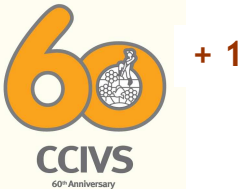


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GLOBAL EVENTS AND PROJECTS

CCIVS International Solidarity Fund 2009

The Solidarity Fund aims at promoting exchanges between regions where there is currently little volunteer exchange, and at increasing the number of volunteers who participate in **South-South** and **South-North exchanges**. It is also a great opportunity for CCIVS member organisations to develop new and existing partnerships, and a unique form of reciprocal capacity building through the exchange of volunteers.

Open to all CCIVS members who join the fund: projects can take place at any time during the year

World Tanabata Action

The WTA aims at raising awareness and promoting actions to protect **global environment** and, at the same time, **strengthen solidarity** among people all over the world. The project takes its inspiration from a Japanese tradition, which every year sees people writing their wishes on Tanzaku papers and hanging them on bamboo leaves. Associations joining the campaign will organise tree-planting and other environmental actions all throughout the year; each person taking part in the projects will then write "My action" on a small piece of Tanzaku paper to be hung on the seedling. The campaign will lead to a **final workcamp** in Paris during which volunteers will organise and present all Tanzaku papers - last year more than 40,000 were collected - to the **UNESCO NGO International Conference**

Open to all CCIVS members and partners: April - December 2009

Final workcamp in Paris, November 24 - December 7 2009

Dear friends and colleagues, it is a pleasure to address you this first issue of the CCIVS News for 2009.

You will find listed here the main projects and activities planned for this year; for more information on the daily life of our network or its statutory meetings do not hesitate to visit CCIVS website or contact the Secretariat.

With our best wishes for a successful 2009 season,

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World Heritage Volunteers Campaign 2009

With the kind support of **UNESCO World Heritage Centre (WHC)**, the campaign aims at raising awareness on the necessity to **protect, preserve and promote cultural and natural heritage** through international voluntary service actions. Eleven projects in ten countries (France, Indonesia, Italy, Korea, Mexico, Peru, Togo, Ukraine, Vietnam and Zambia) have been selected for the 2009 campaign, in cooperation with the WHC.

Selected projects will be implemented between June and October 2009

Global meeting

The **representatives of regional and global networks and platforms** involved in international voluntary service are invited to share with us the latest information and strategies, in order to renew the good cooperation and plan together the next steps to be taken by the global voluntary service movement.

The meeting will take place in France immediately after the NAEYV seminar, from 29 October to 1 November 2009

REGIONAL EVENTS AND PROJECTS

Culture meets Concepts. How to match the expectations and improve communication between European and African sending and hosting organisations of IVS projects

The project aims at assessing the difficulties involved in **reaching a common understanding and common arrangements** among sending and hosting organisations of short and long term IVS projects in Europe and Africa. It involves youth workers of partner organisations in Europe and Africa, who will explore the “why’s”, “what’s” and “how’s” of their way of doing things, discuss it with their partners and develop tools to overcome or ease commonly encountered difficulties. *Open to CCIVS members having already signed the preliminary agreement.*

A first seminar was successfully held in February (1-6) in Kenya.

Next meetings:

- May-June: visits to pre-departure training, France and Germany
- July: visit to on-arrival training, Togo
- October (14–21): final evaluation, Spain



Training for trainers on HIV/AIDS prevention and care through Theatre

In the frame of the UNESCO Participation Programme, the action aims at raising awareness **about AIDS prevention and care** using the instrument of **theatre**: training and outreach programs will be hosted by **YAZ–Zambia**. *Open to all CCIVS members.*

The training will be realized in Zambia from June 29 to July 12 2009

Volunteering in the Middle-East: Solidarity in Action

18 European volunteers will spend six months in four different locations in the **West Bank, Palestine**. **The 13 host projects** will all be related to **inter-cultural dialogue** through daily interaction with the local people. As a group and with the support of CCIVS and IPY the volunteers will be encouraged to put their daily experiences into perspective through reflections about the concept of cultural identity and cultural heritage. *Open to CCIVS members having already signed the preliminary agreement.*

Dates:

- March (24–28): feasibility visit, Palestine
- May (13–16): pre-departure training, Spain
- May (17–20): on-arrival training, Palestine
- August (12–15): mid-term evaluation, Palestine
- November (11–14): final evaluation, Spain

The Asia-Europe Young Volunteer Exchange

20 representatives from **Asian and European CCIVS members** will have the opportunity to familiarise themselves with **sustainable development** issues through training activities, reflections, exchange of good practices, project visits and a field experience for a total duration of 15 days. *Open to all CCIVS members in ASEM countries.*

The seminar will take place in Thailand from August 21 to September 4 2009

Networking Asian and European Young Volunteers

The general aim of the meeting is to exchange information and experiences regarding voluntary activities and to **facilitate the creation of an Asia-Europe Youth Volunteer Network**. Discussions will focus on three topics: a) Impact of International Voluntary Service at the Asia-Europe level; b) Promotion of medium and long term voluntary service in Asia and Europe; c) Recognition and legal frames for IVS. *Open to all CCIVS members in ASEM countries.*



The meeting will take place in Paris, from 29 October to 1 November 2009

TOOLKITS AND PUBLICATIONS

- **World Heritage Volunteers** - *Patrimonto rolls up the sleeves: draft guidelines and tool kit for selected Patrimonto projects* (<http://www.unesco.org/ccivs/New-SiteCCSVI/CcivsOther/culturalheritage/heritage-presentation.htm>)
- **Conflict and Volunteering** - *How to deal constructively with conflicts in relation to international voluntary service* (http://www.unesco.org/ccivs/New-SiteCCSVI/CcivsOther/Documents/conflict_book_draft.pdf)
- **Act, Learn and Teach** - *Theatre, HIV and AIDS Toolkit for Youth in Africa* (<http://www.unesco.org/ccivs/New-SiteCCSVI/CcivsOther/hiv aids.htm>)
- **No size can fit all** - *How to seize the chance for intercultural learning in international voluntary service projects?* (<http://www.unesco.org/ccivs/New-SiteCCSVI/CcivsOther/culturaldiversity/cultdivpresentation.htm>)

Under construction:

- **60 years of Voluntary Service and Human Rights Education** - *The power of action: how voluntary service contributes to human rights and intercultural learning.*
- **Playing with rubbish** - *How to create useful objects from waste materials.*

All these and much more on our website...

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