

DATES



**1 June
International
Children's Day**

The World Conference for the Well-being of Children in Geneva, Switzerland proclaimed June 1 to be International Children's Day in 1925.

It is not clear as to why June 1 was chosen as the International Children's Day: one theory has it that the Chinese consul-general in San Francisco (USA) gathered a number of Chinese orphans to celebrate the Dragon Boat Festival in 1925, which happened to be on June 1 that year, and also coincided with the conference in Geneva.

The holiday is celebrated on 1 June each year. It is usually marked with speeches on children's rights and wellbeing, children TV programs, parties, various actions involving or dedicated to children, families going out etc.

It was adopted mostly by former and current Communist and Socialist countries.

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**Youth Peace Camp at
Europa Park**

From 4th to 11 July, fifty-four young people from conflict and post-conflict zones, including Israel and the territories under Palestinian Authority, Armenia and Azerbaijan, and the Kosovo Serb and Albanian communities, will attend a one-week training course to promote dialogue and to strengthen common understanding.

The seminar gives an opportunity to youth leaders belonging to antagonistic communities to tell their stories in a safe environment, and to prepare inter-community networks and partnerships.

The leisure park Europapark will host this unique event for the seventh year in a row.

The Youth Peace Camp is one of the most audacious and innovative youth projects created by the Council of Europe.

More info: http://www.coe.int/T/dg4/youth/default_en.asp



**A Strasbourg
Democracy Forum as
a laboratory for ideas**

The Assembly today proposed a set of measures aimed at enhancing people's participation in the conduct of public affairs. They include the elaboration of an Additional Protocol to the ECHR guaranteeing the right to participate in the conduct of public affairs as a human right and a fundamental political freedom. The adopted text, based on the report by Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC), also proposes to set up a Strasbourg Democracy Forum as an umbrella structure providing an international reference in the field of democracy and a laboratory for new ideas.

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**Cultural funding
opportunities in other
EU programmes**

The EU has a specific programme dedicated to funding cultural activities in Europe, the Culture Programme, however, there are many other opportunities for funding for operators with a cultural project involving other sectors.

In order to make it easier for you to find way around the wide variety of EU funding opportunities, EC has made a concise overview of relevant programmes.

You will find information about how to secure funding for your cultural projects within the various sectors here:

http://ec.europa.eu/culture/our-programmes-and-actions/doc2683_en.htm

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Schools of journalism pilot training workshop

Participate in the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) and the Council of Europe's (CoE) 'Speak out against Discrimination Campaign's pilot training taking place in Coimbra (Portugal) from 30 August- 3 September 2010. This training aims at piloting journalism training practices which were developed with practitioners over the past months. Focus will be on diversity, intercultural issues and discrimination matters within a broader human rights understanding. Target groups are trainers of European journalism schools and training organizations. The expectation is to assemble approximately 30 participants. Please send your participation requests to Frederick Banson: frederick.banson@fra.europa.eu, Human Rights Education Officer, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights.

Deadline for registration: 2 July 2010.