VOLONTEUROPE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (HYBRID FORMAT)

Wednesday 22 June 2022, 14:00-17:30 CET

For those attending in person: EESC, Room TRE 7071, Rue de Trèves 74, 1040 Brussels

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DRAFT AGENDA

1. **Welcome and opening of the General Assembly (members and associates only)**

   - Introduction to the technical aspects of the meeting

   - Welcome from the President and Secretary General

   - Approval of the agenda

   - Network updates

2. **Discussion and exchanges with members**

3. **Approval of financial accounts 2021**

4. **Close of the formal part of the General Assembly GA** (14:45)

5. **Opening of the public part of the General Assembly** (15:00)

   - Welcome from the President

   - Presentation from Mr Krzysztof Pater (EESC Group III) and Gabriella Civico (Director, CEV European Volunteer Centre) on "The current state of volunteering in the EU"; discussion and exchanges with participants

   - Presentation from Lena Rantsevich (Intellectual Co-living in Irpin, Ukraine) on "The next big story"; discussion and exchanges with participants

   - Small workshop on solidarity, discussion and exchanges with participants

   - Workshop by Perdita Wingerter (Gemeinsam leben & lernen in Europa, Germany) named "Photos say more than 1000 words: Using Photovoice method to increase youth participation" (Annex 1)

6. **Closing**

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Annex 1 - Brief information on the workshop

Workshop by Perdita Wingerter (Gemeinsam leben & lernen in Europa, Germany)

Photos say more than 1000 words: Using Photovoice method to increase youth participation

- General info: How to reach decision makers to improve the conditions on the local level? How to involve youth in social change? In the Erasmus+ project "Upraise – Youth participation through Social Change" partners from DE, GR, RO and CY explored methods of non-formal learning to increase active participation of young people to become change makers in their local community. Participants will get an overview of the practice orientated results of the project, starting with a taster session of Kahoot Quizzes. Then participants will get a very practical insight on one of the methods, namely PhotoVoice. PhotoVoice is a participatory action research method that employs photography and group dialogue as a means for marginalized individuals to deepen their understanding of a community issue or concern. The visual images and accompanying stories are the tools used to reach policy- and decision-makers. The aim of this research method is to improve conditions by making changes at the community level. Perdita will not only give advice on how to set up a PhotoVoice Project and implement it, she will also give some advice on how to take a good picture – so that one photo can say more than 1000 words!
- About the presenter: Perdita Wingerter, Passau/Germany
  Perdita Wingerter is the CEO and founder of the NGOs "Gemeinsam leben & lernen in Europa" (Living and learning together within Europe), has her own consulting agency and works also as a trainer. Being an active volunteer for over 30 years now, she is also promoting volunteering in various ways: Within her organisation "Gemeinsam leben & lernen in Europa" she initiated and coordinated many volunteer led projects on national and international level, especially ones involving young volunteers. By providing trainings, coaching and opportunities she has empowered hundreds of people to become not only volunteers but also active citizens. In the past years many of the volunteer projects she initiated empowered youth, migrants, refugees, people with disabilities and other disadvantaged groups of society. The organisation has won many awards for its work, e.g. the "Citizens prize" of the European Parliament or the "Active Citizens of Europe Award".