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Greetings from the ESG Executive Committee

It feels like last week we were around the camp fire in Prague, eating chocolate banana and shouted “Ham and Eggs”. But it’s April and we’re getting closer to our next arrangement, the ESG Leadership Training and Seminar in Hungary. We’re looking forward to experience Hungary and it’s culture and “Get a MOVE on!” Are you coming?

At the upcoming annual meeting we will elect a new boarder, where some of the board members will leave. These are members who have been with the ESG for a time now and we wish them good luck and welcomes new faces.

ESG Executive Committee:

Endre Vik Nordbrønd, Norway - Leader
Heidi Silvén, Finland

Viktor Melnuk, Ukraine
Réka Horváthné Sopri, Hungary
Christian Ochsner, Switzerland.

God bless and best regards,

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Past events

YMCA Europe Festival in Prague

The YMCA Europe Festival took place from August 4th to August 10th in Prague, the capital of Czech Republic. Over 5000 participants from all over the world joined the 3th Festival. Coming from more than 70 different countries spread across 5 continents, the participants celebrated diversity, international understanding and the pride of being members of the largest world network involving youth. LOVE2LIFE was the festival theme and every day had its own specific subject. These were Peace, Justice and Democracy, Healthy Living and Inclusive Christianity.

The programme during the day included workshops, leadership training, worship, music, sports and cultural events under the Patronage of the City of Prague. ESG organised two workshops each day, so the participants could learn how to cook on fire a traditional food or play some different games from other countries. There were also workshops, where they could be creative and learn typical Scouting and Jungschar activities. We are very happy that the workshops were very successful and many people joined them.

Everyone could choose after the main stage program between different activities from the late night program. The ESG campfire was one of it and it was always very cosy around the Finnish candles. Unfortunately we had to cancel the BIG campfire because of the storm. One of the Festival Hotspot was the ESG coffee tent, where the participants could eat a hot chocolate banana, a waffle or drink the famous ice coffee. The tent was a good place for meetings, talking and making new friends.

During the Festival we also had the annual meeting from the ESG, where Christian Ochsner (Switzerland) was elected as a new member for two years. Heidi Silven, Reka Soproni and Endre Vik Nordbrønd were reelected.

After this week full of good experiences, storms and new friendships we returned happy home.



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Upcoming events

ESG Leadership Training and Seminar, 28 – 31 August 2014

This year Hungary YMCA will be the host for the Leadership Training and Seminar. It will take place in Emmaus house in Kecskemét, an hour from Budapest.

The theme for this year LST is “Get a MOVE on!”

At the leadership training the younger participants get to know how to raise a kóta, tie knots, to orientate a map, to construct an interesting wood game. At the seminars the older participants can listen to lectures about group training and care, marketing, pastoral care, game and experience pedagogy. Everyone will also have a trip to Kecskemét and experience some Hungarian culture. We will also have our annual meeting there.

We are looking forward to see you there! **Get a MOVE on!**

Price: 75 €for western Europe participants and 25 €for eastern Europe participants.

You find the application for the LST here:

<http://www.kie.hu/tappancs/jelentkezes/esg.html>

<http://youtu.be/J2MDSeiM57M>



ESG DAY 2014

This year Norway will present the ESG Day programme. The ESG DAY is the second Saturday in November. You will have 1 ½ hour of activities which you can use in the group. You can either follow the whole programme as presented or use certain parts.

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