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NEW RULES

Will be performing in a big
official festival organized by
Rock School on 23-24th of June!

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The European Youth Event (EYE) is organized every two years in front of the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France. This year in EYE2018 participated more than 8000 people! The event was held on 1 and 2 June in front and inside the European Parliament. S&G is in the list of the official partners of the event and was given the opportunity to held a workshop in the Yo!Fest Village where young people were playing the board game "The Journey: Istanbul" The game was very well welcomed by the young people. They were sitting around and trying to understand the game on their own even after the workshop has finished. We presented more than 100 games during the event! S&G is proud to be the only Turkish organization in the official partners list of the EYE event. Looking forward to see you soon on the next one in 2020! Follow-up to the event there will be those activities: July 2018: a report featuring the most concrete ideas discussed during the event will be distributed to all Members of the European Parliament (MEPs). Autumn 2018: some participants will present the most developed ideas from the report to a number of parliamentary committees and get feedback from MEPs.





"Not only having a great chance to see one of the distinct places in Strasbourg, I also get a chance to share my ideas and make a difference in such a culturally diversive place. Being able to interact with a lot of people and hear their experiences broaden my vision too. I am thrilled to participate again! I hope one day, we won't be supposed to join EYE to adress some problems instead we will be only met again to celebrate what we have done to solve those problems. Either way, you shouldn't miss such an wonderful event!"

Mert Alagözlü



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SARA ARMIGLLATI

I look around and all is red and white.

Today I am here in Saray Center, to celebrate with child and all people this event, so important for Turkey. Maybe I am the only one person in this room, who can't understand anything about it. Is not easy to a foreigner like me, to understand all about another country, in another language. But I want discover it, put myself inside my new country. By the way, let's start. I am in Methur, the most important meeting room in Saray Center. Saray Center is a big place for disable people, and today they will be the star.

I am sitting here, in the background i am hearing the sound of bells, I see the children with serious faces, attention and I am so happy about this. Many of them when they see me, they tell me "Merhaba Sara" with a big smile on their face, They are so proud that I am here and I can participate and celebrate this special day with them.

I look around and all is red and white, the room is full of people and Atatürk reigns supreme, it feels like he was here.

And in one moment, the silence. Tuğba opens the event with a speech, some men speak at the microphone, they are presenting them self I guess. At the end of the speech, the children enter in that room and... “wow”, all have a typical ottomans clothes, very big hats, their hairs are so beautiful, all of them are beautiful. In the back flowing continues images of war, especially ships bomb and destruction, I can hear their patriotism, about a place like this different from mine.

They are starting with two songs, the name of the first one is “Yemen Turkusu”. Everyone is singing it, I can see their closed eyes and a lot of smiles on their faces. Unluckily I can understand only “Mustafa Kemal” and that’s enough. The last song blows the crowd, there are drums, trumpets and so many waving flags. Between the moon and the sky.. Between the past and the present.

“Hoş gelişler ola Mustafa Kemal Paşa Askerin milletin bayrağınla çok yaşa Askerin milletin bayrağınla çok yaşa”



TRAINING COURSE “DISCRIMINATION. A RAINBOW WITHOUT COLOUR”

We have been participants in the Training Course “Discrimination. A rainbow without color” in Berlin, Germany. The TC was organized by Loesje Berlin. It was just 7 days but they were really great. I feel like going beyond time and I have learnt lots of things and gained lots of experience. In the first day, we were lost because the transportation in Berlin is more complicated than in Ankara, but we finally found the hostel in a short time. In the evening, we had a dinner and we felt alone until the dinner because everyone spoke their own languages. After the dinner, Marina, who was our trainer, introduced herself and we had a talk shortly.



In the second day we spoke about the project, team, rules, program. We had a teambuilding which we needed very much. Also, we had a game which was divided to squares and everyone has to go across but there was no road map – like a puzzle. Finally, we memorized the road map after one pass across. All of us passed across with the help of the person who went across. In the end of the second day, I have learnt that we don't need a leader even if there are many problems in our life, although all deficiencies and varieties in the society, we can get together.

Moreover, the main purpose of this project is that.

In the third day, we had workshops. One was problem tree and we discussed what comes to our mind when the word “discrimination” is said. Then we talked about this topic. After that, we separated in our national groups. Every group thought what discrimination they have in their own countries. We prepared presentation about refugees’ discrimination in Turkey. At the end, we realized that every countries’ discrimination are similar groups like, LGBT, refugees, Muslims, women, Roma people and so on. After the workshop, we talked about our Youthpass. In the evening, we had a reflection groups and we talked about thoughts, how the day was, what we did, how we felt in the activities. Also, we have to prepare song for the last day. We chose a song. After the dinner,



In the fourth day, we did workshop which was different problems about discrimination and we thought why there is this problem and how we can find solutions. We drew the tree and wrote these thoughts on the tree. Then we discussed all the problems. After the afternoon, we grouped and we played a part according to having the roles. Every part was about discrimination from a different viewpoint in the society. In the evening, we had a reflection group again, we evaluated all day.

intercultural night was amazing. Everyone told their own countries, cultures, traditional foods and drinks. We have been proud to describe our country and culture. We talked about Turkey, Ataturk, our traditional foods, songs and drinks. I think intercultural night is the best of all training course's part. Because, you are aware of your own culture and country and also you are proud to represent your country.

