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EXCHANGES
PARTICIPATION
CITIZENSHIP
MOBILITY

80 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM 27 COUNTRIES
DISCUSS WITH OUR REPRESENTATIVES
EUROPEANS - POLITICAL - NATIONAL - LOCAL
CHARITY - STUDENTS - UNION
AROUND PARTICIPATION OF THE
EUROPEAN ACTIVE YOUTH





WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE OF EUROPE MEET IN METZ.

More than 80 young people from 27 European countries are discussing with our politicians. It is the project «Youth Voice», a week of discussions and exchange on the topic of participation and citizenship.

Promoted by “Together” association, this event will take place from 11th to 16th October 2009 at the Town Hall of Metz, the Hotel of the Regional Council and Robert Schuman House in Scy-Chazelles.

Discussions with the politicians, reflection workshops, a giant Open Space, an intercultural dinner, where the flavours will come from all over Europe ... All these activities will make this meeting a unique European event, during which young European people will have the opportunity to interact with politicians, associations and unions. The opinions, observations and recommendations of young European people will be gathered together in a report to be shared with all the Members of European Parliament and national decision-makers of the participating countries of the project.

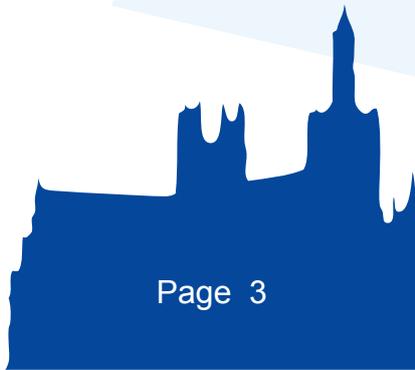
For Metz, it is an event with an international resonance, driven by the desire to make out of cultural differences a real European citizenship force.

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Renate Weber - MEP Romania

“ I, RENATE WEBER, in the capacity of Member of the European Parliament, confirm my support for The Black Sea University Foundation to be part of the Youth Voice project, which will take place in Metz, France, from 11th to 18th of October, 2009. I am very glad and proud that Romanian delegates will be among the 81 European young people meeting to discuss issues of European citizenship and youth participation, and I am looking forward to hear about the conclusions of this event. ”

Zuzana Roithova - MEP Czech Republic

“ Thank you for your trust with which you addressed me. I will be pleased to accord my patronage to this useful project and I wish the organisers good luck with its preparation. ”



Rolandas Paksas - MEP Lithuania

“ Although the present of states is decided by today's politicians, the future of states will be decided by YOU. You will be members of parliaments, heads of states and ministers, envoys and diplomats. You will take decisions on business conditions as well as on social, cultural, educational and environmental policies. I am very glad that already today you are thinking about it. I admire your efforts to create the future of your countries as well as the future of the whole Europe. I believe that your ideas, your ability to clearly and expressively present them and your projects will, in some years, find their place in laws and legal norms, which will change the everyday life of every person in the country that you represent. ”

Bertrand Delanoë - Mayor of Paris

“ The project «Youth Voice» initiated by the association TOGETHER and the Town Hall of Metz contribute to the life of the European citizenship. The taste of discovery and sharing, the wish to get involved in the public life in order to choose our destiny town combines so many qualities that make the youth as the forefront of the construction of European identity. This is why the meetings between youth and representatives of political and associative unions, as well as all the opportunities to learn and to exchange contribute to the construction of Europe that is close to the citizens and deserve to receive our best support. I wish to every of you excellent debates and the floor is yours! ”

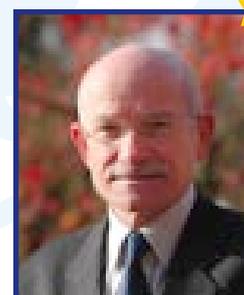




Nathalie Griesbeck - MEP France - General Councilor of Moselle

“ Enabling youth representatives from all member states to discuss all issues related to active European citizenship, the event «Youth Voice» is an excellent initiative on citizenship participation and mobilization of young people. It brings a very interesting contribution to the development of the dialogue between young people and decision makers and represents a great opportunity to make people aware of the problems of Europe and our society. ”

Dominique Gros - Mayor of Metz-Member of the General Council of Moselle



“ The Town of Metz is very happy to cooperate with and to participate in the «European Week», organised by the association «Together» from 11 to 16th October 2009 around the topic of citizenship. Since signing the Maastricht Treaty on the 7th February 1992, all the citizens of every country that makes part of the European Union are also European citizens. I am convinced since a long time that the best way that European project and European citizenship progress passes through concrete actions and exchanges, and in particular youth exchanges, like the ones that are realised successfully by TOGETHER association. ”

