

PRESS RELEASE

Fingal Comhairle na nOg Leading The Way for Youth Democracy

Youthcamp 2011 Takes Place in Ballerup, Denmark from 12th-14th August

300 future leaders and influencers from countries across Europe and beyond will gather at Ballerup Sports Park, Denmark from Friday 12th August to Sunday 14th August to participate in Youthcamp 2011. The camp is organised by the Youth Council in the Municipality of Ballerup in association with partners from Youth Councils in Sweden, Turkey and Ireland (Fingal).

Aimed at young people between 15-25 years of age, who have experience of the democratic process through youth projects, youth councils or youth organisations, the participants will develop ideas, debate democracy and establish networks across cultures and borders. These activities will support young people in their work developing projects and in getting new young people involved in democratic decision making processes.

Participants from 25 different countries including Denmark, Sweden, Ireland (Fingal), Turkey, Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and other countries will enjoy workshops on subjects as diverse as international political co-operation, project development and youth participation and a range of social and cultural events such as film, music, swimming, video, art etc. The Youthcamp 2011 Organiser Group consists of young people from Fingal, Nacka (Sweden), Adalar (Turkey) and Ballerup (Denmark). The camp is CO2 neutral and contains an energy park, generating energy to the camp, and workshops on sustainability will also feature on the programme.

Project Manager Michael Hansen from the Municipality of Ballerup says:

“The goal of the camp is to provide young people with an opportunity to acquire practical tools that will support them in their efforts to influence change and create activities in their local area. Additionally, the aim is to create networks between young people – both nationally and internationally”

Youthcamp2011 is for young people who want to make a difference - to acquire knowledge, to take part in social and cultural activities and to gain networking contacts nationally and internationally.

From a broader perspective – the goal of the camp is to tell the outside world and political leaders that young people have ideas, dreams and a desire to express themselves!

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Notes to Editors

Countries sending representatives to Youthcamp 2011 are: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Denmark, Egypt, Georgia, Germany, Great Britain, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Macedonia, Moldova, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates.

Partners are: Ballerup Youth Council, Dong Energy, the Municipality of Nacka (Sweden), Roskilde Festival, the Municipality of Adalar (Turkey), CPH Volunteers, Fingal County Council (Comhairle na nOg/Youth Council), Green Footsteps and many more.

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Further information: www.youthcamp2011.eu or contact the secretariat at info@youthcamp2011.eu.