

Summer with Kolping in several countries



European Youth Week in Nuremberg: „Europe - Common values?!“

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EUROPEAN YOUTH WEEK 2017: „Europe – Common values?!“



Which values connect us in Europe? And which values connect us as Kolping Youth? In August, 41 youngsters from 15 European countries dealt with these questions in Nuremberg. The Youth Week 2017 was hosted by Kolping Youth Bamberg. "Even though the participants stem from so different parts of Europe, the week showed that some values are shared by all of us", said Sven Messing (Kolping Youth Leader in the Diocese of Bamberg) who prepared the event together with Johanna Gärtner, Natascha Künkler, Johannes Mayer, Christoph Will and Theresa Straub.





The participants from Albania, Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine worked on answering the questions raised at the beginning of this article.

While discussions, workshops and outdoor activities the topic of Human Rights came up to be relevant, also for Nuremberg. As it is widely known, during the Third Reich the city was very important for the National Socialist Party due to celebrating their annual party conferences. The group visited the Congress Hall, the biggest preserved National Socialist monumental building, which nowadays houses a museum that shows the times when rights were violated. As a contrast to the sad history, the

Which values do you connect with Kolping Youth?

participants went to the "Street of Human Rights", a place in the city centre that was created to promote their importance.

But how can we influence the future while having our values in mind? In order to answer this question the youngsters took part in a political role-play as campaigners. They were divided into different parties, were given an election program and were asked to present it to others. In this simulated election campaign, it was striking that a persuasive presentation with manipulative argumentation can influence one's opinion – even if that person does not share the values promoted by the party. During the week, the international group had the chance to get to know interesting

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personalities. One of them was the Mayor of Nuremberg, Dr. Klemens Gsell, who welcomed the group in the Historical City Hall. Another significant person was the Auxiliary Bishop of Bamberg, Herwig Gössl, with whom the group explored the importance of Christian Values in present and in future.



At the end of the week, the participants of the Youth Week celebrated a Final Event together with members of the local Kolping Youth. During the event, the international guests showed previously made posters informing about their home countries and their Kolping activities. Afterwards, the young people took part in fireside chats with Prof. Dr. Klaus L. Wübbenhorst (Economic Head of the Metropolitan Region of Nuremberg), Lisi Maier (Head of the Catholic Youth Associations in Germany), Anna-Maria Högg (Head of Kolping Youth Germany) and Simone Detzlhofer (Head of Kolping Youth Bavaria).



An international Holy Mess summarized the week. The interior of the church was dominated by a 7-meter-high cross on which the flags of all participating countries were placed. It had a very metaphorical meaning as the cross was made of puzzles highlighting the fact that all our countries are unique but connected. During the