Paul Helminger - Mayor of Luxembourg



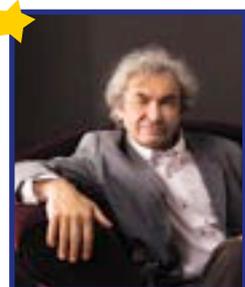
“ The Mayor Mr. Paul Helminger and his Alderman, Mr. Xavier Bettel wish a rich and fruitful week to all the participants of the project «Youth Voice». The meeting of 80 young people from 27 countries of Europe coming to share their ideas and good practices about active participation of young people in different countries, will allow young people to better understand how the society works, and the decision makers to enrich their decisions with the ideas of the adults of tomorrow. ”

Marie-Jo Zimmermann - Member of the Council of Moselle



“ Thank you for the invitation to join your event. It is with great pleasure, but mostly pride that I join it with all my firmly believe in young people. You are the future of our countries and, thanks to your event, a great hope for a European collaboration. It is all together that we can, through our commitments to you, build peace and brotherhood. We have the experience and now we want to convey the flame that is still ours. See you soon to build something together. ”

Michel FIZE - Sociologist



“ It is important that young people discuss, that they can exchange and that they do it without taking anything for granted, and considering the diversity of the situations as well as aspirations. It was in this spirit that during the autumn of 1997, sitting at the table, I drew for the Ministry of Youth and Sport what is going to happen to the National Council and the Youth Departmental Councils. We need to go further now and to let young people to be better involved in the life of the society, to have an easier approach towards the responsibilities, to build together with the other citizens the society of tomorrow. ”



IN METZ 11TH TO 16TH OCTOBER 2009

TUESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER AT 11AM

Meeting with Michel Fize, sociologist and author of «Black Book of Youth»
at the bookstore Hisler-Even

TUESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER FROM 14H TO 19H

Participative Open Space with many stakeholders
in the salons of the Town Hall of Metz

TUESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER AT 19H

Political Debate in the VIP lounge of the Town Hall of Metz

WEDNESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER FROM 9AM TO 12PM

Debate in the Chamber of the Hotel of the Regional Council

THURSDAY, 15TH OCTOBER FROM 9H30 TO 12PM

Visit Luxembourgish Parliament
and lunch at the Museum of Luxembourg

THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER FROM 14H TO 18H

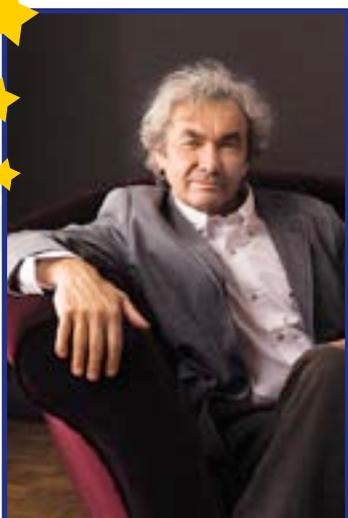
Visit of the Europe House of Robert Schuman

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER À 19H

Intercultural Dinner at the Hotel of the Town Hall of Metz
(by invitation)

Tuesday, 13th october at 11am

An outstanding sociologist of CNRS (Centre national de la recherche scientifique = National Center for Scientific researches) and author of numerous books about Youth and Citizenship we will honour us with starting this European week. Michel Fize will be in the bookstore Hisler-Even for a meeting with the press and the autograph session from 11h. He will present his flagship publication, «The Black Book of Youth», which provoked many reactions in political world. Fize Michel has been working for over twenty years in the field of youth from political and sociological perspectives. His experience and research on the issues have made him a professional of adolescence and youth.



He participated actively in the recognition of the importance of young people and their place in public space. In particular, he was a youth counselor in the Office of Marie-George Buffet and operated as scientific coordinator of the National Youth Consultation launched by Edouard Balladur in 1994.

MICHEL FIZE, SUPPORTS «YOUTH VOICE».

Michel Fize will also host a round table in the Open Space on Tuesday, 13th October at 14h in the Town Hall, an opportunity for this sociologist to continue to share his knowledge and experiences, but also an opportunity for the public to meet and discuss with a renowned researcher and thinker.

Michel Fize
In few dates:

1951 - Born in Levallois-Perret (92)

1981 - Received Doctor Degree in Law

1990 - 1994 - Elected member of the French Commission for UNESCO

1992 - Obtaining a Medal of Youth and Sports

1997-1998 - Adviser Office of Mary - George Buffet, Minister of Youth and Sports. Then, he participated in the creation of Tips for Youth in France.

