

Inventory of youth work practices in Caritas Europa from

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Caritas Armenia

HIV/AIDS Prevention and Support in the Post-Soviet Countries

The project aims to promote safe behavior among community members including high school pupils and youth as well as primarily migrants and their families through implementation of awareness raising and preventive activities. *For more info see mapping*

- Beneficiaries: 11,666
- Period: 10 January 2016 to 30 June 2016
- Partner: Caritas Austria
- Partner non-Caritas: Austrian Development Agency
- Budget: €17,109.00



Caritas Austria

Rundgang der Not (an alternative tour through Innsbruck)

City sightseeing tour in the name of homeless people. During the tour, guides will show the participants the offers and accommodations for those who have no home. The aim of this tour is to point out the problem of homelessness. There is also an online version of the tour, with all the stops and informations. Awareness raising!

- Beneficiaries: 1,200

Action pool

Young Caritas Mobilisation of young people to get involved. The actionPool is a mailing list for social involvement. Everyone can get involved spontaneously, punctually and where help is needed the most. An email informs the subscribers about the latest Smartmobs, Demos, Facebook-activities and learning support. Furthermore the email contains information about activities such as: passing time with elderly people, or organising intercultural parties with people in need. *For contact info see mapping*

- Beneficiaries: 2,494

“Friends all over the world”

A YoungCaritas project for children in Austria aged 6 to 12. The aim is to give them an understanding of traditions, the daily life and rituals in other countries. In this case it's about Senegal. The project includes information, pictures and stories about the country as well as traditional recipes, video and audio files and handicraft tutorials. *For contact info see mapping*

- Beneficiaries: 670
- Period: October 2017 to June 2018



J.A. Jung trifft Alt!

Since 2010 the YoungCaritas and the "Gemeindeentwicklung" Salzburg have been organising a project called "J.A! - "Jung trifft Alt" The inspiration for this project was that many people in retirement homes don't have relatives or friends who are able to visit them regularly. Some of them do not have many social contacts outside of their homes. From a different perspective, some of the younger people in today's society haven't had contact with elderly people such as their grandparents.

In the process of uniting two generations, that have had so many different experiences, both young and elderly may learn something new from each other. *For more info see mapping*

- Beneficiaries: 280 elderly people
- Period: goes on until August 2020



YoungCaritas Action Fabrik

A meeting place for young people who want to put a social project into action. These social projects are supported by our YoungCaritas colleagues with skills and know-how and also through the use of facilities at Action Fabrik.

- Period: finished

The LaufWunder

A charity event where people aged 4 to 25 run for a good deed. With their participation they set an example for children in need. With every kilometer, they raise money, which will be used for social projects. This year the money will go to the learning cafes and a day-care centre in Moldova. *For contact info see mapping*

- Beneficiaries: 127,465
- Period: goes on until April 2021



Caritas Belarus

Volunteer club

Creation, strengthening and development of the volunteer Caritas movement in the Grodno diocese. Involving volunteers for the implementation of Caritas projects of the Grodno diocese. *For results see mapping*

Window to the World

Educational meetings for Caritas volunteers. Professional development, practical work skills and motivation in working with disabled children in Caritas Grodno (Grodno region, Belarus). Results: (1) An increase in the level of knowledge, practical skills of work and motivation in working with disabled children; (2) Popularisation of Caritas activities.

Helping Hands

The project helped to improve the living conditions of children from disadvantaged families, as well as elderly people and people with disabilities in Belarus by strengthening volunteerism. There are many youngsters among the volunteers: A total of ~ 50 Volunteers "Caritas" were trained within the project; ~ 1600 children, ~ 200 needy families, ~ 200 single elderly people, ~ 150 people with disabilities received help thanks to volunteers. *For more info see mapping.*

- Beneficiaries: 2,200 (50 volunteers; 2,150 vulnerable people)
- Period: December 2014 to December 2015
- Partners: Caritas Austria, Caritas Linz, Caritas Köln
- Partners non-Caritas: Renovabis
- Budget: €108,720



Caritas Bosnia and Herzegovina

Youth United – YOU!

