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NEWS FROM EUROPEAN PROGRAMMES

ERASMUS +

NEXT DEADLINES

Sport: Collaborative partnerships in the sport field and Not-for-profit European sport events EAC/S11/13

Prolongation of deadline for submission of applications to 26 June 2014

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding/sport-collaborative-partnerships-in-sport-field-and-not-for-profit-european-sport_en

KA3 - Support for Policy Reform/National Authorities for Apprenticeships - EACEA 13/2014

Deadline for submission of applications 26 June 2014

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding/ka3-support-for-policy-reformnational-authorities-for-apprenticeships-eacea-132014_en

EUROPE FOR CITIZENS

The Europe for Citizens Programme 2014-2020 published the new Europe for Citizens Programme Guide in the 23 working languages of the European Union.

Please be aware that for 2014 the first deadline for the submission of project proposals had to be postponed and will be **the 4th June 2014** for projects on European remembrance (strand 1) and for town-twinning projects and networks of towns (strand 2).

The second deadline will be **the 1 September 2014** covering town-twinning, networks of towns and civil society projects.

Please find in the following link a short presentation of the annual priorities for the year 2014.

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens_en

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY 2014

WDSO 2014 20TH OF MARCH IN BRUSSELS

WDSO. Our right to work and to have an independent life, the requests of people with Down Syndrome

The right to work and to an independent life, these were the unanimous requests of all people with Down Syndrome of 15 European delegations who attended "WDSO 2014: Our Voices Our Rights" Press Conference, at the European Parliament. The event, which was held on the 20th of March in Brussels, was organized by EDSA to celebrate the WDSO 2014.

The press conference was preceded by a flash mob performed in the square in front of the EU Parliament: people with Down Syndrome, all together have shaped the digits "21".

In the following link you can read the speeches of representatives of the 15 participating countries at the press conference.

http://www.down-syndrome.eu/files/other_documents/WDSO_2014_PressConference_Brussels.pdf



The Flash-mob



Press Conference

WDSO 2014 21ST OF MARCH IN NEW YORK

Poland, Brazil, Japan. Those three countries promoted UN World Down Syndrome Day 3 years ago. In this year 2014, thanks to Polish Government, Jaroslaw Pieniak was invited to visit UN during World Down Syndrome Day.

As a member of EDSA he took part in this great day for all of us!

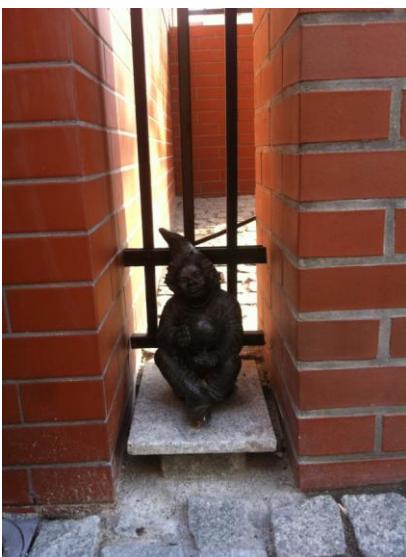
During the “Health and Wellbeing – Access and Equality for All” conference, people, with different points of view and from different countries talked about their fight to get a proper health management and understanding of their problems.