Two unmissable appointments

11h - Press and autograph session at the Bookstore Hisler-Even and an aperitif.

14h - Michel Fize leads a roundtable at the Open Space in one of the salons of the Town Hall of Metz.

**GIANT OPEN SPACE IN THE TOWN HALL OF METZ
AND DEBATES ABOUT POLICY ***

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT OF YOUTH MEETS IN METZ
Tuesday, 13th of October 2009 in the Town Hall of Metz
from 14h to 19h

An area dedicated to round tables to discuss throughout the afternoon with different stakeholders the addressed topics - and this is what makes this Open Space a place for



an exchange and sharing knowledge rich in diversity. The principle is of «speed dating», the time for debate is 30 - 60 minutes for each subject. The public can enjoy being in small groups around a table, an opportunity for every citizen to learn, but also to deliver knowledge and perspectives through a time-based participation of everyone. Participation is the base of this Open Space. The word of everybody is not only heard, but it is taken into consideration and recorded to be repeated in a report intended for Parliamentarians, both national and European. The cultural

diversity, civic education, participation, democratization - will be among numerous topics to be discussed and debated, still keeping European Perspectives as key words.

EXCEPTIONAL POLITICAL DEBATES
from 19 h



As «Youth Voice» is an event of a civic and political dimension, it was essential to involve local and regional politicians in order to deliver to European young people political actions of our region. It's Fabrice Rosaci, who will have an honor to lead this debate. The Journalist of Republican Lorraine, correspondent of TF1 and LCI, he will host Jean-Pierre Masseret (the President of the Regional Council of Lorraine), Dominique Gros (Mayor of Metz), Chantal Carraro (Vice-President of Grand Nancy) and Jean-Luc Humbert (Economic and Social Counselor of Lorraine). Elected officials will discuss issues involving youth at local and regional levels, a reflection on the tools to adopt to make more effective participation of youth. The public is invited to debate with our speakers.

Wednesday, 14th October 2009 from 9h to 12h
Meeting in the Hotel of the Region

Fabrice Rosaci will be pleased to host a debate that will take place in the Chamber of the Regional Council of Lorraine. It is the association world that will be honoured by the presence of Richard Colin (responsible for the Division of Youth and the associative life in the General Council of Moselle), Jean-Marie Kirchmeyer (Project Manager of DLA (Dispositif local d'accompagnement = Local Support of Accompanying) of Moselle), Brigitte Thomas (Director of the Federation of MJC (Maison des Jeunes et de la Culture = the House of Youth and Culture) of Moselle), Denis Pesce (Secretary-General of the CGT (Confédération général du travail = General work confederation) de Moselle), and Virginia Morales La Mura (Director of CRI-BIJ (Centre de renseignement et d'information – Bureau information jeunesse = Information centre – Youth information office)) Salvatore La Rocca (Head of the Crossroads of Youth Organizations and Non-formal Education), Dominique Ronga (Vice-President in charge of cooperation in the region Lorraine).

Guests will intervene to pass their vision of associative actions in a European context. The debate will be followed by a presentation of the new strategy of the European Commission on youth policy by Barbara Zupan (responsible for youth policy of the European Commission).

Thursday, 15th October 2009 from 9h30 to 12h
**Visit Luxembourgish Parliament
and lunch at the Museum of Luxembourg**

80 young Europeans will be welcomed in the Luxembourgish Parliament and hosted by Xavier Bettel, European deputy and the Chairman of the Parliamentary group, but also Echevin of Luxembourg city. Following this visit, young people will gather for lunch at Museum of the City of Luxembourg.

Thursday, 15th October 2009 from 14h to 18h
Visit of the Europe House of Robert Schuman

The afternoon will be organized at the House of Robert Schuman in Scy-Chazelles. The European Center will host 80 young people from all over Europe for a visit led by a volunteer from Together association and for a presentation of the "Youth in Action" Programme of the European Commission.

Friday, 16th October 2009 at 19h
Intercultural Dinner in the Town Hall of Metz

In order to conclude the project «Youth Voice», the participants and Together association invite you to an intercultural dinner mixing all the flavors of Europe. It is a way to finish this week in a spirit of sharing cultural diversity, and in this case culinary specialties.



« TOGETHER » ASSOCIATION



Together is a pan-European network of youth organizations with the aim to give opportunity for young Europeans to be involved in the society at local, regional, national or European levels and to enable them to contribute fully. Each year, dozens of young people spend between 2 and 12 months abroad as volunteers for non-governmental organizations. They participate in various volunteering programmes (accompanying people with disabilities, making animations with children, participating in cultural projects, ecological or sport).