Objective: The general aim of project is to build capacities of organisations working with youth and transnational cooperation among ethnically and religiously diverse youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Slovenia through the development of cooperation and exchanges between youth organisations, in common fields of action. *For more info see mapping*

- Beneficiaries: 200
- Period: 1 September 2017 to 30 August 2019
- Partners: Caritas Serbia, Caritas Slovenia
- Partners non-Caritas: 15 NGOs
- Budget: €57 135.20



Bulgaria

Caritas School

In order to increase the professional capacity and motivation of Caritas staff and volunteers, we carry out a number of initiatives, including seminars, workshops, forums, summer camps for volunteers and partner experience exchange meetings with other organisations.

In 2016 Caritas School conducted 1 basic training, 4 specialised trainings, 1 National Meeting of Caritas volunteers and staff, 14 meetings for spiritual enrichment, strengthening the sense of Christian identity and exchanging of experience between Caritas staff and volunteers, 22 meetings of Caritas volunteers, 3 team buildings. 346 Caritas staff and volunteers took part in the 2016 Caritas School trainings and initiatives.

- Beneficiaries: 346
- Period: ongoing
- Partners: Caritas Spain
- Partners non-Caritas: Renovabis



Secours Catholique - Caritas France

For contact info YoungCaritas France (below activities) see mapping

YoungCaritas Le Havre

Young people get involved in Caritas projects, based on what they want to do. Main activities: In Le Havre, the youngsters participate in an activity which holds place every Thursday. They provide food and administrative support to students and young workers with financial difficulties.

- Beneficiaries: 300 young people
- Period: finished (February 2018)

YoungCaritas: visiting elderly people (Chambery)

Young people visit elderly people living in a retirement home in Chambery

- Beneficiaries: 150 elderly people
- Ongoing

YoungCaritas: Legal advice for migrants in Essonne- Young Caritas organise legal permanence for migrants.

- Beneficiaries: 400 migrants
- Period: February 2004 – February 2018

YoungCaritas Rhône-Alpes (69)

Young people get involved in Caritas projects, based on what they want to do. Main activities: Once a month, organisation of an intercultural meal, where our volunteers coming from all over the world can share about their own culture. Once a week, going into the streets and spending some times with homeless people.

- Beneficiaries: 130 young people
- Period: finished (February 2018)

YoungCaritas: Activities with inmates (Corbeil Essonne)

Objective: Organise debate and friendly moments with detainees. Main activities: visiting detainees every Tuesday at 7 pm.

- Beneficiaries: 30 inmates
- Period: finished February 2018

YoungCaritas: French lessons for unaccompanied minors

Organise French lessons for unaccompanied minors. Main activities: French classes every Thursday from 6 pm to 8 pm. Expected results: French lessons' links with minors.

- Beneficiaries: 50 minors
- Period: February 2015 to February 2018

YoungCaritas: Animation for children in emergency housing - Trappes (78)

To offer some entertainment to children who are living in emergency housing. Main activities: Once every two weeks, on Saturdays, a team of young volunteers spend the afternoon with the children and propose some activities, for them to be able to play, learn, and have a childhood as normal as possible.

- Beneficiaries: 20 children
- Period: September 2017

YoungCaritas: Legal advice for migrants

Legal advice for migrants in Essonne Expected results: Helping migrants facing legal difficulties in their case. Main activities: Legal permanence organised by Young Caritas every Tuesday from 5 to 8 pm.

- Beneficiaries: 400 migrants
- Period: February 2012 to February 2018

YoungCaritas: Coffee for people living in the streets

Once a week offer some coffee / tea and food to people living in the streets. The aim is to spend some time with them, discuss, and not only to give coffee. It is to create social contact and make them feel considered. Expected results: With time going on, to have people living in the streets be part of the team and participate.

- Beneficiaries: ?
- Period: February 2017

Young Caritas: Activities with inmates (Corbeil Essonne)

Objective: Visits inmates in jail in Corbeil Essonne by organising debates and exchanges. Expected results: Create friendly moments with detainees. Main activities: Organise debates with inmates.

- Beneficiaries: 50 detainees
- Period: February 2014 to February 2020

Coffee distribution for migrants waiting in front of the Prefecture of Essonne (91)

Foreigners who must renew their residence permit at the sub-prefecture of Palaiseau are obliged to arrive the day before or at night if they want to be received by the administration. The young people of Secours Catholique de l' Essonne denounce this inhumane situation and testify. Expected results: To denounce the conditions of reception of migrants.

- Beneficiaries: 400 migrants
- Period: January 2012 to February 2020

**YoungCaritas: Football team with people living migrations, Paris**

Most of the players are people who cannot participate to a classic football club because of their legal status in France. The aim of the football team is to allow them to practice a physical activity, socialise and speak French. It also mix people from different nationalities, learning them how to overcome intercultural issues.

