

## **EnWG**

### **Green SU through Activities**

**Main idea:** Including green activities into SU programme

#### **Possible activities:**

- **Workshops/lectures on environmental issues & sustainable**

**development:** energy, biodiversity, urban planning, global warming...

- **Workshops/lectures on sustainable lifestyle:** recycling, consumer behavior...
- **ecological contest in teams:** photo contest or recycling contest, for instance.
- **eco energizers / team building games /green Olympics / eco-friendly games:**

(bag jumping, collect rubbish competition or who knows more words for trash)

- **reuse workshop:** instead of throwing something, we can create something new and useful + additionally you can organize exhibition
- **geocaching:** hide caches in the places where the environmental problems are and make a competition to look for them
- **organic European Night & thematic eco-party:** party with costumes from green topic
- **organizing sport activities in nature** such as hiking, cycling, canoeing, (night) orienteering, adrenalin park... Ask the experts from AEGEE-Oviedo
- **visit of natural park, recycle centre, eco farm, water treatment plant, wind energy park** learn how these facilities work to maintain your lifestyle!
- **green street actions:** promoting eco lifestyle; raising awareness about environmental problems; organise campaign to protect environment
- **organizing movie-evening** on environmental topic with discussions and debates

## **Visa Freedom WG**

### **Example of one-day WS**

- **Provide information about the current status of VFAs**
- **How to deal with a *visa participant***
- **How to apply for a visa**

- **General advices**
- **Review all visa to tools**

## **HED**

- Action about the Higher Education Days (like workshop, training, street action)
- Topics:
  - The situation of **Higher Education** in Europe
    - a.i. the budget for education
    - a.ii. different situation of the implementation of Bologna Process etc.
  - The recognition of Non-Formal Education
- Support: we'll send you materials to prepare these workshops/actions; we'll provide you with ideas for workshops, street actions etc.

## **EDL**

### *1. Language Café / Aligatorejo*

During this programme, which usually lasts for 1 or 2 hours, participants will not be allowed to speak English (assuming this is the main language of your SU) or their own native language. Everyone will put up a name tag that lists the languages this person understands and can speak. The participants can now form groups and practice other languages. It is very possible that also within one group, the conversation takes place in more than one language. To make the conversations more interesting, this programme could be combined with a "people bingo" for example.

Another version is to have days/night/hours dedicated to a specific language, in which the organisers and participants should do their best to speak as much as possible only in this language. The organisers/participants that are native speakers in this language can teach the basics of it the day before.

### *2. Watching movies with subtitles instead of dubbing*

To really appreciate the sound of other languages, it can be a good and easy idea to watch a movie with the original sound and subtitles. You can show a movie from your own area or another European movie from a less frequent European language.

### *3. Excursion to area with minority language*

Europe has many regions with regional or minority languages, where a considerable part of the population speaks a language different from the national language. You could plan an excursion to such an area, which often also has some museum presenting the specific culture connected to this linguistic minority.

### *4. Introductory language courses by participants*

During every SU, participants with many different native languages come together. Presenting and sharing everyone's specific culture and especially alcoholic specialities is already a very common programme during the European Night. A similar thing could be done by letting the participants give short introductory courses of their language to the other participants. The length and depth of these courses can differ a lot and depends on what the participants want. In this way participants will get to know basic phrases and structure of around 10 or 20 languages in just 2 weeks.

## **Volunteering during SU**

Have you ever thought about organizing a summer university where you participants will be able to do some real volunteer work? Have you been thinking about collaborating with a local NGO and to propose a Summer University in which your participant will be able to make a real contribution? Well, here come some ideas:

#### **- WHY?**

because we often say that Summer Universities have turned into a low cost vacation for young people, during which we have forgotten a bit the essence of AEGEE: participation, cultural exchange and active citizenship!

Because giving the opportunity to your participants, to work on a volunteer project, will enable them to meet people who are not the typical AEGEE member/student, but to really exchange on a long term basis with local people, creating unexpected friendship and promoting cultural exchange at its utmost!

it will also give participant a chance to make a real contribution and to increase their awareness of issues that exist in European countries.

#### **- HOW**

It is not very complicated. First, think about the topic in which you would like to focus the activities on. Is it social work (work with kids with difficulties? with less economical opportunities), cultural aspect (i am sure there are plenty of summer festivals in your region and that...they need volunteers!), environmental issues, or patrimony heritage!

Once, according to the interest of your members/coherence regarding issues in your region, you have chosen the topic you would like to develop activities with, you just need to find a local partner:

As proposed before:

- **A local association which organizes a local festival** (music, theatre, dance)..participants can help holding the bar, checking the entrance, giving information, putting the scene on..
- **The town hall:** you can see if there are some place of your city/region which would need to be restaured: participants can help in painting, fixing, cleaning...
- **A social association working with kids with difficulties, or with disabled people:** your participants can most certainly help out in organising activities, helping the out...

Once you have established a solid partnership, decide the schedule (number of hours per day) that you want your participants to be help the local NGO and establish clearly what they are going to do. Apart from that, there will still be cultural visits and social program!!

I hope that you get inspired and that you take the challenge to organise a more meaningful Summer University, that your participants will remember for sure!