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1. State of the art

SECOND ROUND WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

The content matters campaign is on its half way through. The second round winners in picture category were selected. First one is a picture published under the name "Responded love" by Marie from Germany. The second one is the picture "Me... and 399.999 others" by Jenny Elgh from Sweden. Congratulations to the winners!

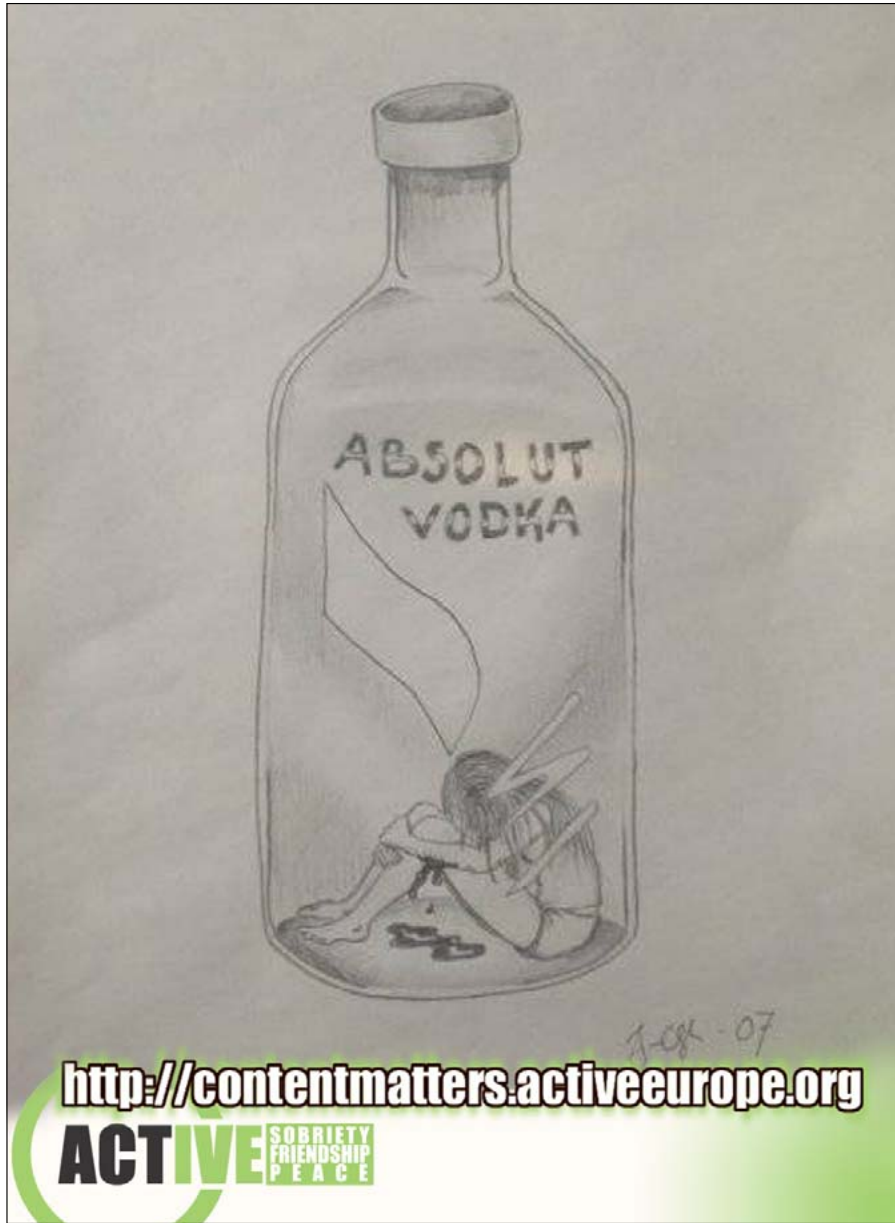


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for loving me back...

