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Greetings from EUDY board

Hi everybody!!

The newsletter has come to you after a long time—at last! EUDY is truly sorry for the postponing of everything until now. But it is due to the problems which have emerged this trimester. We had problems with EUDY office, and also the finances, among other. EUDY intended to solve this before they did anything else. By now we are happy to tell you that we have found a solution, and we are going to have a meeting about the situation and the working tasks in Oslo, Norway in December.

We will inform you about the result of this meeting.

Thank you for your patience!! And we hope that you enjoy this newsletter!

Kindest regards
Ditte Emilie Sæther Behrns



1st CGSI CHILDREN CAMP - SALERNO 24-29

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June 2008.

The Italian Deaf Youth Committee (CGSI) organised from 24th to 29th of June 2008 the 1st CGSI Children Summer School at the Farm Holiday "Il Forno Antico," San Mauro la Bruca (SA), the theme being "The art in the hands".

This new unprecedented activity was designed for the youngest children and was aimed at offering children aged between 9 and 12 new and amazing experiences. The children had the opportunity to have fun and make new friends, learning at the same time new things.

During these days at San Mauro la Bruca in Salerno, some important speakers and animators organised the children's time by alternating between moments devoted to study and others dedicated to fun and games.

Only children aged between 8 and 12 could take part in this 1st CGSI Summer School but, because of vacancies, some applications from children aged 8 were exceptionally considered.

The afternoon of the 24th of June officially opened the 1st CSS with the speech of welcome given by Mr Andrea Burgio, the Vice-Coordinator to the 1st CSS. Among others, speeches were presented by Mr. Santoro, the National ENS Councillor, Mr. Corsini Giuseppe, the President of ENS Salerno and Mrs. Elvira Sepe, the Coordinator to the SEU Department of ENS Campania.

The National ENS Councillor, Mr. Angelo Santoro, wanted to personally meet the children bringing the greetings from the NAD President, Mrs. Ida Collu, who was very pleased about this initiative.

There followed the greetings from Mr. Cagnazzo Raffaele, the CGSI Italian President, who gave reasons for the initiative which was taken to let the children amuse (themselves) and to give them the opportunity to learn by playing.

On these days, CGSI Italy made use of the presence of 9 students from the training course for "the deaf educator" in Bari. They were supported by their tutor, Ms Giovanna Palma and a assistant, Ms Nunzia Pepe.

After greeting the parents, the 1st CSS was started! The children were divided into 4 groups, each of them being led by a CGSI member to help the children compete in the activities.

The days passed according to the programme which was set by CGSI. On the first day, the children learnt how to create tales in Italian sign Language (LIS) with Tiziana Gulli and how to give free



play to their imagination with signs. There followed a treasure hunt and a visit to Marina di Camerota beach for the LAMPARATA, a night fishing on boats. For the children it was a stunning experience to see fish being caught before their eyes and then eaten it in a little valley that was reached by boat.

The following day the children learnt from Valentina Bani, a girl who was expert in art, how to mix colours and how to get from primary colours all the colours of the rainbow in order to create wonderful paintings.

The following morning we had a trip to Marina di Camerota where, after doing some trekking in the woods, we visited the caves on a boat!

Last but not least: Gabriele Caia got the children involved in the art of acting. Free performing production and expressiveness, learning to draw out our emotions and what we hide inside, in order to become stronger, these were the most important points in his presentation which was aimed at creating a group and reinforcing their own identity.

On the last day, the children, together with Gabriele, staged a little performance for the parents and the participants. At the end of the show greetings from the guests were expressed and some little gifts were presented to the children as a memento of the days they spent together.

On leaving, the children showed all of us their affection and satisfaction for this summer holiday; they were not willing to go home and would have been pleased to remain with us a bit longer.

Activities of this type are indispensable and very important for the children: they help them develop talents and hidden gifts and foster socialisation. Without their parents, the children confronted realities, which were new for some of them, but which they managed to overcome brilliantly, taking home a host of experiences they will never forget..

Written by Vetrano Paolino





"14th Anniversary CGSI 2008", Rossano - CS, 14 June 2008

On the 14th of June 2008 the Italian Committee for Young Deaf People celebrated the 14th Anniversary of its Foundation at the Amusement Park "Acqua Park Odissea 2000" at Rossano in the Province of Cosenza in Calabria.

Following tradition, we commemorated the establishment of CGSI (Italy) which occurred in Valle d'Aosta on 14th of May 1994 when this wonderful way for the young Italian deaf was started and the CGSI flag was raised in many different parts. Up to now, the Committee has managed to have 29 Provincial Committees (some of which provisional) and at last the first Regional Committee in Puglia has been established just recently.

We decided to organize this memorial event in the south of Italy to promote the participation of young deaf people belonging to regions that, like Calabria, have until recently been little involved in the various activities. There was a significant influx of deaf youngsters and in total we reached the number of 250, a full three coaches coming from Puglia and Sicily.

The day passed pleasantly between fun and games of different kinds, both adult slides, plus various attractions and games suitable for the youngest. It was also the occasion for all participants to meet with old friends who came from distant parts.

In the afternoon we gathered in the Park square for my speech as the Coordinator of the activity and to celebrate the event by tasting a special cake that was kindly presented by the Director of the Acqua Park Odissea 2000, Mrs. Milena.

We had the pleasure and honour to have also amongst us prof. Filareto Francesco, the Mayor of Rossano who gave CGSI beautiful key rings with the Italian CGSI logo as a memento of the day we spent together.

