



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 is now finalizing preparations for the biggest event this year The Camp and Congress 2008, which is to be held in Ransbergs Herrgård, Sweden from 27th of July until 3rd of August. Active member organizations UNF and NSF from Sweden announce incredible event, with over 1000 participants, which makes it almost 10 times bigger event than usual! A number of workshops are waiting for them, as well as important discussions in Congress.

Active wants to inform its members that Active's webpage is being moved to another server. Due to that, the intraweb will not be in function for a certain period. More information will follow.

2. Activities

- Juvente Estonia had their annual camp on the islands Muhu and Saaremaa on the 21st to 24th of June. The concept this year was perfect for the nice weather – the participants had an excursion around the most beautiful places on the islands and would during breaks have workshops about issues related to the harmfulness of tobacco. A public questionnaire about avoiding passive smoking was also filled out by participants in a street action. Stickers promoting not smoking and sober lifestyle were spreaded in this street action and also on the Midsummer celebration on the 23rd of June. The stickers proved to be very popular among the locals. The event was funded by the European Commission „Help – For a Life without Tobacco“ campaign.

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- A new issue of Transit is released! Active's Team of Editors have prepared a lots of interesting articles about previous events and ones to come, as well as news, advices and reports! You can find it at http://www.juvente.net/ACTIVE/Transit_2008-02.pdf

3. Newsflash

- On June 1st an alcohol ban, announced by new London Mayor Boris Johnson, has come into effect on the Tube, London buses, Docklands Light Railway and tram services across the British capital. In the night before thousands of people protested against the new law and were drinking in the London subway as long and as much they could, creating a huge chaos. The alcohol ban should care for more pleasant and safer travelling. The government wants to have a look at the parents as well. The parents who allow their children to drink an excessive amount of alcohol could be prosecuted.
- According to a study in Switzerland the Swiss youth is drinking less alcohol and using less tobacco and cannabis than four years ago, but the usage of amphetamines, speed, cocaine, magic mushrooms and LSD is increasing among 15-year-olds. However, Switzerland remains the biggest user of cannabis in Europe. And alcohol remains the leading cause of deaths among 15 to 24-year-olds.
- A new law concerning the legal blood-alcohol level for drivers in Russia came into force on July 1st. It increased from zero to 0,3 grams per liter of blood. Previously, police officers could send a seemingly drunk driver to a doctor for testing. Now police can use Breathalyzer tests to measure a driver's blood-alcohol level, but only with the driver's consent.

3. Member organization of the month

Every year IOGT Junior in Norway holds a camp for its members. This year it was arranged at the west coast of Norway, close to Haugesund, the area of the country known for rain and wind. All together 100 children and around 30-40 adult leaders and parents was gathered at the camp-site. During the week the children could participate in different seminars like – horseback riding, football, outdoor-food, climbing, theatre and pioneer-work. And in the evening everyone gathered around the campfire. One day they were also out in a mall having a show for the local population, and marketing the organisation.

During the camp the children were also collecting money for FORUT, the development agency for IOGT and Juvente Norway. They did that by running, and got sponsored every kilometer that they ran. The money that was collected this way will go to build schools in Sierra Leone, one of the countries that FORUT works in. The country has been at war for many years, but after the peace agreement rebuilding has started, and FORUT is building 19 schools in the country.

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