<http://contentmatters.activeeurope.org>

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The stickers will be printed and sent out to the member organisations and partners. You can now follow the latest happenings of the campaign and around the campaign also when you are on holiday - via twitter messages on your mobile phone. Read the newest slogans and keep yourself up to date about Content Matters. Plus, it's still not too late to contribute. Please submit your slogans, pictures and stories at: <http://contentmatters.activeeurope.org>

2. Activities

+++ Gothenburg hosted UNF's Congress

Ungdomens Nykterhetsförbund (UNF) from Sweden had a congress in July. The delegates discussed the next plan of action and selected a

brand new board. After six years on head of the UNF, Robert Damberg is off duty and is replaced by 20 years old Vidar Aronsson from Bromma. Congratulations to UNF and we wish them a good luck and a lot of success in the future work. More information about the congress and the new Board members you can check at:

www.unf.se

+++ Kontra in Norway

"Kontra" was the name of the Juvente Norway's congress that took place in Randoy near Stavanger. 160 young people from Juvente gathered to review two previous years and to set new guidelines for the next two years. New Board is elected and Adrian Farnor Rogne is now the president. With new logo, working

and political programs, Juve is heading towards future, fighting for the alcohol free lifestyle. More information at: www.juvente.no

+++ JUBA - Norways new children organisation

August 9th IOGT Junior and DNTB Norway merged, and created the new organisation Juba. The decision was unanimous in both organisations. Together they will have around 1000 members and take with them the best from both organisations. The goal is to be 2000 members and 40 branches in 2015.

The new organisation will also keep its membership in Active and be active in international work. In its constitution Juba describes its work as being an NGO working to reduce

alcohol and drug use in society, teach children democracy and how to participate in society, and to contribute to a fairer distribution of wealth in the world.

The organisation has also decided upon some common profiles which will be promoted in all activities stated as challenges to children and youth - Be yourselves! Be a friend! Be open! Be curious!

Dag Endal was elected president of the organisation. Until the New Year it will be a transition period where all the official things that need to be done will be finished. Then from January 1st 2010 the new organisation will be officially launched.

3. Newsflash

+++ France banning alcohol sale to minors

A new law regarding alcohol was adopted and enforced since 22nd of July 2009 in France. The law bans selling alcohol to young people under 18, versus 16 before. The bars are forbidden to offer free alcohol, and it is not allowed to sell alcohol in petrol stations between 6pm and 8am, versus 10pm and 6am before. However, advertising for alcoholic drinks on internet is allowed but under the same conditions as those for the press and the billboards; ads are not authorized on web sites used by young people or edited by sport organizations. Advertising on TV and cinema, press magazines for

youth, etc. are forbidden. Sponsoring is also forbidden.

+++ Measures against drunkenness in Italy

Italy has been known for its liberal attitude towards alcohol use, but now politicians in several cities are starting to be concerned about the increased binge drinking. In Milan fines up to 500 euro can be given to parents of youth under 16 years caught drinking, or to those who give or sell them alcohol. In the city 34 percent of 11 year-olds have had problems with alcohol, and this is one of reasons for the measure. The Health Ministry says that most Italians had their first encounter with alcohol at the age of 12, two to three years earlier than in most Eu-

European countries. The measure has been met with mixed comments, but other cities are considering similar measures. In the capital Rome 50 euro is fined to anyone who is drinking in public places in the city centre after 9 pm. More on:

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/europe/article6719699.ece>

<http://momento24.com/en/2009/08/08/rome-drinking-in-public/>

+++ International Youth Day

International youth day was marked on 12 August 2009. The theme this year being "Sustainability: Our challenge. Our future". European Youth Forum underlined on the day that the involvement of youth in environment and development decision-making as well as in the implementation of policies is essential to achiev-

ing the integration of environmental, economic and social concerns into a single policy framework.

More on:

<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/iyouthday.htm>

<http://www.youthforum.org/en/node/1285>

+++ Underaged drinking in Great Britain rises

The number of underage drinkers admitted to hospitals and having liver disease has risen in Great Britain, says Alcohol Concern, a charity working to reduce alcohol problems in the country. The issue has been lifted in the press after a 22 year old died of liver disease last month, one of the youngest ever. UK has one of the highest rates of alcohol consumption among young people in Europe. More on:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/8198672.stm

4. Member organisation of the month: Free Youth of Albania

The first ever Active event held in Albania was the Summer camp 2009. 120 young people from different parts of Europe gathered in Albanian coast, city of Vlora. Beach, sea, sun and a lot of workshops - sunny aerobic, domino, why don't we drink, Campaign White Christmas, European Voluntary Service presentation, watermelon eating competition, karaoke night, international evening, Albanian traditional dances and much more could be experienced at this year's Active's summer camp. Thanks to the Albanian crew, we got to experience the real Albanian hospitality, beautiful sur-

rounding and a lot of watermelons. Thank you FYA!

You can see some pictures at:

http://www.activeeurope.org/Previous+activities__.html

The next Active's Summer camp and Congress is taking place in Norway! More at:

<http://www.experience2010.no/>

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