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CB Newsletter

What's new with Crossing Borders

Hey, the CB newsletter is back with updates on activities in and around CB.

The Capacity Training Course for Euromed Youth Coordinators

from Denmark, Germany, Israel and Palestine will take place on 25 June - 5 July at the Fredenborgs Youth Hostel. We are looking for 6 applicants aged between 18 - 25 from each of the countries mentioned above

Garba Diallo represents CB at the Transitional Workshop on Networking and Active Citizenship amongst the Roma. The workshop takes place in Berlin on 11-15 April. Garba will give a lecture entitled: Active Citizenship Among the Roma for What and on Whose Terms. He will also take part in a panel discussion on the topic along side representatives of the Pakiv European Network (PEN.)

Upcoming Project on Media and Dialogue

Crossing Border has received a grant from the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs' DEMENA Fund. The DEMENA Fund is administered by the Danish NGO Mellempfolkeligt Samvirke (MS Danish Association for International Cooperation, www.ms.dk), for a new project on Media and Dialogue. The grant is for the implementation of the CB Media skills Development for Dialogue for young journalists. Further info will be available at www.crossingborder.org, or in future newsletters

Euromed Heritage/ Jerusalem through Dialogue



The European Union has granted CB 700.000 Euro under the Euromed Heritage Program, for a project entitled "Jerusalem Heritage through Dialogue". The activities will take place in Jerusalem, where youth and teachers will explore and document various facets of Jerusalem cultures and history, using multimedia tools. The activities are scheduled to run from September 2008. Keep an eye out for further info on www.crossingborder.org.

Krogerup Highschool – new home of CB activities

The infancy and childhood of Crossing Borders occurred at the International Peoples College in Elsinore, Denmark, but now the time has come for CB to explore new surroundings.

Krogerup Folk High school will be a new and inspiring frame around CB activities. The main building of the school is a classic mansion dating from 1776, and additional buildings have been erected in 1958, 1988 and 1998, to house increasing numbers of students.

The school focuses on international issues and takes an activist and engaged stance on current issues – quite like CB. Many of the school courses include study tours where students visit other parts of the world, in 2008 this includes China, South Africa, Morocco and Mexico. (www.krogerup.dk)

Starting August 2008, Krogerup will run a regular course for students, entitled CB Global Forum. More info will follow.

New faces in the CB crew – new intern

CB headquarters has a new intern: Louise. Louise is a philosophy student who loves traveling, and who is now devoting her time to CB. Thank you and welcome, Louise!

You can read more about Louise - and even see a picture - at www.crossingborder.org, which will also soon feature presentations of the board members.

*CB is a means of letting my pupils know that others care and react to what they have to say, because they too have something to say.
Hanna Jubran, English Teacher, Nazareth.*

CB newsletter as an open platform for sharing and learning from each other: submit your info!

You are currently reading the first in what we hope will become a new installment of newsletters. Our aim is that the newsletter will function as a two way communication: we strongly encourage you to offer us feedback and submit your stories and thoughts as content for the newsletter. In this way it can become a supplement to the website and a source of info for all of us on what our fellow Border

Crossers are up to.

So if you are doing activities or thinking thoughts related to issues of dialogue, culture, conflict, media, etc. – share it with the rest of us! It might be just the thought that can inspire and encourage you friends and colleagues in CB. □

To submit feedback, thoughts, news and other stuff, email rosa@crossingborder.org. Thanks!

We need you - be part of the quest for dialogue

Support Crossing Borders by becoming a member. Your membership will give CB more strength in our work for dialogue and peace, while you can receive our monthly newsletter as well as the CB magazine and invitations to CB arrangements and activities. Membership prices are: 100 DKK/14€ (student) – 150 DKK/20€ (regular) – 200DKK/27€ (family) – or solidarity membership at your discretion. To join, transfer your payment to:

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If you are interested in supporting or sponsoring CB activities in other ways, do not hesitate to contact us at cb@crossingborder.org. Thanks ;-)

Follow the Women: starting in 2004, a growing number of women from all over the world participate in a bicycle-trip through Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel and Palestine to advocate peace and women's rights. This year, the event will take place far April 30th to May 12th. See www.followthewomen.com for more info.



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Walk the Green Line!

The Israel Palestine Centre for Research and Peace (IPCRI) marks the 60 year anniversary of the UN decision to divide Israel and Palestine by a three-day hike along sections of the green line border. Along the way there will be visits to

Palestinian and Israeli areas, meetings with politicians from both sides, NGOs and others working for peace. Would you like to join the walk or sponsor a walker? The walk will take place May 29-31. Find out more by visiting: www.walkthegreenline.org

About Our Organization...

Crossing Borders is a nonprofit NGO based at the International People's College in Elsinore, Denmark, with branches in Palestine, Israel and Jordan. The primary aim of Crossing Borders is to provide neutral space and skills training for youth and educators, with special focus on the Middle East, to fully participate in the process towards peace in their region. The activities of Crossing Borders comprise training courses, seminar and

workshops in conflict management, intercultural communication and media skills designed for youth and teachers. Another core activity of CB is publication and distribution of the CB magazine by and for Arab and Israeli youth. The values of Crossing Borders are: dialogue, equal participation, shared ownership and learning - elements of immediate and long term benefits to the participants and their communities.