



DRAFT PROGRAMME

CEV, EUROPEAN VOLUNTEER CENTRE, GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Volunteering as a route (back) to employment

22 / 23 March 2007, Paris, France

OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The General Assembly aims to discuss the question whether volunteering is or can be a route (back) to employment. We want to give an overview of good practice examples where volunteering proved to be an instrument to promote employability – and discuss the sometimes difficult boundaries between volunteering, the labour market and attempts from the state to “misuse” volunteering as an obligation for the unemployed. The presentations, workshops and discussions will focus on the following fields

- Volunteering to enter / re-enter the labour market
- Gaining skills / social capital
- Collaboration with other stakeholders such as employment agencies / public or private social services / schools / universities
- Volunteering and unemployment benefits
- Volunteering as obligation for long-term unemployed?

PROGRAMME: Thursday, 22 March 2007

VENUE: CDC, Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations, 72, avenue Pierre Mendès,
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Statutory meetings

13.30 – 15.00	CEV Board meeting
15.30 – 17.30	CEV General Assembly, Statutory Business
18.00 – 19.00	IAVE meeting
20.00	Common dinner (optional; not part of the programme)

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08.45 – Registrations

09:15 – Opening session – Welcome

- **Jean Bastide** President, France Bénévolat
- **Patrick Baquin** Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations, CDC

- Christopher Spence CEV President

09:30 – Keynote speeches / Round table, Chair: Markus Held, CEV

- **Dominique Thierry, Vice-President France Bénévolat:**
 - *Volunteering as an instrument towards employment*
- **Jean-Baptiste de Foucauld, President SNC (Solidarités nouvelles face au chômage) :**
 - *Public Employment policies and the challenge of volunteering*
- **John Lee, Researcher, University of Paisley, Scotland**
 - *Volunteering, employability and long-term illness in the UK*
- **Marta Medlinska, Council of Europe**
 - *The contribution of the Council of Europe to enhancing voluntary service for young people in Europe*

11:00 – Coffee Break

11:30 – Workshops (WS) – Good practice session I

- **WS 1) Federacio Catalana de Voluntariat Social (Catalonia):**
 - *A New Field for volunteering: “Helping people to gain access to the labour market”*
- **WS 2) Volunteering Ireland:**
 - *Vol4All - Inclusive Volunteering*
- **WS 3) SNC (France):**
 - *Renewed solidarity to tackle unemployment*

13:30 LUNCH

14:30 – Workshop – Good practice session II

- **WS 4) Caritas Germany:**
 - *Tutoring of unemployed youths by volunteers*
- **WS 5) Volunteer Centre North Lanarkshire (Scotland):**
 - *EQUAL Employability*
- **WS 6) Association MI-Split (Croatia):**
 - *Volunteering as a route (back) to employment in Croatia*
- **WS 7) Halley Movement (Mauritius):**
 - *Volunteer Mentorship Programme for young entrepreneurs*

16:30 Coffee Break

17:00 – 17.45 Final plenary: Conclusions of the day, Chair: Christopher Spence

21:00 Gala Dinner

PROGRAMME: Saturday, 24 March 2007 (optional)

VENUE: France Bénévolat, 127 rue Falguière 75015 Paris

10.30 – 12.00 CEV task force meeting

Topics:

- The new EU social inclusion programme PROGRESS and possible CEV member projects (Proposed by NorthWestNetwork, England)
- Cyber / online volunteer projects (Proposed by CEV and MOVISIE)
- Volunteering and CSR (Proposed by FUNDAR, Spain)