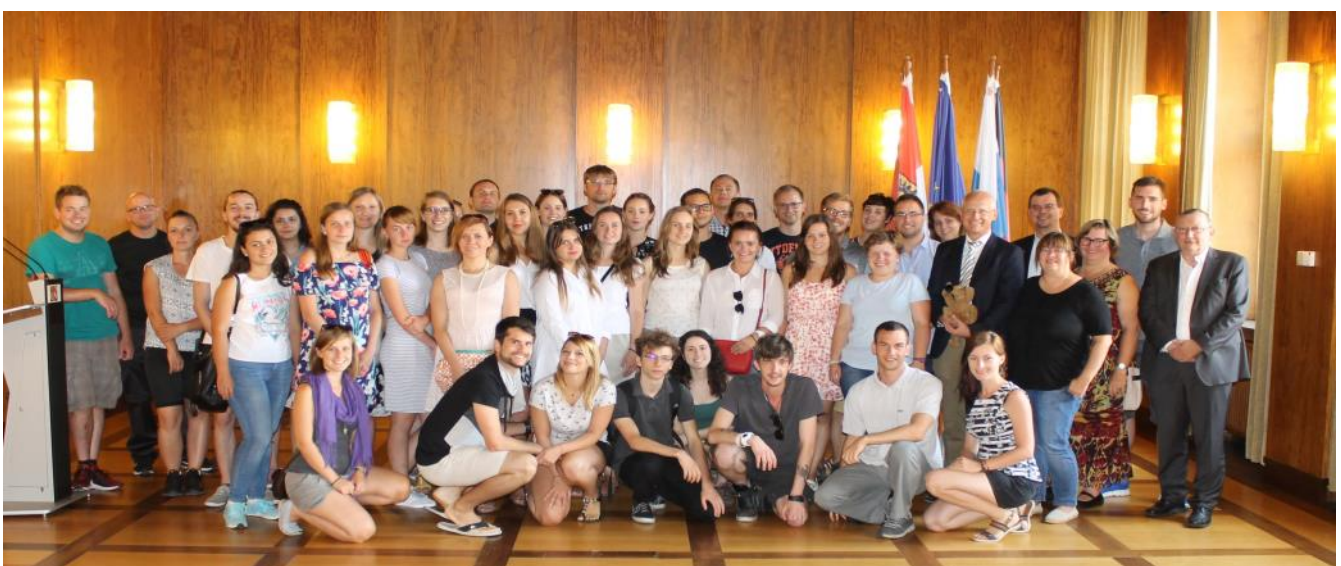


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Holy Mess, the participants put twelve yellow stars on a blue cloth that was placed at the foot of the cross. Each star contained one value that we identified as being shared by us as Kolping Youth. This led to creating the flag of Europe symbolically referring to the topic of the week, "Europe – Common values?!"

Kolping Youth Bamberg



Erasmus+ seminar held in Ljubljana, Slovenia

From 8 till 11 of June 2017 in Ljubljana, Slovenia take place the 3. Transnational Workshop "Internal communication and promotion tools to build identity of the groups and motivation and teambuilding". The workshop was a part of the international project dedicated to the young people from Poland, Germany, Slovenia and Romania.



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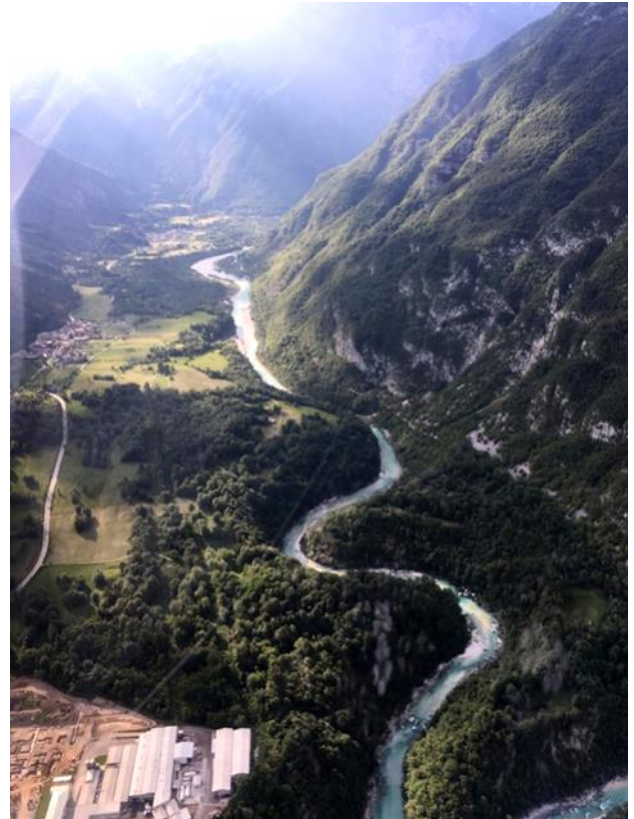
The first part of the **workshop** starts with a game to get to know each other better and an introductory round including the trainer Danilo Kozoderc. He started with the topic of **motivation**, dividing it into internal and external. The trainer also included some of the gathered information via a questionnaire, that was sent to all the participants beforehand. Then the group moved on to the topic of team-building. Later on, the participants talked about different ways and methods of teambuilding and the factors we need to be cautious about.

The participants formed groups and prepared **teambuilding activities** based on music, art creation, outside game, values, sports and a logical problem.

The last more inclusive **activity** was designing a poster or some kind of plan for recruiting **volunteers** for a bigger event.

In the afternoon the group had one more session with Magdalena Szczudło who presents the structure and main idea of our **handbook** – the intellectual input we have to prepare for the working youth.

The next workshop day started with the lecturer Dr. Benjamin Lesjak, who is an expert in the field of internet safety and is a professional when it comes to internet laws and threats that endanger users.



He started off with some **interactive game** via Kahoot and then covered the topics of:

- Social media and our privacy
- The development of social media and privacy shifts during these last 10 years
- Safe use of social media
- Psychological influences and threats of social media

During the meeting the group went to a trip to Bovec to realise the real-life teambuilding game with overcoming obstacles and to **experience** a short flight with a sports plane.

Mateja Savič

Youth leadership training 2017 in Ukraine



This year Kolping in Ukraine had 2 Youth leadership training for different age groups in Prykarpattya region organized:

- in June – for participants between 23 and 30 years in the picturesque village Krasnollia
- in August - for participants between 17 and 23 years in Carpathian town Yaremche



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Youth leadership training is always a useful and often exciting event for Kolping Youth. We gained experience in managing youth group, tried to plan own time and trips to the mountains, learned a team building and to organizing game events, improved communicative abilities, learned first aid, performed many group exercises and enjoyed fresh air of Carpathian Mountains. Of course, we could not resist the wonderful trips into Carpathians as part of the training: the elder youth climbed one of the tops of the mountains near Verkhovyna, where they could have a taste of traditional freshly made Hutsul cheese. At the second training we followed the secret tracks of the most famous Carpathian rebellion from 17th century - Oleksa Dovbush and admired the beauty of the famous Yaremche waterfall. Both training sessions ended with a hearty fires, guitar songs and barbecue.



