



NEWSLETTER

Dear interdiac colleagues & friends,

We are glad to introduce you the 3rd edition of the interdiac Newsletter 2010. After summer holiday we followed the activities related to the Mobile Workshop 'Innovative Training for Social Cohesion with and for Youth' and worked on the framework requirements of study programme of the Double Degree. The Autumn was also devoted to networking with the partner organizations mostly abroad.

You are kindly welcome to read the interdiac autumn Newsletter!

Your interdiac Team

What has been happening ?

- interdiac was presented at the Diak Development Days
- interdiac Director met the leadership & staff of HDI
- Interdiac led a Workshop at the Heidelberg conference on Diaconia Research
- interdiac made a contribution at LWF Global consultation on training & education

Interdiac was invited for Diak Development Days & a visit to the interdiac founder, Helsinki Deaconess Institute, Järvenpää and Helsinki, September 2010

interdiac was invited to be present in the international 'track' of the Diak Development Days that took place 15th - 16th September near Järvenpää, Finland. The sessions on the Diak CABLE project and other international projects, including interdiac was a unique opportunity for sharing the experience of international cooperation and drawing on the ideas for further programmes that will promote some synergies on combating social exclusion across borders. The meetings with several representatives of the Helsinki Deaconess Institute, a co-founder of interdiac were organized in Helsinki. The presentation on the institution HDI and the discussions with a staff contributed to gaining more insight into the activities of this diaconia provider, especially for those who are the most marginalized. A wish to develop a joint project between HDI & interdiac was also discussed.

interdiac made a presentation at the European Diaconal Research conference, Heidelberg, September 2010

interdiac was invited to contribute to the European Diaconal research conference on 'Diaconia against Poverty and Social Exclusion – Future Challenges and Contexts in Europe' which was organised by the European Network for the Study and Research of Diaconia. The conference took place from 23rd – 25th September in Heidelberg and brought together research experts and practitioners, theologians and lay persons from

across Europe. interdiac was represented by the Director and two other participants. This conference examined how Diaconia responds to poverty and social exclusion today and the perspectives and challenges in the future.

Memorandum of Understanding between interdiac & Eurodiaconia was signed, September 2010

The cooperation with the Eurodiaconia was initiated in December 2009 and the areas for possible cooperation were defined. The MoU reflects the issues for common cooperation. After 4 months of joint consultation on the content, the MoU was signed by both parties in September 2010.

The paragraph on the Implementation of the Memorandum of understanding ("Contribute to the development of educational/training events where expertise and resources allow") is already being implemented in the project with the title "Community Engagement – Real Participation – Empowerment. The social capital of Volunteers – the right choice to invest in ?" The results of the selection committee for this particular project will be published by middle December 2010 and if we are successful, at the beginning of 2011 the initiation phase will be launched.

interdiac was invited to the LWF Global consultation on Education & Training—Impact & Strategy, October 2010

This 3-day meeting of about 50 representatives from Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe reviewed the various dimensions of the impact of the programme "LWF Education and



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THANKS

On behalf of interdiac Team I would like to express sincere thanks to Mrs. Maria Parnicky and Mrs. Borka Vrekic at the Ecumenical Humanitarian Organization who ensured logistical support before and during the Mobile Workshop in Novi Sad.

Second thanks also to the leadership of EHO, Mr. Vladislav Ivičiak and Mrs. Anna Bu who welcomed us warmly at the training premises of EHO.

THANK YOU very much for your personal time and dedication to all of us and to interdiac as such. It was a great sign of how the interdiac vision could be put into reality and how such gathering can lead to changing of lives and making the world a better place to live in.

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of an evaluation report. The report analyzed the strategic implications of the recommendations and directions arising from the evaluation. The crucial priority areas and the future profile of the Human Resource Development programme were drafted and the action plans for following up the recommendations from the consultation were worked out. interdiac was invited to present its work, in particular the learning programme methodology and findings.

Presentation of the interdiac at the meeting of Vysegrad Platform of Eurodiaconia

The representatives of Diaconia from the 4 countries of Vysegrad region met for 3 days to share experiences of diaconal work in the past year. The afternoon of 19th October was devoted to introductions to training activities in the region. interdiac was invited to make a presentation on the training and educational activities carried out with partners across the wider Eastern and Central European region. As the conference took place one week after the interdiac 2nd Mobile Workshop, the focus was put on the introduction of the outputs of the learning process of this workshop. This meeting significantly contributed to raising awareness of interdiac and at the same time opened the "doors" for new possibilities of cooperation with those organizations which have not yet been actively involved in interdiac activities.

The 2nd Mobile Workshop on Innovative Training for social cohesion for and with Youth, October 2010 in Novi Sad

This event was one of the follow up actions of the 1st Mobile Tbilisi Workshop and the outputs of In-between Tasks &

The project of Mobile Workshops 'Innovative Training for Social Cohesion for and with Youth' is financially supported within the framework of the EU programme Youth in Action.

Upcoming events :

- **Seminar on Curriculum Development, November, Prague**
- **interdiac will be represented by prof. H. Noordegraaf at WCC conference, December, Utrecht**
- **Tony Addy will attend Kick off meeting on Community engagement, December, Brussels**

Assignments were debriefed and evaluated. Creative & interactive participant's presentations and of making new partnerships locally and nationally as well the sharing of practical experience, the research findings on work with marginalized youth and other inputs were included in the Workshop. These exchanges, outputs and reflections will frame the ideas for production of the Handbook. It is so foreseen that the Handbook will be a good practice learning tool on how to use appropriate approaches to reach and work with young people coming from disadvantaged backgrounds. More about the outputs of the Mobile Workshop project will be found in the near future on interdiac web site: www.interdiac.eu.

Study programme for the Double Degree

The management team have been undertaking progressive steps for the joint cooperation on the Double Degree programme with ETF (Charles University) and Diak. The responsibilities & the tasks of the 3 partners for the preparation phase of the Curriculum development were defined in a Joint Agreement. The framework conditions for the double degree programme, required by the Ministry of Education were analyzed, the working process on the application has been clarified and an Action Plan has been elaborated.

New programme supporter was selected

We were glad to start working with Mrs. Jolana Rucka since 1st October 2010. Her professional orientation and strong personal commitment for work with a diverse group of people have been a great enrichment for the organization. She is a teacher by profession and has made more 5 years experience with projects empowering young people in Silesia.



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