



Welcome to the Active newsletter! Active consists of 31 member organizations from all over Europe gathered in sobriety, friendship and peace. The newsletter is issued once a month. Do you have contributions? Please send them to office@activeeurope.org!

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1. State of the art

“Active -sobriety, friendship and peace” has become member of EUROCARE at the Eurocare General Assembly, held on 2nd of April 2008 in Barcelona, Spain. Eurocare was formed in 1990 as an alliance of voluntary and non-governmental organizations representing a diversity of views and cultural attitudes and concerned with the impact of the European Union on alcohol policy in Member States. You can find more information about this organization at www.eurocare.org.

Active also joined APYN (Alcohol Policy Youth Network) on its Constitutive Meeting on March 28th-30th 2008 in Budapest, Hungary. APYN is a capacity building network for European youth organizations, looking to empower organizations interested in alcohol policy. 21 organizations and NYC (National youth councils) joined up together with Active. One of the primary priorities for the beginning is increasing young people’s involvement in youth health-related policies and actions.

2. Activities

- Active organized two seminars this spring in France and Hungary. “The leaders of tomorrow” was the title of the one held in Reims, France. The themes of the seminar were youth involvement and participation, democratic citizenship and equal opportunities. Participants discussed about youth policies in Europe, about different cultures, intergenerational relationships and how to be a good leader and equal partner in negotiations and decisions making.

The seminar held in Budapest was called “Beyond Tolerance – Intercultural Solidarity – Vivid Human Rights“. The main aim of this seminar was to educate the participants in terms of intercultural solidarity in reference to Human Rights and globalization, fostering the values of mutual understanding and co-operation beyond borders. One of the objectives was also to prepare and execute an activity to promote Human Rights in public.

- Juvente Switzerland is now tobacco free! This decision was taken at the Juvente Annual meeting in March 2008. From now on the Statutes of this organization will contain smoking renouncement.

Juvente also discussed past activities, reports and future plans and programs. First activity to come is a Party – a counter-event to the First May’s “drinking marathon” that is held in the area of Basel every year. The Party will be alcohol free and will gather Juvente members and other interested people. The IOGT Switzerland annual meeting will follow at the end of May, where Juvente will also take part. Together with Juvente Germany, Switzerland will organize a trip to Norway and Sweden, for the Active Summer Camp and Congress 2008 (www.summercamp08.com). For more information about Juvente, check a brand new webpage www.juvente.ch.

- Juvente Germany also had its Congress. Members of this organization made a few constitutional changes. The board members’ mandates will last for two years, and will be elected every second year. However, there will still be Annual meeting each year, in order to sum up the results of the previous years, and present plans for the following year. After discussing the Plan of Action, Juvente has created a new point for the future activities – a task to create a concept for public actions. More information about Juvente, you can find at www.juvente.de.

- Juvente Estonia had HIV & AIDS schooling for its members on 20th of March. The aim of the schooling was to raise awareness about the rapidly growing HIV-infected rate in Estonia, which is globally only overshadowed by some African states. The worst is not over yet, prognoses assume a big wave of infections is about to come in 2010 - 2015, raising the economical burden of the society even higher. So far in every working place 1 person in 100 is infected, without necessarily knowing it and by this being a threat. It is also striking that it is a problem of average people, and not really drug addicts or other fringe groups as one could assume. The members learnt about how serious the problem is and how to protect themselves and the people they care about.

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- DNTB and IOGT-Juniors Norway are organizing a leadership seminar for leaders of all kinds of local children groups. Some of the topics which will be brought up are: How to build an environment where children feel belonging and safety? How to help children to learn from experience? How do we strengthen friendship in a children group? The seminar will be held on 11th-13th April 2008 in Norway.

3. Member organization of the month

After an incredible New Year's Seminar, several visits and presentations in Slovak schools, NOM Slovakia has tripled its membership! The field trip and other activities paid off and will bring huge results in the coming NOM Congress, which is to be held in Bratislava, Slovakia on April 11th-12th. Firstly, their members will participate in the Cultural program on 11th of April, to continue with a Congress items on 12th. Pressing thumbs for the successful event!

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