Shortly after these events, young people from different Kolping families organized a joint weekend trip to the ukrainian Carpathians, namely to the rocky mountain range Gorgany, during which they became friends even more and could use in practice the knowledge, they received at Youth leadership training.

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Kolping Schools in Hungary



Youth Day in the Camp of Hungarian Kolping Schools - The Quiz -



The Kolping Youth of Hungary was invited to take part in the Camp for Representatives of Hungarian Kolping Schools, to make connections between the students and the members of Kolping Youth, to withdraw the students and the teachers to the Kolping Society and of course to present the tasks and values of the community.



To make this exciting to the students, the youngsters represented a kind of game, with several stages, where the participants collected points and got information about the Kolping Movement in a playful way.

The students – who came from different schools – had very diverse information about Kolping Movement. We were also excited what kind of informations they got in the schools and the biggest challenge was to give them a kind of fundamental knowledge.

There was a station, where they got one sentences about the beginning of Kolping Movement, which were the basic teachings of Kolping and they had to say it for the next and the next in the group. We were excited what they found important and learned from this step. On another spot, they played a situation game, on a third one, they collected lots of words and expressions, which are connected to Kolping (Kolping country-city-famous people and things). At the blind map game they should bring ping pong balls in one spoon. At this spot they could get information about the important cities of Kolping in Europe. There was a quiz, what they had to finish and also they had to fill, an incomplete Kolping songs.

They made a match of flags, where they connected them to countries (international) to get the information, how worldwide is the Kolping Movement, and they made tips

how many Kolping families are in this countries. In the final station, they had to write something – poem, song or rap – with the given - Kolping-based - words, and after that, they represented it as well to the others. All along the field, there were balloons, and they had to pick the ones, and after reading they had to guess which are from Adolf Kolping.

All in all, it was a great time both for the students and the teachers, and of course for us it was a good day to develop ourselves. We hope, that in the future, those kids will seek the connection with the Kolping Movement, and we could continue building the bridge with the schools. We hope they would participate in further Kolping activities and participate in creating of Kolping youth stories.

Kolping Youth Hungary



SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP



The second seminar of the "Model of Youth Development for Employment" project, co-financed by the Erasmus+ Programme, took place in Timisoara.

On the 25th-29th of October, 23 participants from each of the 3 partner countries - Serbia, Poland and Romania - took part in the "Social Entrepreneurship" workshop. Ana-Maria Andronic, who had the opportunity to get to know some of the participants at the first seminar held in Novi Sad, was the one who facilitated the dissemination of new information during this meeting.

On Wednesday night, after we all arrived in Timisoara, we spent the evening socializing and we also went on a sightseeing tour. Thursday started with a discussion about social entrepreneurship. Once we have clarified what this concept means, we divided ourselves into groups according to the area in which we would like to open a business with social profile (art, science, hospitality, training, agriculture and fish farming) and we started to lay the foundations for our projects. The spare time we had during the afternoon was spent visiting a sturgeon farm and Muzeul Satului Bănăţean (Banat



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Village Museum). After dinner, intercultural evening was an opportunity to have fun together and to familiarize ourselves with the dances, particularities and culture of each country.

The following day we put our projects into numbers and steps that are to be taken. We also discussed about the aspects that we need to take into account when we speak in public and how to successfully make a brief presentation of our project when we want to get funding. After having lunch, we presented our projects at Minds Hub, a business incubator. Then we attended the Holy Mass celebrated in the Millennium Church, on the occasion of the World Day of Prayer, this year dedicated to the Kolping Society in Burundi.

On Saturday, early in the morning, we started visiting examples of good practice.

Our first stop was at Reciproc Café, a social enterprise based on fair trade. Next on the list was Ambasada Plai – a Bistro and Brasserie that also has a space which can be rented by NGOs, companies, artists, and so on. At Herneacova we had the opportunity to spend our time at the adventure park or horse riding. Then we visited Cramele Recaş, where we dined and learned more about the valued and award-winning wine varieties that are produced there. During the evening, after returning to the hotel, we made the evaluation of the meeting and expressed our impressions.

Time flew and we almost didn't even realize how fast Saturday came, meaning the day when we had to say goodbye. The fact that many of us participated in the first seminar also contributed to the consolidation of the group and it had eased teamwork. Those 5 days had truly been great! We are therefore looking forward to seeing each other again at the third meeting of this project, which is to be held in Krakow, Poland.

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