

social inclusion

identity

VOLUNTEER

CONFIDENCE

OPPORTUNITY

Young people

multiculturalism

*Culture
of Peace*



fundació catalunya voluntària

Presentation

- **Fundació Catalunya Voluntària**, is a non-profit organization that promotes projects aimed at offering people of all ages the opportunity to develop their skills through active participation.
- It actively promotes volunteering and non-formal education as tools to develop a better society. It also actively collaborates with other non lucrative entities, networks, people and institutions that promote innovative initiatives for human development.
- It offers services of information, training and education. FCV organizes campaigns, workshops and initiatives focused on the promotion and social recognition of volunteering, peace culture, non formal education and intercultural learning.

Non Formal Education

FCV works through **non-formal** and **intercultural** learning methods to facilitate youth participation in international projects as well as to increase the presence of Catalan organizations in international events and networks.



Members of...

FCV is an active member of:

- Consell de la Joventut de Barcelona (CJB)
- Federació Catalana del Voluntariat Social (FCVS)
- Anna Lindh Foundation (ALF)
- UNOY – United Network of Youth Peacebuilders
- Iansa – International action network on small arms
- The Foundation for Entrepreneurial Participation (TFEP)
 - Euro-Caribbean Entrepreneur Support Services

Programs

Catalans around the World:

This program facilitates the participation of young people in education and training projects and promotes international mobility programs. As a result, it also makes possible the participation of non-lucrative Catalan organizations in international events and networks.

Voices for Peace:

Encourages youth participation in activities and formative actions engaged in social awareness, peace building and conflict transformation, developing peace and human rights education.



Active Volunteers:

Encourages active participation in volunteering actions in third sector entities of Catalonia and around the world, helping volunteers to develop skills for their present and future.

Activities of 2014

European Volunteering Service

FCV was the sending organization for nearly 40 young Catalans, who made their EVS all in both European and non-European countries, for periods of time that lasted between 3 weeks and 12 months.



FCV hosted 2 girls from Azerbaijan and Romania who did their voluntary work in Barcelona, staying here for 9 months each.

FCV collaborated with entities such as Azerbaijan Youth For Peace – Azerbaijan and Support for Youth Development - Romania, among many others.



Youth exchanges

In 2014 FCV organized **2 youth exchanges**: the 3rd edition of the project “**Personal Branding 4Euth Employment**” and the new exchange “**Writing Stories By the Sea**”. The exchanges were carried out in collaboration with various non-profit organizations from Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Poland and Romania and more than 20 people took part in each exchange.



Persona Branding blog:

<https://branding4euth.wordpress.com>

Writing Stories by the Sea blog:

<http://www.writingstoriesbythesea.tk/>

At the same time, FCV promoted 11 youth exchanges that were held in Denmark, Georgia, Greece, Italy, Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and Turkey. The exchanges were attended by 50 young people who took part in the educational activities organized during the exchange.

Training Courses

In 2014 FCV participated in **15 training courses** and **3 seminars** that took place in Armenia, Bosnia, Egypt, Georgia, Italy, Moldavia, Portugal, Serbia and Turkey. The courses were attended by 39 young people, volunteers and workers in third sector organizations.



During the courses we explored a great variety of topics: from integration, intercultural dialogue and social cohesion, to unemployment, theatre, coaching and sports, with a specific focus on subjects related to non-violence, peace building and the promotion of human rights.

Grundtvig

In 2014 FCV continued promoting the lifelong learning project for adults, **'Mainstreaming Peace Education in Adult Education'**, making possible the mobility and the exchange of information, knowledge and experiences between professionals from various social entities (from France, Germany, Holland, Slovenia, Turkey, the UK and Spain) and the realization of a textbook.



In 2014 FCV continued the project **“Let’s play, sing and dance together: efficient non-formal education for adults”**, aimed at increasing adults positive consciousness about the European cultural scenario and also at exploring shared qualities and differences in musical compositions.

Webpage of the project:
www.mpe-grundtvig.com



Families for Families

In 2014 FCV continued implementing the pilot project of family volunteering: “**Famílies per Famílies**”. This program aims at increasing the coexistence and support among families through the participation of 3 family generations: from children, adolescents and youths, to adults and elderly people. The project is coordinated by **ITER BSO Consulting Service of Health and Wellness**.

Blog of the project:

<http://fxfbarcelona.wordpress.com>



Peace Education

In 2014 FCV coordinated **2 projects** in the field of peace education and conflicts resolution and transformation. Furthermore, it promoted the UNOY Peacebuilders initiative “**25 Stories for Peace**”.



“25 Stories for Peace” is a collection of personal stories published for celebrating the 25th anniversary of the UNOY Peacebuilders Network. This initiative is a way of honoring the efforts made by young people in the field of peace building. Thanks to this initiative, young people can share their experience of peace building in their local realities.

Blog of the project:

<https://25storiesforpeace.wordpress.com>

In September 2014, 22 young people from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldavia, the Netherlands, Romania, Turkey, the UK, Ukraine and Catalonia attended the training course “**Understanding and Working with Conflict**”. The course was aimed at giving tools for the transformation and resolution of conflicts, as well as providing the participants with the knowledge training and help necessary in the communication progress in contexts of conflict.



Blog of the project:
<https://workingwithconflict.wordpress.com>



Webpage of the project:
www.peacebag.org

The seminar “**Peacebag for EuroMed Youth**” took place in October and was attended by the representatives of various organizations from different countries: Algeria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Egypt, Morocco, Jordan, Lebanon, Israel, Holland, Romania, Turkey, the UK and Catalonia. During the seminar, the participants evaluated the work carried out by the network so far and identified the values shared by the network and its future expectations and commitments.

Other activities

In 2014, FCV organized, almost on a weekly bases, **informative sessions** about the various opportunities and projects that it offers. This way, we assisted nearly 200 young people, providing them with information regarding the European Voluntary Service, Youth Exchanges and Training Courses, among others.



Furthermore, FCV offered monthly Europass **training sessions** on how to prepare a good CV and a good motivational letter when searching for European opportunities, specifically regarding the European Voluntary Service.



In January and in November 2014, FCV organized the **1st and 2nd Short Films Exhibitions**. During the exhibitions, various young people that in 2013 and 2014 had taken part in international and European voluntary services in countries such as Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Denmark, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Nepal, the Netherlands and Romania, shared their experiences by means of short films.

Videos presented during the exhibitions:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLnBiuZQv_CA-gdiGSkz74Z85KhsW1aeRG

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLnBiuZQv_CA_BHPcjm3Ewmy7GtK1BBLCU



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