The Mayor took the floor and brought his greetings to all the Deaf who were present, expressing his willingness to make himself available for future occasions and for other possible col-

laborations with either ENS or CGSI. We have really been very impressed by his friendliness and certainly the Deaf will know they can count on him also because he has already confirmed that the Deaf Club Rossano will be leased new Premises.

As the Coordinator of this event I wanted to thank all the participants, youngsters, relatives and friends because it was a wonderful day.

For the support in organizing this day, we thank the President of the Calabria Region, Mr. Mirijello, who promoted the event among young people in Calabria managing also to have a good turnout of Calabrian youngsters and who gave a donation to the day.

Our thanks also go to the Vice-President of ENS Cosenza, Mr. Pietro Licastro, the Regional Counsellor of ENS Calabria, Mr. Francesco Passarelli and the President of ENS Reggio Calabria, Mr. Carmelo Ollio.

We created glass Commemorative plaques of our 14th CGSI Anniversary which were given to the Regional President of ENS Calabria, the Mayor of Rossano and the Director of Acqua Park to thank them for the support they gave us in organizing this event.

As the Italian CGSI, we are proud of how the day turned out and of the fact that everything went well. In the history of CGSI, this constitutes an important step [forward], because for the first time politicians and authorities got involved. It was another step forward to make the Youth Committee still more visible to the eyes of people from both ENS and outside it.

The significant turnout of young people is yet another sign that confirms the affection of all young deaf towards CGSI.

Finally, a personal thanks from me, as a Coordinator to the Board of Directors, to the Committee and to the Italian CGSI Collaborator for the confidence she placed in me in the management of this event which has been an experience I shall never forget.

Come on CGSI, go ahead!

Written by Vetrano Paolino



Five Years Deaf Austrian Youth – a short time for doing a lot

The Deaf Austrian Youth has started five years ago, since 2003. The youth work in Austria has been expanded and there have been some set-ups in common undertaking. The Austrian Signing Youth Camp (ASYC) is already happening the 4th time this year as an Alps-Camp. Some cooperations have been with other youth organisations and with a student's organisation, too. For a few times there have been provided workshops for the deaf youth of Austria.

Being as the representation of interests for the deaf youth in Austria I am very glad that the Austrian Deaf Youth was able to bring a lot of engagement for giving new perspectives for the young deaf people in the last five years. We must not forget that the today youth is the next generation for the future. Therefore, it is important that young adults will be active supporting. The future is being in your hands.

There are a lot of reasons to celebrate! The "Türkise Party" the hot spot on September 26th, 2008. > for more information and the teaser look at www.oeglb.at/jugend

Yours, Paulina with Deaf Austrian Youth –Team

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New website



Now the "German Deaf Youth" (Deutsche Gehörlosen-Jugend, DGJ) has a new website, which is completely renewed by the new board! The relaunched website will widen next time. Now there are a lot of informations about the association like board, national and international activities, camps (for children, junior and youth) and history on the website. The website is completely in German and has a special field for pages in English. Next time there will be more informations in English!

<http://www.gehoerlosen-jugend.de>

Deaf Youth Way 2 ...

.. finds now for the second time instead of 17. to 19.10.2008 in Bremen. This time it does not go over "the life after the Schule", but around art (theatre, bearing language poetry, dancing, rhetoric among other things)!

You find more information under <http://www.gehoerlosen-jugend.de>

Welcome to Bremen!



German Deaf Youth Camp „Erlebniscamp“ and trip to Deaf Culture Days, Cologne

The Youth Camp „Erlebniscamp“ was taken place in Allgäu in South Germany from 15th August until 20th August 2008 and German Deaf Culture Days was in Cologne from 21th August until 24th August.

This camp was effected for first time. Aim of Youth Camp „Erlebniscamp“ was deaf young people who have missed regular Junior Camp „Jugendcamp“ for young people from 14 until 18 age or do not know well what is deaf culture with regard to Deaf German Culture Days to be integrated in deaf community on Deaf German Culture Days and can better orientate at deaf culture anyway Deaf German Culture Days.

25 Participants and 3 organisers from different German states went to beautiful South Germany. Where did we sleep? We slepted in nice cottage at the alp there we were able to see mountains and many animals for example cows with big bell by throat, frogs and many different animals. There we were able to pant for fresh air.

At alp participants have learned there a lot of subjects of the presentation for example Deafhood, Audism, expansion of sign language and technology for deaf parlour game, nature and society. Some subjects are connected with subjects from Deaf German Culture through there Participants are more self-confident and know more issue. Whatever they can discuss themselves with people in Deaf German Culture Days.





On 20th we went to Cologne and next day we visited Deaf German Culture Days for 3 days. And 2500 people from different German states and countries came in Deaf German Culture Days. We watched there many presentations, theatre and sign language poesie and did workshops with. In there Mark Wheatley, the director of EUD, presented and Markku Jokinen who is the president of WFD presented too. We needed not only sit in front of platform and we made a demonstration to claim more subtitles in TV. Ca. 7000 demonstrators(!) were there. All were great time for deaf people.

Last word from the
Editor:

Contact me through this email-address when you want to ask me anything about the Newsletter. When you want to send me articles on events in your Deaf Youth Association, use this address too.

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Want to know more about EUDY or to get any links to an other website for/ made of Deaf people?

Check www.eudy.info!!!

The deadline of the next Newsletter is:

15th December

2008!!!