

## COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS



### Resolution on the promotion of volunteering

On 12th November 2010 the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) has approved a Resolution on the promotion of volunteering.

The resolution is aimed at:

- supporting the 2011 European Year of Volunteering,
- promoting the access to voluntary service
- setting up a social protection system for volunteers
- promoting “food banks”
- encouraging the development of voluntary activities
- creating a legal framework for voluntary work
- recognising that volunteer work is one of the few areas where there exists a balanced participation of women and men and thus build bridges with the political sector.

The full text of the resolution is available at:

<http://assembly.coe.int/Mainf.asp?link=/Documents/AdoptedText/ta10/ERES1778.htm>



### Coyote 16 is available on-line

The last issue of the Coyote magazine has been issued and is available on-line. You can download it from the website:

<http://youth-partnership-eu.coe.int/youth-partnership/publications/Coyote/16/Index.html>

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION NEWS



### Homelessness Among Young People in the EU

The theme of the latest issue of the magazine ‘Homeless in Europe’ published by FEANTSA - European Federation of National Organisations working with Homeless People is

“Changing Faces: Homelessness Among Children, Families and Young People”.

The issue includes an article on young people and homelessness written in the name of Mr Paulger, Director for Youth and Sport, DG Education and Culture, European Commission. The article presents the EU Youth Strategy and advocates for a cross-sectoral approach to youth and social inclusion. The magazine also includes a number of other interesting articles on the subject of youth homelessness. The magazine can be read online at the following link:

<http://www.feantsa.org/code/en/pg.asp?Page=35>



### EU launches Disability Strategy 2010-2020

On 15 November 2010 the European Commission adopted a new strategy to break down the barriers that prevent persons with disabilities from participating in society on an equal basis. The strategy outlines how the EU and national governments can empower people with disabilities so that they can fully enjoy their rights. Specific measures over the next decade range from improving accessibility of goods and services to studying the implications of a mutual recognition of national disability cards.

The European Disability Strategy is available here:

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=429&langId=en>

## EMYN NEWS



### Training course “Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights in Youth Work and School Curriculum”

03 - 09 March 2011, Riga, Latvia

European Minority Youth Network organizes a training course in Riga, Latvia from 03 to 09 March 2011, which will bring together about 30 youth workers and volunteers in order to promote Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights and to extend competencies of youth workers and teachers in Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights.

All those interested in attending must return the application form to the European Minority Youth Network, by e-mail, by **18 January 2011**.

<http://network.ngo.lv/en/Training-programmes>