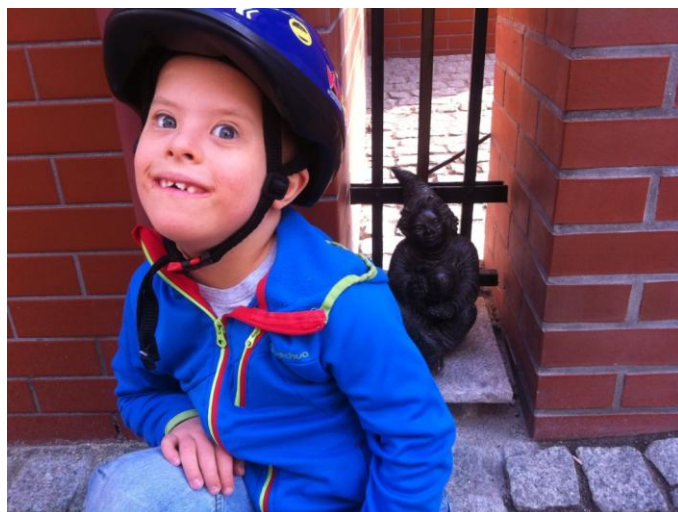
Our poster at UN Building

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY IN WROCLAW

WROCLAW is the fourth largest city in Poland. It is famous because of the DWARFS. People visits our city playing the game with dwarfs and look for the dwarfs. Stowarzyszenie RAZEM, which is a member of EDSA, decided to put its own DWARF according to this tradition. TRISOMEK (from trisomy), its name, was set in his place during WDSO 2014. He gets all features of Down Syndrome child.



Trisomek



Trisomek plus Jan

COORDOWN AND SAATCHI & SAATCHI COLLABORATE AGAIN FOR WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY.

For the third year in a row, Saatchi & Saatchi Italy has developed a campaign for CoorDown on the occasion of the World Down Syndrome Day, which was celebrated on March 21st.

Read more

<http://www.coordown.it/www//article.php?id=503>

National and international press:

http://issuu.com/silvestresergio/docs/rassegna_stampa_wdsd_2014

Link to the movie

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ju-q4OnBtNU>

NEWS FROM EDSA MEMBERS

DOWN SYNDROME IRELAND

An innovative literacy programme, which can greatly enhance the lives of Irish adults with Down syndrome is being expanded to include postgraduate programmes this year. During 2012, in partnership with Queensland University in Australia, the first Irish students with Down syndrome took part in a unique programme called Latch-On (Literacy and Technology Hands-On), an evidence-based, literacy programme, which provides opportunities for adults with an intellectual disability to continue their literacy development in a post-secondary environment, using computer technology to enhance literacy, self-confidence, independence and employment opportunities. The comprehensive programme runs over two years. For more information, see www.downsyndrome.ie



University of Queensland and Down Syndrome Ireland

STOWARZYSZENIE RAZEM (POLAND) - HOW TO EMPOWER THE HEALTH OF DS CHILD?

In Wrocław we get through tests (the first stage) looking for the best medical protocols supporting health of DS children. Medical School of University of Wrocław and its professionals, as Phd Ewa Barg, collected more than 200 test results from Down Syndrome children estimating their health biomarkers as homocystein, vitamine B 9 (folic acid), vitamin B 12, vitamin D 3, ferritine, cholesterol, zinc, thyroid markers. The report is under the process right now.

We find that there is an important correlation about MTHFR mutation existing and high homocystein levels with Polish Down Syndrome children and their mothers, who gave birth below 32 years old. Additional work needs to be done testing how big is the influence of homocysteine on the DS children development and how important is supporting DNA methylation with DS children and specially that with this MTHFR mutation.

COORDOWN (ITALY) - A RIDE FOR EVERYONE.....YES WE CAN

An Italian project promoted by CoorDown that brings together parks, travelling showmen, manufacturers of attractions and representatives of families of disabled people, aimed at ensuring that people with special needs have the best possible opportunities to access attractions. It has got off a good start, with the first scientific tests and an interesting conference.

The project is financed by Reggio Emilia's Province and Emilia Romagna's Region.

Read more: <http://www.coordown.it/www/article.php?id=582>



"A ride for everyone" project's participants

ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA PERSONE DOWN ONLUS (ITALY) - 6 STARS HOTEL

The broadcast is over, but Italy is still talking about it!!!

First results: 1 million of viewers, nearly 40 companies, which have contacted AIPD to provide people with Ds with internships, jobs or seasonal employment.

Major result: the 28th of April, Agnese, an Italian girl with Ds, started her internship which should end with a job, at Burger King, in Rome.

Broadcast is still available, in Italian, online on the following website:

<http://www.hotel6stelle.rai.it/dl/portali/site/page/Page-4f7a3b53-9f7f-46ee-bd2a-2a7525991085.html>



The 6 stars hotel's cast

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