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2nd International Conference on Youth Volunteering & Dialogue

preventing violent extremism
and strengthening social inclusion

25 - 27 September 2017

UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France

AGENDA

24 September 2017

- 6.30 pm Dinner for all participants¹
- Registration and distribution of the conference documents
- Presentation of the programme and logistical details

25 September 2017

- 8.30 am Participants' arrival at UNESCO
- 9.00 am Opening by Getachew Engida, UNESCO's Deputy Director-General and Fahad bin Sultan Alsultan Deputy Secretary General of the King Abdulaziz Center for National Dialogue (KACND) – *Room IV*
- 9.30 am Video Message of Forest Whitaker, UNESCO Special Envoy for Peace and Reconciliation
- 9.35 am H.E. Mr Ibrahim Albalawi, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to UNESCO
- 9.45 am The added-value of youth volunteering:
- Olivier Adam, Executive Coordinator of the United Nations Volunteers
 - John Geoghegan, Director of the World Scout Foundation
- 10.00 am Introduction to the conference programme by the Masters of Ceremony, Nadine Lyamouri-Bajja and Bastian Küntzel
- 11.00 am Techniques workshops presentation by the trainers
- The Human Library by Ronni Abergel
 - Drama Therapy by Zeina Daccache
 - Sports Against Violence by Xicu Colomar
- 11.30 am Participant registration for the techniques workshops

¹ Lunches and dinners only upon invitation

12.00 pm	Lunch at the <i>Bar des Délégués</i>
1.00 pm	Set up of the thematic exhibitions in the workshop rooms by the volunteers Room VI: Refugees and Migration Room VII: Intercultural Education Room VIII bis: Cultural Heritage Room S.373: (Social) Media for genuine dialogue
2.00 pm	Start of the guided tour by volunteers - <i>Room VI</i>
2.30 pm	Continued tour - <i>Room VII</i>
3.00 pm	Coffee break
3.30 pm	Continued tour – <i>Room VIII bis</i>
4.00 pm	Continued tour – <i>Room S.373</i>
4.30 pm	First exchanges in plenary session – <i>Room IV</i>
5.00 pm	Screening of the winning films on tolerance and peaceful coexistence in Saudi Arabia (web-competition), introduced by Amal Almoalimi, Assistant Secretary-General for Women's Affairs, KACND
6.00 pm	Departure for the bus tour with stops at the Eiffel Tower and the Champs-Élysées
8.00 pm	Dinner at the <i>Ward</i> restaurant, Champs-Élysées

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8.30 am	Participants' arrival at UNESCO – <i>room IV</i>
9.00 am	Welcoming words by Irina Bokova, UNESCO's Director-General and Faisal bin Abdurrahman bin Muammar, Secretary General of the King Abdulaziz Center for National Dialogue (KACND) – <i>Room IV</i>

- 9.20 am Prize-giving ceremony for the winners of the “If I were...” contest launched on social media and announcement of the exhibition “*The power of empathy*”
- 9.50 am Overview of Day 2
- 10.00 am Workshops on techniques
- Drama therapy – *UNESCO’s Theatre*
 - Sport Against Violence – *Japanese Garden, Room VI*
 - The Human Library – *Salle des Actes*
- 1.00 pm Lunch in UNESCO’s Garden
- 2.00 pm Guidance on the expected results of the workshops, by the two Masters of Ceremony - Plenary – *Room IV*
- 2.30 pm Thematic workshops
1. **“Refugees welcome here?” – Youth volunteers spearheading inclusion**, introduced by Konstantinos Tararas and Linda Tinio, Social and Human Sciences Sector, UNESCO – *Room VI*

The issue of refugees and migrants has been a hot, and not infrequently controversial, topic for the past couple of years. But against a backdrop of political debate and diverse public opinion, young voices have remained consistent... and welcoming! How can we harness this positive attitude to ensure that youth volunteers continue to contribute to the social inclusion and integration of migrants and refugees?
 2. **“Learning about each other” – Intercultural competencies : from youth to youth**, introduced by Ibrahim Hegazi and Maysoun Chehab, UNESCO Regional Office in Beirut – *Room VII*

With the issue of social inclusion at the top of the international agenda, how can we channel the power of intercultural education towards addressing pressing global issues such as peace-building and the prevention of violent extremism? Can volunteering contribute to the reinforcement of intercultural competencies? What kind of innovative education practices would help?
 - 3 **“Youth engagement in media and through social media to construct positive dialogue: Shifting the discourse**, introduced by Alton Grizzle and Jing Xu, Communication and Information Sector, UNESCO and Ali Al Shahri, KACND – *Room VIII bis*

“Swarms, scroungers, shirkers...” Language used in the media has proven divisive in recent times, often utilized to

promote party-political agendas at the expense of inclusion, and even fact! How can we shift media discourse towards the creation of more inclusive spaces for constructive dialogue? How can volunteers influence the positive role of media in modern society?

4. **“Art changes everything” – Youth engagement with cultural heritage**, introduced by Nada Al-Hassan, World Heritage Center and Ines Yousfi, Culture Sector, UNESCO – Room S.373

Culture has the power to forge a sense of identity and belonging especially among young people. Heritage and the arts is not only a testimony of the past but a key to the future. Reconnecting Youth to their own cultural heritage is crucial. How can volunteering be leveraged to safeguard cultural heritage and connect youth to each other through cultural exchange and contemporary forms of expression?

4.15 pm	Coffee- break
4.30 pm	Thematic workshops (to be continued) – <i>Rooms S.373, VI, VII, VIII bis</i>
5.30 pm	Wrapping up the day – <i>Room IV</i>
6.00 pm	Departure for a boat trip on the Seine
8.30 pm	Dinner at <i>Le Café du Commerce</i>

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9.00 am	Presentation of the Day – <i>Room IV</i>
9.30 am	Finalizing action plans and pitches of volunteers in the working groups. <i>Rooms VI, VII, VIII bis, S.373</i>
10.30 am	Coffee Break
11.00 am	Commitments for the future: presentation of pitches for a global youth volunteering movement through local action – <i>Room IV</i>
11.30 am	Concluding remarks by Nada Al-Nashif, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO and Fahad bin Sultan Al Sultan, KACND
12.00 pm	Photo of the participants at the Piazza and distribution of the certificates of participation
12.30 pm	Lunch at the hotel