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Summary for quick readers...

YES Youth Europe Self-Empowerment Cooperative
26th April to 3rd May 2015 – Sunday to Sunday – Schloss Tempelhof Germany
<http://www.schloss-tempelhof.de/service/english/>

The YES initiative aims to reduce youth unemployment primarily in Europe to be followed up in the rest of the world. With rates of 50/60% in Spain, followed closely by other countries like Greece, Portugal, Italy, UK and so on...dramatic action must be taken to eliminate this situation. YES will empower youth to reestablish it's place in society and it's dignity in today's world. Please read the entire documents to get a real feeling for this initiative...

Information

Participants: **28** young people – 1 from each EU country and 8 from other continents as guests

Age: **18 – 30 Years**

Date: 26th April to 3rd May 2015

Place: Schloss Tempelhof – Germany

Airport: Stuttgart

Transport: see travel document

Costs: 198.-- € for 7 days accommodation and full board plus journey organized individually

Program: see provisional program (final program will be submitted before meeting)

Final application day: the 15th February 2015

Did you know that:

This quote is part of the vision from our host – Schloss Tempelhof – Site...

We make a conscious decision to relate to one another properly, openly and from the heart.

Respecting one another, being true to one another, being committed to one another and to be non violent to each other are our core agreements. We are aware that words the way they are expressed create forms and reality.

YES also exists in the US and is a acronym for – Youth Employment Services and Youth Employment Scrip...quote: The YES program empowers youth, supports the local economy, finances important work, and helps to unify the community.

Peter Schwartz, president of the Global Business Network, wrote a book in 1991 titled *The Art of the long view* (Doubleday). In that book he predicted that, **by the year 2000**, the earth's population would include **more than two billion people between the ages of ten and twenty-one**, about one third of the total population. That prediction has proven to be correct. Schwartz devoted an entire chapter to the phenomenon of „the global teenager,“ a force that he says will dwarf other demographic factors over the next fifty years. The pressure of their numbers, energies and idealism, he wrote, „will be so immense that it will reshape the world.“ (Source: Money Chapter 22 – by Thomas Greco)

Youth unemployment rates in specific countries as of September 2014: Spain 53.7%, Greece 50.7%, Italy 42.9%, Croatia 41.8%, Portugal 35.2%, Cyprus 34.9%. Moreover, 13 countries registered between 20.6 and 28.5%, and 11 countries between 7.6 and 19.8% youth unemployment (source: www.statista.com)

Avoiding a Lost Generation (Source: The European online – 24.03.2014)

If Europe wants to prosper, it will have to provide work for its youth. Countries like Denmark and Sweden lead the way by offering a crucial guarantee.

In 2013, 74.5 million young people in the 15-to-24 age group were unemployed worldwide, which comes down to a 13.1 per cent youth unemployment rate – twice the global overall unemployment rate. The job crisis has hit young people in Europe especially hard. In Spain and Greece, youth unemployment rates are reaching a sky high 50%. Between 2007 and 2012, employment in Greece, Ireland and Portugal declined as a whole by 1.6 million jobs, but 75 per cent of these, i.e. 1.2 million lost jobs, affected younger people (aged 15-34 years).

The Challenge of Youth Unemployment (source:

<http://www.weforum.org/community/global-agenda-councils/youth-unemployment-visualization-2013>)

In 2011, a youth's risk of being unemployed was 3x higher than that of an adult.

Close to 75 million youth worldwide were unemployed in 2012.

A total of 357.7 million youth were not in education, employment, or training (NEET) in 2010, and the number is increasing.