



Charter of European Rural Communities



Meet Europe for free!

(Extra) Youth Meeting

Kannus (Finland)

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European Charter of Rural Communities

- ★ Lassee
- ★ Bièvre
- ★ ΛΕΥΚΑΡΑ
- ★ Starý Poddvorov
- ★ Naestved / Holmegaard
- ★ Põlva
- ★ Kannus
- ★ Cissé
- ★ Hepstedt
- ★ ΚΟΛΙΗΔΡΟΣ
- ★ Nagycenck
- ★ Cashel
- ★ Bucine
- ★ Kandava
- ★ Žagarè
- ★ Troisvierges
- ★ Nadur
- ★ Haaren / Esch
- ★ Strzyzów
- ★ Samuel
- ★ Ibanesti
- ★ Medzev
- ★ Moravče
- ★ Bienvenida
- ★ Ockelbo
- ★ Desborough





European Charter of Rural Communities (2)

- ★ People meet people;
- ★ Discover countries and languages, enjoy each other's cultures and customs. Look for possibilities of cooperation and above all: make friends! ;
- ★ Hostfamilies (“at the kitchentable!”) ;
- ★ Multi-annual Project.





Multi-annual project (1)

- ★ Annual meeting 2008 (Lefkara, Cyprus);
- ★ Granted project during 2009 /2010;
- ★ 10 meetings;
 - ★ 2 annual meetings;
 - ★ 4 conferences on local democracy;
 - ★ 1 conference on Friends of Europe;
 - ★ 1 conference on elderly people
 - ★ 2 youth meetings.





Multi-annual project (2)

- ★ March 2009: small meeting in Naestved / Holmegaard (Denmark);
- ★ June 2009: Annual meeting in Starý Poddvorov (Czech republic);
- ★ June 2010: Annual meeting in Strzyżów (Poland);
- ★ October 2010: small meeting in Kandava (Latvia).





Multi-annual project (3)

- ★ How could the youth help the charter to continue in the future?
- ★ How could the youth be involved in the charter?
- ★ Why is the charter valuable for the European youngsters?

★ DVD





What we've done so far (1)

- ★ European Youth Coordinator during the Multi-Annual Project;
- ★ Youth Contact person in each community;
- ★ Updated the youth part of the website (on going process);
- ★ Updated and used the facebook page (on going process).





What we've done so far (2)

- ★ Youth meeting in Naestved (Holmegaard), Denmark (March 2009)
 - ★ Development of 4 main topics:
 - ★ Information;
 - ★ Share Experiences;
 - ★ Meet local Youth;
 - ★ More responsibility;
 - ★ “Meet Europe for free!”





What we've done so far (3)

- ★ Annual meeting Starý Poddvorov, Czech Republic (June 2009)
 - ★ Own youth programme;
 - ★ Spread the ideas of the DVD;
 - ★ Informed the youngsters and mayors about the progresses we'd made;
 - ★ Got permission to organise an extra youth meeting in Kannus, Finland, in November 2009 (This meeting).





Why an extra youth meeting?

- ★ Between June 2009 and June 2010 no youth meeting;
- ★ DVD should be finished in October 2010;
- ★ Youth involvement is a hard and long process;
- ★ Next year, the outcomes of the youth meeting in Denmark will be 'old';
- ★ The more meetings we organise, the more youngsters will be involved!





And last but not least...

Have fun, enjoy the meeting,
'taste' the Finnish culture and
customs, share your experiences
and have a pleasant stay!