The fifth day, we had our free day and we had a trip to Berlin. Previously, we had groups. We visited Berlin's historical and cultural places with our group. We went to the Chocolate Museum, The Berlin Wall, The Parliament Building and many other places and took very nice pictures. We have tried Indian food. We did shopping and bought some gifts for our family and our friends. Then we met our friends and we ate Turkish baklava. Our foreign friends loved the baklava and also it was very delicious same as in Turkey. The woman, which is selling baklava, gave us baklava as a gift. We were very happy and proud because our friends saw the hospitality of Turkish people. When we returned to the hostel we shared our photos. What I will never forget all the day is the cold of Berlin. It was an amazing day against the cold. The sixth day was Loesje's day. Rola, who was the representative of Loesje, told us about Loesje. We learned a lot about Loesje and it was useful. Then we had creative writing and it was very enjoyable.

Firstly, we had groups and everyone in the group has chosen a topic. Everyone in the group wrote something about the every topic. We've marked the one which is our favourite than others. Then we made different groups. We distributed what we wrote about the topics to groups and have eliminated some of them. After the eliminated, all the groups hanged the board their favourite catchword. We repeated the same process, we eliminated catchword on the board and the rest was our Loesje posters. It was very creative and contributing part. We worked on photo project in multimedia sessions.



We took into account the different groups that were discriminated against. We tried to reflect their living. This part was impressing me very much because I put myself into their shoes and thought about the difficulties that I experienced. After the multimedia sessions, we had a reflection group again.



The seventh day we did the whole project evaluation. We talked about generally about project. Then we took our Youthpass certificates and learnt our secret friends. We did another enjoyable part. We put paper on our back. Everyone wrote something and it was a beautiful souvenir. We showed our dance and song which were prepared with our reflection group. We evaluated groups and performances. Nisa's group, which was favorite dance and song, got the gift. This event was useful for us to get close and spend time together. We had a great time while we were preparing it.

The eighth day was our departure day. After the breakfast, we made with friends farewells and we left the hostel. It was emotional because of ending project, but we were very happy that we were participants in such a beautiful program. It was a wonderful experience for us.

**THANKS A
LOT TO S&G
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FOR
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Being a volunteer in

BULGARIA



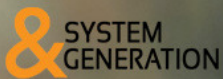
One of our volunteers has created an acoustic band for his personal project the name of the band is "New Rules". He started to compose songs with his French friend and they gave many concerts in other volunteer's workshops for children, disabled people, and in some festivals. They played their first original song in a concert organized by Rock School at Mixtape 5 in Sofia. There were also many musicians waiting to perform on the stage. Their second original song is specific for No More War Festival. The festival organized by volunteers and their mentors who live in Sofia. Finally, they made an application with their third song for the "original song" contest organized by Drooble, and they are one of the winners of the contest. They recorded their original song professionally in the studio recently. It was amazing experience for them.

The Passport Initiative was launched on 26 of April. Momondo in collaboration with S&G is offering 75 free of charge passports with duration of 10 years! On the June 19, Momondo announced the first 25 winners from the Initiative. In the end of the campaign, three winners will get 1500€ to explore the world in their dream destination.



THE PASSPORT INITIATIVE

TURKEY



A passport opens the door to a diverse and colourful world. But unfortunately a lot of people around the world don't own one. As part of our Let's Open Our World movement to encourage everybody to stay open and curious about the world, we've launched The Passport Initiative to help people get a passport. To begin with, we're focusing on the world's most expensive passport relative to income – the Turkish passport.

MUHAMMED SEFA SOYDAN

Don't lecture about erasing borders / become the eraser

This training was about refugees and migrants and name is 'Don't lecture about erasing borders / become the eraser'. People from different countries were in Macedonia for 9 days. It was great to meet different cultures and share ideas with people. We did a lot of workshops about subject and we had the chance to express our own ideas. Since the refugee problem is on the agenda in our country, learning about the problems of other countries in this regard was very useful in finding a common solution. Everything was great for me thank you very much to the hosts!





Our second round of group EVS volunteers was big success. Thank you
Emma, Alessio, Eric and Hristijan
for all of your efforts, activities, motivation and collaboration!

Eric and Alessio had this amazing idea of organizing photo exhibition with photos from the staff and elders from Kecioren Elderly House. With the help of Ms. Yelda Ahmetoğlu they organized “Gönüllüler ile Güle Güle Partisi” in Yunus Emre Kultural Center in Keçiören, Ankara.

Eric presented his exhibition with photos and Alessio take care of the good mood of the elders and the guests from the management of YEKM.

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