participants and have a direct impact on their future youth work or youth policy activities, such as organizing quality projects and providing intercultural and non-formal learning experiences for young people.

Altogether 21 people from France, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Turkey, and United Kingdom took part in the Project.

Our main aim is to increase the quality of international projects in the Youth in Action Programme through the development of participants' competence in risk assessment and risk management.

The training is based on non-formal education methods: workshops, exercises, debates, simulations, games, discussions, short presentations, case studies and reflection sessions.

### Main contents and activities of the Project:

Our Project is 5 days training course. We decided on this topic because it has a huge impact on the quality of international projects involving young people and is still not very well known by youth workers. As they are responsible for the protection and safety of youth, they should therefore be well prepared for it.

Trainer/s: Anna Szlek and Agnieszka Szczepanik

The expected results of the Project are the following:

Participants will have broader understanding of risk in projects, be able to identify factors of vulnerability of youth, understand and be able to do a risk assessment for Youth in Action projects (before and during implementation), know various tools that can facilitate risk management.

Emre Meydaneri

**We are here, give us a chance, include us**

A youth exchange with young people from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, France, Italy, Serbia and Turkey. The project took place **from 6 to 16 July in Vrnjacka Banja (Serbia)**. The aim and the specific objectives of the project were to empower young people (minority and migrant) to use performance as a tool of social action; to discuss the problems and solutions concerning **social exclusion** and how to achieve **equal opportunities for all young people**.

Main activities : The first part of the exchange allow participants to explore their knowledge and understanding of the **concept** of social inclusion / exclusion.

Second part was dedicated to developing some basic knowledge about the **performance** as a form of social action .

Preparing and showing a performance which consists of flashmob ,sculpture and short theatre.

Erhan





On 12th april, at **Gazi university** in Yüzüncü Yıl Conference Hall at 14.00, for youth contact meeting about the european adventure took place. One of participants were going to sent into Romania to youth exchange project under the EU youth exchange project under the EU youth in action programme. First session was about European Volunteer Services and European projects for youth. Second session was about project development involved in evs, youth exchanges and youth initiative and without visa for europe youth caravan was presented by S&G.



The project called "The effect of humour in communication and in changing stereotypes" held on 7-14 July in Athens, Greece.

Project hosted 7 participants from each of these countries; Israel, Turkey and Greece. During the project; participants from Israel and Turkey stayed in Golden City Hotel. It was located in a central place ; close to the university.

In the first day participants settled down in the hotel and they had a rest. On second day Greek team took us from the hotel and we went to the university. There everybody introduced themselves and talked about their hobbies, plans for the future etc. In the other days we generally talked about the effects of humor in our daily life and discussed how humor affects our Communication. Everybody shared their past experiences about



the topic. We also visited touristic places such as Acropolis, Parliament Building and National Theater.

Shortly, we had a great time in Athens, everybody had a unforgettable experience and developed friendships. It was a pleasure to be part of this project.

Turkey Team,  
Baki Bozyel – Group Leader



## 4th European Platform of Youth Centres

From 8 to 10 May, 2013 in Brežice, Slovenia took place the 'Annual

**Platform to exchange knowledge among organizations interested in Council of Europe's quality label for Youth Centers'**. Label that Brežice Youth Center recently obtained.

S&G Board member Gürkan Akçaer was present during these 3 days and took part in exchanges about what is this 'Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres', the promotion of Council of Europe's values for Youth programs, networking and exchanging about management, and educational techniques - such as non-formal education - in Youth centres.





### **Anna Lindh Foundation Turkey network common action**

From 27 April to 2nd May 2013 in Eskişehir, Turkey, 10 organizations among ALF program, from different networks gathered 60 participants from Euro-Med region and aged between 23 and 30, including 50 from Turkey. This was the 6th Step-5 meeting, and they participated in round tables and workshops around the theme of Social Responsibility.

The participants already all had an experience in the cultural studies area, and by exchanging on it, they could get some feedback from experts and peers.

