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## MORE CITIZENSHIP NETWORK



## MCN ANNUAL MEETING - OCTOBER 2018, LISBON

Associação Mais Cidadania - Portugal

MCN is the link between 17 partners across Europe. This partnership allows every participant to keep in contact sharing good practices and implementing common projects. The focus of the network is youth and citizenship.

We had our annual meeting in October where we used the opportunity to reflect on the previous work, to discuss about various topics and make some important decisions about the future work of the network. Also to get to know each other better and welcome new parters into the network.

#### **MULTI KULTI**

Associação Mais Cidadania - Portugal

It's been a tradition in Mais Cidadania to host international events and get to know the countries of their volunteers. This year under the name of Multi Kulti and European Year of Cultural Heritage we've organized 6 international Wednesdays, one every month. We learned more about Finland, Italy, Georgia, Poland, Serbia and French Guiana. Each event had around 20 visitors that could enjoy the traditional food, music, movie and presentations of our volunteers.



## **VISIT TO REFUGEE CAMPS**

TACC - Spain

Within Sabadell and Argub's twinning, the refugee camps located at Tindouf (Argelia) welcomed a new visit of the medical and surgical commission as well as the second edition of the solidarity camps formed by young people from Sabadell. Sabadell's group composed of 25 people was at the camps from the 26th of October until the 8th of November.



## EVS WITH COMPAGNONS BÂTISSEURS

Compagnons Bâtisseurs - France

EVS volunteers work with families who are facing social and economic difficulties to improve their own living conditions. The main objective is to give them the means to reinvest their home and be involved in a new and positive dynamic.

Volunteers work in one of the ten local organizations in France, and share a collective life with others people coming from France and abroad.



# INTERNATIONAL TOOLS FAIR

Prisms - Malta

Prisms attended the International tools fair in Split, Croatia from 12 to 16th of November and had the chance to get familiar with tools and ideas that other trainers are making use of and implement some of them in the future youth work in Malta. To showcase the tools that Prisms have already created. And used the opportunity of networking and making new contacts.





### **GO DEEP PROJECT**

XENA - Italy

Go Deep is a European project organized in a frame of Erasmus+ activities. It was realized by team of people from Italy, Spain, Scotland and Netherlands with international partnership with Brazil. It's main aim is to discover potentials, opportunities, experiences, beauties, talents and empowering resources that are offered within the certain community/group of people.

## D.R.E.A.M. PROJECT

KANE - Greece

D.R.E.A.M. (Design and Recycling for Environmental Awareness and Motivation) 15 EVS volunteers, came to Kalamata through Erasmus+ for one month and they made a fully functional boat out of plastic, which is something that they had never done before. With this project we showed that the remaining plastic on the planet could be used in a creative way.



#### JUPAC PROJECT

Amitié PT-LUX - Luxembourg

JUPAC (Youngsters for Peace and Citizenship) is created with students from several high schools, associations, youth centers and unorganised young volunteers, as well as young applicants or beneficiaries of international protection living in Luxembourg.

This project aims to share their experiences and their visions of peace and citizenship through photo portraits.





Youth - Active citizens in a multicultural Europe: a call to action

2018 is the European Year of Cultural Heritage and an important reminder that cultural heritage, in all its components, tangible and intangible, is a key factor for the refocusing of our societies on the basis of dialogue between cultures, respect for identities and diversity, and a feeling of belonging to a community of values[1].

This becomes all the more important in times in which the dominant democratic values of inclusion, justice, solidarity and, as well as the principles of globalization, intercultural understanding, tolerance, mobility and transnational cooperation, that have been the core of our European project, are being challenged – with strong repercussions in youth's beliefs, engagement and active participation. In this sense, aligned with the new EU Youth Strategy that calls to ENGAGE, CONNECT and EMPOWER youth, we the MCN Network want to share our thoughts and position towards such pressing issues with hopes that our peers will join us in what we believe is the way forward.

This call to action was drafted during our annual meeting and has been in the works for the past months. It will soon be finished and published, so keep an eye out!

[1] European Heritage Strategy for the 21st Century