The projects are financed by “Youth in Action” Programme of the European Commission. Volunteering abroad is a very rewarding experience both socially, culturally and professionally.



“We sincerely believe that youth have the power to make the difference through their behavior in the society in order to face global challenges”

Luc Wendling

“Together” regularly organizes international youth exchanges that are intended to promote youth participation in different areas. For example, I can quote the one that took place in August 2008, when 30 young people took part in an exchange entitled «Think Global, Act Local!» in France. For one week, they discussed the challenges and global issues and how they have to solve them. They have developed many ideas on what they can do every day to face these problems and to be responsible global citizens. But also the exchange entitled «Democramedia», which has enabled young people to discover the world of media. In 2009, the association concentrated on the exchanges with young Europeans around the topics of urban culture (Slam, Graff ...) “Together” offers information sessions and support to youth workers and youth organizations. Thus, they facilitate the exchange of experiences and improve the quality of participation projects.

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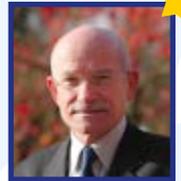


THE POLITICAL DEBATE

Tuesday 13th of October at 7h in the Town Hall of Metz

Dominique Gros

Mayor of Metz General Counselor of Moselle.



Marie-Jo Zimmermann

Deputy of Moselle,
Municipal Councilor of the City of Metz.



Chantal Carraro

Vice-President of Grand Nancy
Consultant Responsible for youth of the city of Nancy.



Jean-Luc Humbert

Economic and Social Councilor of Lorraine
and member of the League of Human Rights.



Madeleine Kayser

Social Coordinator of the City of Luxembourg.





PARTICIPATIVE OPEN SPACE

Tuesday 13th of October from 2h to 7h in the Town Hall of Metz

Cet espace accueillera des intervenants de sensibilité et d'univers différents. Chacun animera une table ronde avec des thèmes variés sur l'Europe et la Jeunesse.



Michel Fize

Sociologist and Research Engineer at CNRS. He specializes in the issues of adolescence, youth and family. He is also the author of «*The Black Book of Youth*» .

Theme: The age of the majority and the right of voting at being 16

Patricia Sallusti

Deputy Mayor of Metz in charge of Citizenship and Participation.



Theme: Citizen participation in the scale of a city



Chantal Carraro

Vice-President of Grand Nancy. Consultant Responsible for the youth of the city of Nancy.

Theme: The Role of the Services in the participation of young people

Nathalie de Oliveira

Municipal Councilor of the City of Metz



Theme: The democratization of Europe



Patrick Thil

Municipal Councilor to the City of Metz

Theme: The diversity of national cultures in Europe, an alternative to cultural globalization

Stéphanie Lhomme

Elected of the Trade Union and Councilor of Prud'homme

Theme: The role of labour unions in defending workers

Virginie Morales La Mora

Director of CRI-BIJ

Theme: Information for ensuring citizenship





Jean-Luc Humbert

Social and Economic Councilor of the Region Lorraine
Theme: Comparative study of youth engagement in Europe

Michel Moreaux

Secretary of the association Quay East
Theme: The role of non-formal education in the culture



Mélodie Saillard

President of the UNEF Metz
Theme: Participation, does it work or not?

Philippe Leclercq

Regional Councilor, Delegate of Participatory Democracy
Theme: student involvement in Europe



Dominique Weyant

Responsible for educational activities in "Bright colours"

Martine Bauer

Président of Contact Moselle
Theme: The fight against discrimination in various European countries

Denis Pesce

Secretary General of the CGT Moselle
Theme: Youth in labour unions



Yoan Hadadi

Vice-President student of University of Paul Verlaine
Theme: Access to higher education in Europe

Brigitte Thomas

Director of the Federation of MJC
Theme: The utopia of popular education in building citizen





DEBATES AT THE HOTEL OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Wednesday 14th of October 2009 from 9h to 12h

Debates will be animated by Fabrice Rosaci



Jean-Marie Kirchmeyer
Project Manager of DLA Moselle



Jean-Luc Humbert
Economic and Social Councilor



Denis Pesce
Secretary General of the CGT of Moselle



Salvatore La Rocca
Head of COJEP



Brigitte Thomas
Director of the Federation of MJC of Moselle



Virginie Morales La Mora
Director of CRI-BIJ



Richard Colin
Responsible for the Division of Sport, Youth and associative life in the General Council of Moselle

PARTNERS

