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3 MAY
WORLD PRESS
FREEDOM DAY

World Press Freedom Day was established by the General Assembly of the United Nations in December, 1993, as an outgrowth of the Seminar on Promoting an Independent and Pluralistic African Press.

This Seminar took place in Windhoek, Namibia, in 1991 and led to the adoption of the Windhoek Declaration on Promoting Independent and Pluralistic Media World Press Freedom Day is celebrated annually on May 3rd, the date on which the Windhoek Declaration was adopted.

Throughout the world, May 3rd now serves as an occasion to inform the public of violations of the right to freedom of expression and as a reminder that many journalists brave death or jail to bring people their daily news.

World Press Freedom Day is:

- a day of action to encourage and develop initiatives in favor of the freedom of the press;
- a day to assess the state of press freedom worldwide;
- a day to remind governments to respect their commitments to press freedom;
- a day to alert the public and to increase awareness of the importance of freedom of the press;
- a day of remembrance for journalists who have lost their lives in the exercise of their profession; and
- a day of support for media which fall victim to any measures which restrain, or seek to abolish, freedom of the press.

Press freedom is considered to be a cornerstone of human rights and a guarantee of other freedoms. It encourages transparency and good governance and it ensures that society enjoys the rule of true justice. Freedom of the press is a bridge of understanding and knowledge. It is essential for the exchange of ideas between nations and cultures which is a condition for true understanding and lasting cooperation.

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**Portfolio for youth leaders
and youth workers**

The European Portfolio for youth leaders and youth workers is an initiative of the Council of Europe in cooperation with experts and partners such as the European Commission and the European Youth Forum. It provides youth leaders and youth workers in Europe, volunteers or professionals, with a tool which can help

them identify, assess and describe their competencies based on European quality standards.

In using this portfolio, youth leaders and youth workers will not only contribute to the recognition of their experience and skills but also to efforts to increase the recognition of youth work and non-formal education and learning.

Youth work in Europe covers many different realities.

This is why this portfolio has been tested in many countries and has been designed to enable users to make adaptations if necessary – for instance, by adding competencies specific to their circumstances.

The impact of the portfolio will depend, to a large extent, on how widely it will be used. Therefore, we hope that as many youth leaders and youth workers as possible throughout Europe – and even beyond – will take up the challenge of using and promoting it.

EUROPEAN YOUTH PORTAL NEWS



**European Youth Week -
Youth in Action!**
**3 – 10 June, Brussels and
all over Europe**

The aim of the European Youth Week 2007 is to promote the Youth in Action Programme and European Youth Policies and to contribute to the dialogue between policy makers and young people.

During the week of the 3rd to 10th of June, there are EYW activities in most European Countries, in addition to an international event in Brussels from the 3d to 6th of June.

The general theme of the week is "Social Inclusion and diversity of all young people in Europe."

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Night of Museums

The third "Night of Museums" takes place in Europe on Saturday, 19 May 2007. The Night of Museums is a cultural event organized together by multiple museums and cultural institutions in a location during which the establishments remain open late into the night. Marketed together, the event seeks to introduce new individuals into the cultural institutions.

The first Long Night of Museums took place in Berlin in 1997.

During this special night, from Azerbaijan to Spain, and from Cyprus to Russia, nearly 2000 European museums open their doors free of charge from sunset to one o'clock in the morning. The "Night of Museums" is placed under the patronage of the Council of Europe and is organised in parallel to the International Museum Day celebrated by the International Council of Museums.