The conference “**Environment, Culture and Social Responsibility**” gathered together 70 participants from 20 different institutions, 10 different cities and 5 different countries.

**Non-formal education methods** were used during the workshops, experts informed participants about their subjects, they invited places where subjects implement and participants create new projects.

‘A cleaning action “**Let’s do it!**” organised by Anadolu University Erasmus Club took place for the purpose of a cleaner world in Adalar, Eskişehir. About 90 participants cleaned the Street with gloves and pockets accompanied by the press and public. The main of this Project will take place simultaneously in 15 different city at 11 May 2013.’

‘**The Evaluation Meeting**’ took place on 30th April 2013, it started with opening speeches of ALF Turkey Coordinators and Tepebaşı Municipality Vice-President, Melih Savaş. In this meeting where ALF members who Common Action partners attended, workshop groups presented their Works and shared opinions with each other. At the end, attendance certificates were presented and shared last evaluations.



## Anna Lindh Foundation Forum in Marseille, France

4-7 April

Marseille, 2013 European capital of Culture hosted during these 4 days more than 600 NGOs and other organizations which were present there, with a total of 1500 people from 44 countries.

This forum aimed to promote Youth mobility in Euro-Mediterranean countries.



S&G, as the head of Turkish ALF network, was there and wrote messages about mobility on NO VISA balloons.

Martin Schulz (President of European Parliament, and Štefan Füle, Czech, and European Commissioner for Enlargement since 2009, attended the meeting and delivered some speeches in favour of mobility and exchange.

At the end: postcards were printed with the map of European continent and no visa messages. on the writing part, excerpts from Martins Schulz's closure speech.

Juliane, an ex-EVS at S&G, was interviewed by a German newspaper and related her experience in the association. Click on the link below to read it:

<http://www.noz.de/lokales/69194888/lingen-erin-juliane-tholen-hat-in-ankara-viel-fuer-ihr-weiteres-leben-gelernt>

Anna Lindh Foundation was shown in the television programme (TRT).(see photo)

TRT Türk Türkiye'nin Sesi aims at informing young people about EU youth project, education in other countries. Moreover, Their goals are to create interactive place for youth to ask questions and learn their answers. On 9<sup>th</sup> of April, 2013 at 17.00, Anna Lindh Foundation, Turkey's coordinators discussed about the visa issues and developments after ALF Forum 2013.



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## 31st of May: Neighbours' Day

During the last Friday of May, more than 15 million people around the world gathered together in order to celebrate neighbourhood.

In Ankara, System and Generation organized it, too, joining the Science and Art day in Keçiören.



This fabulous event was celebrated in Ankara in a joint event with Kecioren Municipality called Science and Art Festival on 31st of May. We started the day with our caravan being transferred to the festival area and hang a huge balloon over it saying No Visa for Europe on it. The day before this event, we also had a nice conversation on a local radio in Ankara and emphasized the significance of this day being celebrated by millions of people each year.

In the festival, we informed our guests about the Neighbours' Day in a detailed way and provided with booklets and brochures. We also shared postal cards with our guests saying "Stand For No Visa" and they expressed their opinions about the visa exemption for Turkish citizens to the embassies of the countries they wish to visit most. We gave the message to the officials that neighbours should have the right to visit one another freely and easily without visa requirement. Children visiting out stands were distributed co-

lorful balloons and they were kindly requested to draw pictures or write some words when they hear about "neighbourhood". In that way, children were reminded of the importance of the concept of neighbourhood that has started to become a bit forgotten nowadays.

Our volunteers Esra, Baki, Ahmet, Ebru, Bahar and Nurullah (left to right) made a huge contribution to the process of celebrating this event in Ankara. They helped our caravan to be introduced to our guests and had a nice time with children. Besides, they exchanged ideas on European Union - Youth in Action Programme with their young peers.

With that all, we are looking forward to next year's World Neighbours' Day event with better and more fruitful activities.

