

CROSSING BORDERS

NEWSLETTER

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Dear CB Friends

Greetings! We hope this newsletter finds you well wherever you may be. Here are our current project updates, click on the linked images for further information and photos. Best wishes for a warm summer!

Global Studies



The Global Studies students all went back happy. We are expecting an even bigger and more diverse group (from around 15 countries) the coming term. Our focus during the course will be to take part "EU Year of Volunteerism" and the MDGs (read below). To view the GS farewell video click [here](#). For more

information on upcoming courses click [here](#).

MDGs

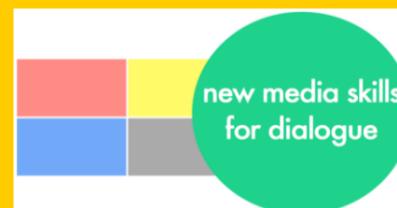
Once again Crossing Borders will join likeminded NGO's in the national Millennium Development Goals campaign event, Friday 9th September 2011. Furthermore, CB has received funding from Projektrådgivningen to facilitate workshops in high schools, concerning the MDG's. This will be done by primarily the Global Studies team, but if you are interested to join, feel free to contact us! This year we have joined forces with an NGO and dancing/drumming group from Ghana, African Footprint International (AFI) – we do believe that CB and AFI together will run some fabulous workshops!

We will call on you CB members to take active part in the national campaign day 9th September – better mark the day! For more information contact Camilla, at camilla@crossingborder.org, or click [here](#).

New Media Skills for Dialogue

Our international workshop took place in late April in Humlebæk, Denmark. As an outcome, the 20 participants from the 4 participating countries have entered the stage of planning their national campaigns. The core of the Danish group is students from Avedøre Gymnasium who will spend some of their summer holiday working on the Danish national campaign called ColorTV. The objective of the campaign is to show the positive side of diversity. Small video clips will be recorded around Copenhagen, that highlight the fact that it is a colourful city. Prejudices are to be turned upside down by underlining that the diverse composition of Copenhagen's inhabitants is positive and contributes to the city's wellbeing.

Click [here](#) for more information.



Climate Ambassadors

Just recently the Danish Youth Climate Ambassadors met to plan their actions in relation to the project. Much focus has been on the activities in Egypt and Jordan, training new climate ambassadors on the national levels, to form a higher number of climate ambassadors for youth action.

The Danish activities will consist of similar training of other Danish youth, climate actions, media productions and school visits in cooperation with CONCITO's climate embassy and CB's Global Studies. Furthermore, active planning and participation in the upcoming innovation cups in Jordan and Egypt is also a task for the Danish Climate Ambassadors in the DEMENA project.

In September Garba and Camilla will travel to the region to take part in the planned innovation cups and have a necessary partnership meeting with the two partner organisations, Masar in Jordan and WESC in Egypt. In light of the revolution in Egypt WESC is going through some changes that might affect our shared project - which make a partnership meeting a high priority.

Inge-Merete Hougaard from Denmark has just returned from her 3 month internship with Masar in Jordan. Do visit www.climateambassadors.net to read more about her experiences.

If you want to be involved in the DEMENA project, as a participant in the national training, taking part in climate related events or in the administration/development of the project, do not hesitate to contact us!



Youth for Good Governance



June has been a very busy month for the project. First a 4-day youth advocacy workshop has been conducted, with great participation and engagement from youth from the six affected districts in Western Region of Ghana. Action plans have been made and campaigns and events are to take place all over from July going.

Late June a Youth & Participatory Media workshop has been held, arranged by YES Ghana, but facilitated mainly by Ghana Community Radio Network as a co-operational partner to the project. These days the young people are out interviewing actors in the oil sectors, practising their new skills.

Emmanuel and Kwesi from YES Ghana have done well in identifying relevant co-operational partners for the project – which reflects in the programme for the workshops, which has the coordinator of the Civil Society Platform for Oil and Gas and the Western Regional Director of the National Youth Council as the main facilitators. The ambition is to link the youth to relevant organisations and other actors for them to have a stronger platform for their continuous activities.

We look forward to receive the next quarterly report, which will describe the process and progress further. Do write to CB if you want to follow this project more closely! It will be nice to establish a CB Ghana committee to develop this project further. For more information click [here](#).



NewTwin Project

Crossing Borders is partners with CESIE on this exciting new project which had its first youth forum this July in Palermo. The main focus of this project is the innovation of town twinning within the context of EU Citizenship and the Europe for Citizens programme. CB sent three participants who were very satisfied with the outcome of this course.



International Training Course M3



The Danish National Agency for Youth in Action has approved our funding application for our up-coming training course “M3 – management, marketing and money for NGOs in youth work”. It is an international 7-day-training course on management and marketing for NGOs working with youth and international youth mobility. As you are a partner organisation, you are now cordially invited to recruit your participant/representative to this training course.

The training course is scheduled for August 23rd – 31st 2011 and will be hosted in Humlebæk, Denmark. Thanks to the financial support granted by the European Commission’s “Youth in Action”- programme granting scheme, all costs will be covered except for 30% of the international travel costs and a participation fee of EUR 60. Please note that it is also your own responsibility to ensure travel, accident, health and liability insurance for your participant. The training course will be held in English. Participants must attend for the full duration of the training course.

Call for Articles

All those interested in contributing to the upcoming edition of the Crossing Borders Magazine are welcome to submit articles under the theme of

“Youth Activism and New Media”. We are interested in hearing about how you have used or been influenced by new media in your activist work.

We are seeking articles that strike a balance between reporting and opinion and ask that the text be between 200 and 300 words. You are encouraged to send related photos and videos for the online edition of the magazine. Please also include a 2 to 3 line bio explaining your core interests and activities. Thank you for your contribution!

New Volunteers!

We have started recruiting volunteers, and here are the recent ones:



Leah Strauss

Leah joined the team at Crossing Borders in June 2011. She is a returned US Peace Corps education volunteer and recent graduate of the Roskilde University Global Studies masters program.



Mina Halabja Jaf

Mina is currently interning at C:ntakt Teater and a board member in a youth organization called 'Fokus A' which is an association for Kurdish students and academics in Denmark. She also teaches Kurdish to children and will be studying sociology next year.

Join CB - your help is needed

There are many ways to join Crossing Borders and support our work towards a more peaceful world. Click [here](#) or contact Lea to discuss the many options: lea@crossingborder.org
