

Train for Change is coming...

There are only a few days left until the exciting Train for Change international camp will start. After more than one year of really hard work by the camp team, it's a pleasure to say that everything is going well and our preparations are slowly reaching the finish. Around 800 people from all over the world are registered and looking forward to the camp. In some days the camp gates will open and hundreds of participants from all around the world will see each other in reality. Everybody knows that IFM camps are not only about recreation, but also about activities in the framework of our general motto: Action for social change!



You can expect and look forward to many theme workshops, because our theme teams are very well prepared. You can also expect many opportunities for running interesting activities by yourselves. There will be plenty of free time for enjoying your stay at two beautiful campsites in Austria and Czech Republic!

We are counting the days until we can welcome you at the camp which will be unforgettable!

Peers without Frontiers

Young mothers learn about their rights in Mauritius; Catalan children reflect on the discrimination immigrants are facing in Europe; peer educators are trained to work with street children in Bangladesh; children inform their town about environmental dangers in Chile: These are just few of the projects which have been started in the framework of IFM-SEI's global project 'Peers without Frontiers'.



From 3rd to 9th May 2010, 36 peer educators from 17 IFM member organisations came together in Mumbai to hear about the Millennium Development Goals, discuss the situation in their countries and – most importantly – develop local peer education projects. They focus on youth involvement for gender equality, environmental awareness, empowerment of street children and education about HIV/AIDS. Despite the incredible heat and very spicy food, the Peers had a great time in India and returned full of enthusiasm to their countries of origin. By now, they have all started to run their activities and, having formed a strong network, are supporting each other in developing them further. In July they will come back together to evaluate the progress so far and to continue their work. You will be able to meet them during Train 4 Change, where the Peers without Frontiers group will offer workshops on the MDGs.

IFM-SEI's 25th Congress in Prague

The ash cloud over Europe couldn't stop the 25th Ordinary Congress of our movement, which took place in Prague in April 2010. Despite heavy turbulence above us, about 80 delegates from all over the world arrived safely in Prague to discuss and decide upon IFM-SEI's work plan for the next years, debate about internal democracy, vote for a new Presidium and of course to spend many great informal moments together.

The delegates had the possibility to intensively exchange about the different priority areas of the movement's work. During a world café they discussed the organisational development of IFM-SEI for the next three years and how the movement should work in the fields of children's rights, Millennium Development Goals, international partnership and solidarity and education for social change. The delegates gave a strong mandate to the Presidium to work on this new 3-year-plan.

The newly elected Presidium members are: Tim Scholz (President), Tamsin Pearce (Secretary General), Eni Purnamawati, Djibril Faye, Jiri Let, Birute Sabatauskaite, Edan Kaushani, Ali Hlayel, Ana Maria Almario and Marcela Cardones (Vice Presidents). Günther Leeb and Kaisu Kotirinta form the new Control Commission.

A big THANK YOU goes to Pionyr from Czech Republic, who hosted the Congress perfectly and managed to solve even the most difficult ash-cloud problems with big smiles on their faces.



More than just recycling: Peer Education for a Sustainable World

What is sustainable development? Do we live in a sustainable way? What could we change? How can we educate our peers to change something? But what is peer education? And how is all of this linked to social inclusion?

These were the questions 30 young people from Europe and beyond discussed in the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg during a study session on sustainable development in March 2010. The study session, which was held in co-operation with the Council of Europe, was part of IFM-SEI's 'All Together' strategy on social inclusion. For most participants it was their first international experience and it showed that seminars about an important and interesting topic can bring



more young volunteers to the international level. The participants calculated their ecological footprint, exchanged about successful peer education projects running in their organisations and participated in an interactive consumption-critical tour around the shopping streets of Strasbourg. And of course IFM's traditional International Cheese Festival was also part of the programme. A lot of workshop plans and even ideas for big international projects on sustainable development resulted from this week.

All Together Training Course

In February, 30 IFM members from all over Europe met in Dusseldorf to share their approaches to inclusion and consider how to make their groups more inclusive. During the week, the All Together Handbook was launched, the participants each received a copy and spent time getting to know the content. They added their inclusion approaches to the newly designed website and considered how to adapt the methods already described. During the week there was a focus on disability. We were lucky enough to welcome a disability awareness trainer who facilitated a session for participants to try out inclusive methods for people with disabilities.



To receive your copy of the All Together Handbook, contact the IFM-SEI office at contact@ifm-sei.org or buy one at Train for Change!

1.000 children participated in the KKSP Camp in Indonesia

Medan, Indonesia. The annual Camp of KKSP brought together 1.000 Indonesian children between 4 - 7 February 2010. The children developed a declaration on the environment, the "Sibolangit



Declaration" and submitted it to the government to be followed up. In the declaration, the environmental problems the children face are listed – garbage, waste, pollution, deforestation and the decreasing area for playground. The children asked the government to take some measures such as providing dump site both in public and private areas, sorting the organic and non-organic garbage for recycling, raising the awareness on the importance of hygiene. The participants were children from the

provinces of North Sumatra and Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam. They had the opportunity to learn about family values, organic farming, exploring the forest, and participate in discussions about environment.

A friendly project comes to an end

In October 2009 the project „Equal friendship - sensitive friendship“, organized by the Children and Youth Union „Liepajas Jaunie Vanagi“ came to an end.

The aim of the project was to protect the rights and interests of children and youth by offering activities for children with special needs and their parents. The project started in June 2009 and took place in Liepaja.

10 children with special needs and 10 young people from the children and youth organization „Liepajas Jaunie Vanagi“ participated in the project. The 10 participants from Liepajas Jaunie Vanagi helped to organize and run activities, took part and worked together with the children with special needs throughout the whole project time.





Many activities took place in the framework of this project. The group went to a puppet theatre and created their own puppets, they prepared dinner for the whole group, taught their parents handicrafts made their own music at instruments, went to the countryside and enjoyed an afternoon at the swimming-pool. Everyone involved was amazed by the success of the project. The children opened up to the young people from Liepajas Jaunie Vanagi and had a lot of fun, the young people learnt about children with special needs and their parents had more time for themselves.

Though the project has ended, friendship doesn't end, and we will continue running activities together.

The young people, the parents and the children are waiting for the continuation of the project with hope. This will be a challenge for „Liepajas Jaunie Vanagi”, because funding needs to be found, but we are sure we'll manage!

Upcoming events

Month	Date	Activity	Location
July 2010	25th July - 6th August	Train for Change	Döbriach / Austria Jedovice / Czech Rep.
October 2010	21st - 24th October	EFN Seminar	Helsinki / Finland
December 2010	3rd - 5th December	Presidium meeting	Brussels / Belgium