- Beneficiaries: 30 migrants
- Period: January 2016 to Feb 2018 (?)

YoungCaritas Seine-Saint Denis: Objective

To allow young people to get involved in Caritas. Main activities: Every Saturday morning, the YoungCaritas go to a slum and provide school support for the children living there. Once a year, the YoungCaritas welcome volunteers from a partner organisation of the French Caritas.

- Beneficiaries: 25
- Period: ongoing?

Caritas Georgia

Soup for Homeless

Main activities: The young volunteers support people living on the street with a hot meal twice a week. Each week around 260 persons receive the meal. *For contact info see mapping*

- Beneficiaries: 6,240
- Period: 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018
- Partner non-Caritas: ProSpe
- Budget: €1,660.36



Caritas Hellas

Caritas Athens Youth Volunteering - Street Work Team

The Street Work Team of Caritas Athens provides homeless people in the center of Athens with food (approximately 25 packages with snack, water and hot tea in the winter months) as well as clothing items (trousers, t-shirts, socks, underwear, etc.). The distribution takes place every other Monday, in the evening hours. *For more info see mapping*

- Beneficiaries: 1,436 homeless
- Period: January 2016 to October 2018 (?)

Young Caritas in Action” share the Journey – a Photo exhibition on the island of Crete –Greece

Young Caritas in Action are young volunteers – representatives of diocesan Caritas from all over Greece.

Young Caritas in Action” were founded developing voluntary activities at local and regional level. The Project – Photo exhibition “Athens, My City...” was the first voluntary action at national level. The Photo Exhibition “Athens, My City...” took place in the premises of the Catholic Parish of Chania, Crete Island in July and August 2018. Awareness raising. *For more info see mapping*

- Period: July 2018 to August 2018



Caritas Luxembourg

YoungCaritas Luxembourg has three dimensions; all three dimensions require young volunteers:

- 1) **The holiday camps** for children and young people;
- 2) **The “Spillmobil” (a “Game-truck”)** with pedagogical and innovative games for children;
- 3) **The solidarity volunteering with YoungCaritas Luxembourg** in favour of vulnerable people. The activity “Brunch in hospital” is an example of solidarity volunteering. Every month on a Saturday a group of 6-10 young people goes for 4 hours to the “palliative care” station of a hospital in Luxembourg-City. *For more info see mapping*



Caritas Moldova

Youth for the community and world

Objective: to involve the youngsters in community development and in decision making process regarding solving the problems of their communities; to develop youth capacities to identify the local problems of the community, find solutions, get involved in the decision making process, and create a favorable environment for youth to put into practice the initiative. The activity was a success: volunteering was promoted among youth that got involved in volunteer work. They managed to improve the life of their communities through different events and actions. *For more info see mapping*

- Beneficiaries: 1,080 young volunteers
- Period: 31 December 2013 to 31 December 2015 (?)
- Budget: €75,000.00



Caritas Poland

Caritas School Clubs (CSC)

CSC gather youth who want to help people in need in the spirit of Christian love of neighbor. CSC can be created in any school - primary, middle and high schools. They bring young people together within the educational structure in Poland. The CSC build relationships with the local society and get involved in all sorts of activities. Today there are 2.700 CSC all over Poland. They are a real contribution to building a better world and better interpersonal relationships; they enrich and diversify the educational influence of the school; and they disseminate the idea of volunteering. *For more info see mapping*

- Beneficiaries: 100,000 youth
- Period: ongoing

Volunteering

Caritas Georgia

Volunteering in Caritas Georgia

Volunteering is an opportunity to offer your time and skills, without material or financial reward, for the benefit of others. Any contribution of your time, no matter how small, will improve someone's life and give you a possibility to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge. Examples:

Clothes Distribution Point: Clothes distribution point is an action of volunteers to support socially deprived people twice a week.

Sunny Room: Weekly meetings with children from problematic families. Each meeting has its topic, which helps children to develop and break out from their unhealthy environment.

Voluntary Summer Camps: Voluntary camps take place in summer period, when volunteers organise educational camps for children from socially vulnerable families or work camps to improve public institutions in poor towns or villages.

- Beneficiaries: 92 volunteers
- Period: January 2016 to February 2018 (?)
- Partners: Caritas Germany
- Partners non-Caritas: Renovabis

