



### DATES



### WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY FOR DIALOGUE AND DEVELOPMENT

21 MAY

Further to the adoption of the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity by UNESCO on November 2001, the General Assembly, in Resolution 57/249, welcomed the Declaration and the main lines of an Action Plan for its implementation, and proclaimed 21 May the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

The Day provides us with an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the values of cultural diversity and to learn to "live together" better. UNESCO continues to promote greater awareness of the crucial relationship between culture and development and the important role of information and communication technologies in this relationship.

### EUROPEAN YOUTH PORTAL NEWS

#### Know your Rights and Use your Rights!

This new web site provides practical advice on all your consumer rights when you are travelling within the EU. Especially for those travelling to the EURO 2008 this summer, there is a dedicated leaflet with advice: 10 tips to know before you go.

Further information on:

[http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/euro2008/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/euro2008/index_en.htm)

### COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS



#### Council of Europe Wild Web Woods game hits one million milestone

The number of connections to *Wild Web Woods* – Europe's first internet safety game for children – has topped one million worldwide and is expected to grow even further.

The *Wild Web Woods* game has been developed to help children learn the rules of internet safety in a fun format, using familiar fairy tales to guide children through a maze of potential dangers to the fabulous "Kometa". The game, mainly for children between 7 and 10, was launched in English at the end of last year. It is hosted on the Council of Europe website and can be played in 14 different languages.

The game has been developed in the framework of the Council's "Building a Europe for and with children" programme, set up to

promote children's rights and protect them from all forms of violence - including online dangers.

It is also a fundamental step in the Council of Europe's efforts to curb the grooming of children by abusers through the internet, following the principles of the recently-launched Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse.

Link to the game:

[http://www.wildwebwoods.org/popup\\_langSelection.php](http://www.wildwebwoods.org/popup_langSelection.php)

### LEARN ABOUT...

#### Cultural Diversity

The World has some 6000 communities and as many distinct languages. Such difference naturally leads to diversity of vision, values, beliefs, practice and expression, which all deserve equal respect and dignity.

Culture is a set of distinctive spiritual, material, intellectual and emotional features of society or a social group. It encompasses, in addition to art and literature, lifestyles, ways of living together, values systems, traditions and beliefs.

Respecting and safeguarding culture is a matter of Human Rights. Cultural Diversity presupposes respect of fundamental freedoms, namely freedom of thought, conscience and religion, freedom of opinion and expression, and freedom to participate in the cultural life of one's choice.

On November 2001 Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity was adopted by UNESCO. This is a legal instrument which recognizes, for the first time, cultural diversity as a "common heritage of humanity" and considers its safeguarding to be a concrete and ethical imperative, inseparable from respect for human dignity. On December 2006 the European Community ratified the UNESCO Declaration on cultural diversity.

The text of the Declaration is available here:

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0012/001271/127160m.pdf>

### MEMBERS' NEWS

Kultūra. Iecietība. Draudzība.  
Culture. Tolerance. Friendship.  
Культура. Терпимость. Дружба.  
Kultūra. Tolerancija. Prizjauzē.  
Ушуйтүр. Амгырттыр/ушуйтүр/ушуйтүр.  
Культура. Терпіння. Дружба.  
Կուլտուրա. Թոլարանս. Բարեկամություն.  
Kultuuri. Suvaitsevaisuus. Ystävyyys.  
Kultūra. Tolerancija. Draugystė.  
Culture. Toleranz. Freundschaft.  
Culture. Tolerance. Amitié.  
Kultur. Tolerans. Vānskap.  
Cultura. Tolleranza. Amicitia.  
Kultur. Tolerance. Venskab.  
文化 容忍 友谊

#### Training seminar for youth activists "Building Tolerant Society"

NGO „Culture. Tolerance. Friendship.“ (Latvia) carries out seminar for young people from Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and Russia. The seminar will take place from 1 to 8 August 2008. The main aims of the activity are as follows:

- to train youth activists in interactive, non-formal methods and tools of Intercultural learning and Human Rights education;
- to provide participants information and develop their skills necessary for running youth projects in multicultural social environments;
- to empower participants to act as multipliers and run youth projects on Human Rights education, tolerance and diversity

More information you can find on <http://www.kid.lv>