Ahmet KURNAZ, Volunteer in S&G



### Write now, Write our future

This project took place in Murcia, Spain, between March 11th and 18th, when 21 volunteers from 7 European countries met together. The whole project lasts 360 days and aims at discussing about democracy. S&G sent 2 young: Gizem Şahin and Ufuk Baltaş who, with other youngsters, learned by having fun during the workshops.

These workshops were both about written expression techniques, and more political topics (democracy, European citizenship, politics, ...) and helped pre-

paring a "3rd Millennium Call For Freedom Manifesto", which insists on concerns about the problems of European citizens and was presented to Caravaca Municipality, City Council, politicians and journalists from the local media. The participants also prepared a video that tells 'what is democracy' in a humorous way and was shown in the City Council. A guidebook about the workshops was published by a trainer, Tasha, and can be downloaded online ("Writing Reloaded") from our website.



### Cook by H2O

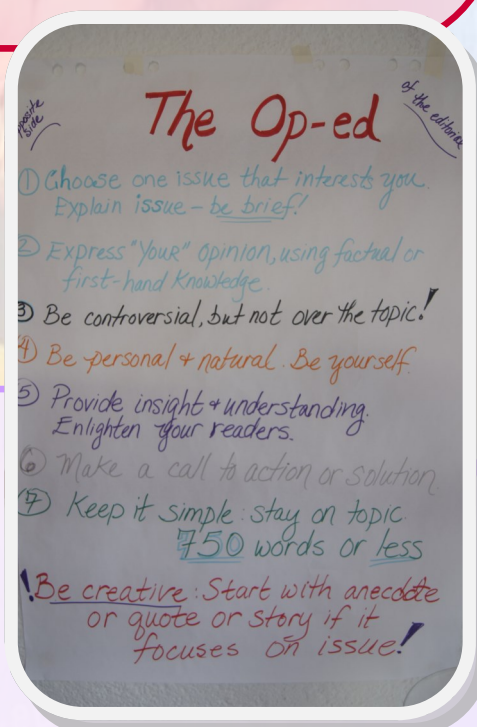
"Food and Sports to Connect European Youngsters"

This project is a Youth exchange about food and sport to connect European youngsters. It is taking place in Portugal, from July 20th to 29th.

S&G is sending 5 people: 1 leader (Ufuk B) and 4 participants who will take part in it. The goal is to exchange on food

traditions, habits, tastes from different countries participating (43 participants in total, leaders from 10 partners (4 from EU, 5 from EECA and 1 candidate country to EU))

By sharing and making, people discover that sharing food means sharing a part of their culture, this exchange is also - with the use of workshops around habits, food safety, healthy meals... and sports - a way for teaching in an informal way, following the topic of differences and similarities.





### 10th HoN Meeting of the Anna Lindh Foundation - Krakow, 20-23/10/2011

ALF Network for Turkey has represented the İKSVİ S&G, ACSDI during the 10th Heads of Network Meeting that took place in Krakow on 20-23rd October.

### Sea of Words, 6th edition

This project encourages people to write about a theme related to European culture and exchanges... This year's theme was XXXXX

28 short stories were sent in Turkish, and after pre-selection by our association, will be competing with stories in other languages, from other countries.

THE 15 most relevant to the theme and well written will win the competition

### 2nd Alexandria education convention

System and Generation attended from the 16th to 18th December the second Alexandria education convention in Egypt. It was organized by Anna Lindh Foundation, and the topic was the development of the **Education Handbook on Intercultural Citizenship in the Euro - Mediterranean.**

The themes that were discussed were: embracing diversity, education through and for change, and pro-active citizenship.

The debates were aiming at favouring intercultural citizenship in Euro-Med countries.

This year we once again hosted many volunteers coming from Turkey and abroad to System and Generation, but also leaving or travelling to other European countries as EVS, taking part in projects...

What about you?? Why not you??

You can visit our website here and get in touch with us:

[www.systemandgeneration.eu](http://www.systemandgeneration.eu)

