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IFOR Youth Opportunities

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Last fall, the Youth Working Group sent out a questionnaire to all IFOR member organisations, asking to share their work with young people with the rest of the IFOR network. YOTM now proudly present the results of this questionnaire, and will continue to introduce IFOR members' youth work to you in the coming issues. If you have any questions regarding the questionnaire or the Youth Working Group, just send an email to ywg.ifor@gmail.com !

Introducing: FOR Zambia

FORZA has 6 members below the age of 35. Two are responsible for their Youth Empowerment and Children's Rights Programme [YEP/CR], while the other four are members of the Board. Also, FORZA has a network of over 20 Peace and Justice Clubs with members between 15 and 20 years of age. Although FOR Zambia does not at the moment cooperate with other IFOR members in terms of youth work, they would be very interested in doing so: "we would be glad to assist host/hold a summer camp.

And we would also be happy to host interns from other IFOR branches. Although the latter would only be possible in the second half of 2010." Asked for advice, FORZA suggests that subregional youth network be built up, and that youth sections of IFOR member organizations reach out to related youth initiatives nationally. Also, they propose that opportunities for skills development for young leaders be created by IFOR. Their coordinator for youth work is Bruce Mubanga – if you would like to get involved with FOR Zambia or have any further questions, contact him via phone: (260-212-227 396 or abrumubanga@yahoo.com).

Reflection on my Internship at IFOR

by Emeline Boulanger

I have been communications intern at IFOR's International Secretariat for 4 months (from July to October). The Secretariat was looking for an intern whose mother tongue is French, so I took this opportunity to get some experience in the communication sector, plus I have never really thought about working in an organization, so it was a good opportunity for me to learn a little bit more about how people work within this type of professional setting.

During these 4 months of internship, my biggest mission was translation (from English to French). I translated the 2009 spring, summer and fall editions of IFOR's quarterly newsletter IFOR in Action. And in the end, I also translated the 2008 IFOR Annual Report. In the meantime, I have helped with the website, which is something I have never done before, as I study foreign languages and business. So I am glad I learned how to update a website, because I think it will be useful for me later. I have also learned how to "clean" the databases (update and weed-out bad information). Then I have also helped around the office with different things. Moreover, this internship gave me the opportunity to see the work of peacemakers and to meet many different and interesting people.

Thanks to this internship I think I have learned more on a professional level, and also on a personal level. Besides, even if I live in the north of France, I never had a chance to visit the Netherlands, so I

was glad to be able to learn more about this country and culture. So I think, or should I say hope, this experience changed me in a positive way.

I would like to thank IFOR and the staff of the International Secretariat for giving me this great opportunity and also for their warm welcome. (French translation:

<http://ifor.org/articles/communications%20intern.doc>)

Peace Trainings and Seminars

PATRIR Romania offers a range of exciting peace trainings this year. For seminars in mediation, conflict transformation, gender, peacebuilding, and crisis preparedness, they still accept applications. To see an overview of the different events offered, check out this [website](#).

Call for Human Rights Plays

Everyone Has the Right is a joint initiative of Ice and Fire and Amnesty International UK which accepts unpublished/unperformed scripts written in English which deal centrally with the theme of Human Rights. A submission panel gives feedback on how well the play deals with the theme, and the best plays are performed in the UK. For more information, have a look at their website

<http://iceandfire.co.uk/participation/everyonehastheright> !

World Vision International Peace Prize

The purpose of the World Vision International Peace Prize is to annually recognise and honour one individual who is a catalyst for peacemaking and one organisation which champions the integration of peacebuilding into relief, development and advocacy programmes. It is given either to an organization or to an individual doing excellent work in peacemaking or peacebuilding. You can nominate somebody else or yourself until 1 March, 2010. For the precise guidelines, have a look here

http://www.wvi.org/wvi/wviweb.nsf/90C7B37060423418882574C500619E42/%24file/Guidelines_with_revisions.pdf .

UNOY Call for Interns

The United Network of Young Peacebuilders has still several internship positions available, ranging from Latin American Desk Officer, Gender Program Officer, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Advocacy and Communications Officer, to volunteers dealing with archives, databases, design, and the website. For a detailed description of the positions, have a look at this document

http://www.unoy.org/downloads/UNOY_Call_for_Interns_Fall2009_Winter_2010.pdf .

Resource: Partners for Peace - A Toolkit for Setting Up European Youth Peace Projects

UNOY Peacebuilders together with their partners U Move 4 Peace in Belgium, PATRIR in Romania, and YERITAC in Armenia has completed Partners for Peace - A toolkit for setting up European Youth Peace Projects in partnership. The toolkit introduces youth peace organisations to partnership and working together on projects and exchanges. It provides the reader with some theoretical background, as well as hands on examples and tips for how to best communicate with partners. It takes the reader through every stage of a partnership, from concepts, to feasibility and proposal writing, to planning and the actual implementation, before concluding with how to evaluate and follow up on the project. It also includes an annex with useful information such as templates for task division and partnership contracts. You can find the publication at <http://www.unoy.org/resources/partnersforpeace.html> .

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