

ACTIVE

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Newsletter April 10

ACTIVE consists of 33 member organisations from all over Europe gathered in sobriety, friendship and peace. The newsletter is issued once a month. If you have any contributions, feel free to send them to:

office@activeeurope.org

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1. State of the art

+++ In quest of cameramen!

We are searching for two people that know how to handle their camera right and document a conference/workshop. Eurocare is organizing a European Alcohol Policy Conference in Brussels on 21st and 22nd of June 2010 and will host experts on alcohol issues. We have already found enough interested photographers that will help us to docu-

ment the event, so now we only need two members who would record the workshops and help us to webcast them. The only thing you need is your equipment and we take care of the costs. If you are interested, you can let us know and send us some examples of short movies taken by you. The deadline to sign up for this event is 20th of April 2010.

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+++ Not yet fan of Active Facebook group?

Active's group "Active - Sobriety, friendship, peace" is a must see and must belong group if you want to receive fresh updates about what is going on and what activities we offer, it is time to sign up for it. Active's fan page on Facebook has 564 fans

and you are welcome to join there as well to be able to share the latest infos, current activities, add photos etc. Currently, the country with the biggest number of fans is Sweden. Do you want to do something to change it?

+++ Motions, motions and even more motions!

Is there anything that you would like to change in Active?! Do you have new idea you would like to be presented on the next Active Congress in Fredrikstad?! Then be creative and write a Motion about it. You can send your motions to our board to: activeboard@activeeurope.org. So feel free to make a change! The deadline for submitting your motions is 10th of May 2010.

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+++ Party! Party! 20x party!

Did you know that Active celebrates 20th anniversary this year? You will for sure notice it in the course of the year and you will get to experience it in Fredrikstad during the Active Camp & Congress Experience 2010. Concerts, party, games, fun! Come and celebrate with us! Register at:

<http://experience2010.no>

+++ Have you sent your nominations to the Nomination Committee?!?

Do you have an idea who should be part of the next Active board? Do you have on mind a specific person who you would like to see making decisions and leading the organization or do you just have your opinions about what kind of people should the

Active board consist of?! If the answer is YES, send your nominations or ideas to the Nomination Committee until May 1st by e-mail: nomcom@activeeurope.org

2. Activities

+++ Have you ever been in a prep team?!

The next seminar in Active "You can see, but do you understand" will take place from 25th of October to 31st of October in Berlin, Germany, on the topic of disability in today's society.

This seminar will be special because it is organised in cooperation with visually impaired and blind people. In the preparation team, there will be equal number of Active members and visually impaired and blind people.

Being in preparation team means following:

- participating in a 3-days prep team meeting in September in Sweden
- organising a very special seminar, opportunity to bring new ideas and to create an unforgettable week for participants
- developing a program, organising the travel and accommodation for participants
- during the seminar being responsible for your tasks and being responsible for the general success of the seminar
- all the travel, accommodation and food costs for prep team members are covered 100%

Deadline for motivation letters is the 31st of May
In case you're interested, send a motivation letter to

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+++ 1800 people learning about the downsides of alcohol consumption in Ukraine

From the end of year 2009, Actives member organisation "Better", students' organisations and several youth NGOs have started with a campaign against alcohol consumption in Ukraine, having 1800 participants for now with the aim to promote healthy way of life and to show that it is possible to have good time without alcohol.

The campaign includes carrying out more than 50 seminars, round tables and a conferences about alcoholism among youth, risk groups and healthy life style among Ukraine high school students in 2009-2010.

The organisation is waiting for comments and active discussion in their blog:

antialcohol-project.blogspot.com

3. Newsflash

+++ European Youth Forum and Commissioner Vassiliou together for a strong youth agenda

The European Youth Forum's Bureau met Commissioner Androulla Vassiliou to discuss the main objectives for her mandate in the field of Youth. The Youth Forum asked the Commissioner to focus on the implementation of a cross-sectoral approach to youth policy at EU level in the framework of the EU Youth Strategy and called for a stronger reference to issues important for young people in the Europe 2020.

Active welcomes Commissioner Vassiliou and her previous experience from DG Sanco in the Directorate of Education

and Culture and in the youth. The two areas that meet in Active will also meet in the Commission. We are thrilled to follow the process.

www.youthforum.org/en/node/2167

+++ UK follows experts' advice on increasing the price of alcoholic beverages

The UK government by Chancellor Alistair Darling has revealed its 2010 budget introducing measures to reduce and prevent alcohol-related harm.

The Chancellor announced that alcohol duties will increase. The cider duty is to rise by 10% above inflation from midnight on Sunday. Wine, beer and spirit duties to rise by 2% from midnight on Sunday and further 2% rise planned

for two years from 2014. This coincides with an article in Lancet, published 24th of March, shows that increasing the price level on alcohol are related to health benefit for all groups, and not only the heavy drinkers. The researches from University of Sheffield have found that general price increases were effective for reduction of consumption, health-care costs, and health-related quality of life losses in all population subgroups. Higher prices - better health!

http://www.eurocare.org/library/latest_news/uk_follows_experts_advice_on_increasing_the_price_of_alcoholic_beverages

4. Member organisation of the month: UAE

UAE (Ung Aktiv Edrú) is not only talking and deciding, but also doing! On Thursdays, there is an Open

House for local teenagers and every second month there is a members evening for the quickly expanding number of members. The Open House is like a youth leisure time centre with various activities.

In few months, the second Open House will be opened in Tórshavn.

UAE is also participating in a cooperation and education project that is focused on campaigns, organised by NORDGU. Check out their new web-site here:

<http://www.ungaktivedru.org>

Congratulations for the great work UAE!

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