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Colophon

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Introduction

It is an honour to present to you the Annual Report 2021 of the Stichting Don Bosco Youthnet Nederland. Every organisation produces a lot of reports every year. Activity reports, financial reports, project Final reports, etc. etc. It is however a pity that, because of the formality of these reports, they risk to end up classified in archives, without being used for more than complying with the official rules for running an organisation.

Because, even though there is a tendency to bureaucracy, many of these reports have very useful information. With putting together an annual report, we try to make this information accessible for all.

This annual report for the year 2013 is divided into 4 categories:

1. General overview
2. Activity report January 2021 – December 2021
3. Financial report 2021
4. Development of the organisation in 2022-23

Of course the information herein contained is non-exhaustive. More information can always be requested from the secretariat of Don Bosco Youthnet Nederland.

General overview

Backgrounds

Don Bosco Youthnet Nederland has gone through another great year and entered into her 17th birthday of its existence on the 5th of April 2013. However as a *stichting* (recognised as a NGO) it has only 12 years of life. Don Bosco Youthnet Nederland was a member of an international organisation called *Don Bosco Youth-Net ivzw* which is an international network of youth organisations which work in the style of Don Bosco and of youth work offices of Salesian provinces.

The roots of the network lay in the different informal meetings that took place between several Don Bosco youth organisations in Europe: exchanges, study visits, international training courses, an informative meeting on EVS. However, the satisfaction the participating organisations had from these meetings afterwards was rather low. Most of the times the meetings resulted in texts and reports, but the partners actually wanted to *do* something with the results. They had the idea that young people should be able to participate in all kinds of international activities because of co-operation between organisations from different countries. This idea led to further thinking about organising these different organisations into a formal structure.

In December 2000, under the impulse of Jeugdendienst Don Bosco vzw, seven Don Bosco youth organisations came together in Brussels for a first formal weekend of acquaintance. The countries involved were: Belgium, Croatia, Germany, the United Kingdom, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain. They held discussions about a closer co-operation, the idea of networking and the common goals that united them. Each of the present participants took the proposition for the foundation of a Don Bosco network to their country for further deliberation. In January 2001, it became clear there were a sufficient number of organisations wanting to start a network.

In April 2001, the participants came together for a second time to set down the modalities concerning the foundation of a network. This meeting took place in Benediktbeuern (Germany) and involved the countries: Austria, Belgium, Germany, the United Kingdom, Italy, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain. During this weekend they reflected on, and discussed the aims, the procedures, the methodologies... Also the application for European subsidising was investigated. The application was drawn up afterwards and submitted. In October 2001, Don Bosco Youth-Net received approval from Europe. By this approval, the network received a one-year grant for their development. The official start was 10th October 2001. In 2003 Don Bosco Youthnet Nederland became a full pledged member of Don Bosco Youth-Net. In August 2004 we received our official recognition as a non-governmental youth organisations under Belgian legislation. Since November 2005 Don Bosco Youth-Net is an observer member in the European Youth Forum, the largest consultative body in the field of youth in Europe.

On the 2nd of October 2008 is Don Bosco Youthnet Nederland officially registered as an NGO (KvK number 27327590) under the Dutch law.

Aims & Actions

Within the heritage of Don Bosco, *Don Bosco Youthnet Nederland* and the partners of *Don Bosco Youth-Net* strive together to realize the following aims:

1. At first it is important for us to bring young people across Europe and the world together, to take part in youth activities that are linked with the style of working through the spirit of Don Bosco. We want to organize international initiatives that contribute to the full development of young people. It is necessary thereby to broaden the opportunities for young people who are, by reasons of various kinds, excluded from these kinds of activities.
2. Furthermore we strive for a profound exchange of information, ideas and experiences between the different partners. We want to facilitate contact, and deepen the understanding between the member organisations so more joint activities can take place. This is realised through weekends, the development of a website and coordination from the international office.
3. And last, but not least, we want to represent the voice of the Don Bosco young people and defend their interests at an international level.

To put these aims into practice, we develop Master Plan for the period of 3 years. This Master Plan can be downloaded from our website.

If one were to summarise our mission statement and our aims, you could describe it as the creation of a professional framework to support our partners and their members. Within this task there are two functions:

At a network level	At a partner level
<i>to create, support and stay in contact with network projects with the partners of the network</i>	<i>assist and support our individual young people on a national and local level</i>

The concrete projects that we organise can be fitted into one of the following categories:

Youth exchanges:	<i>groups of young people from different countries come together to live, play, learn and reflect together.</i>
Life learning trips:	<i>a guided group of young people on a trip to experience and learn from the life of young people coming from disadvantaged backgrounds.</i>
Voluntary service through ESC:	<i>a young person spends up to one year in another country to do youth work on a voluntary basis through the project European Solidarity Corps.</i>
Training courses:	<i>youth worker and volunteers from different countries take part in a training programme focussed on a subject connected to</i>

	<i>youth work.</i>
Study visits:	<i>youth workers and volunteers from different countries visit youth projects in another country to learn from and to exchange information</i>
Seminars:	<i>youth workers and volunteers from different countries come together for workshops, lectures, ... on a subject connected to youth work.</i>
Publications:	<i>our publications aim to inform partners and volunteers, to promote the network and to support youth work practice</i>

Network of Don Bosco Youthnet Nederland

In 2021 Don Bosco Youthnet Nederland worked together with 13 partner organisations which are official members of Don Bosco Youthnet and 10 other organisation that are outside of Don Bosco Youthnet:

Jugend Eine Welt – Don Bosco Aktion	Austria
Jeugdendienst Don Bosco vzw.	Belgium
SADBA – Salesiánská asociace Dona Boska	Czech Republic
Deutsche Provinz der Salesianer Don Boscos – Aktionszentrum	Germany
Salesian Province of Ireland – Youth Ministry Team	Ireland
Federazione SCS/CNOS	Italy
SPYS – Salesian Pastoral Youth Service	Malta
Salezjańskie Centrum Wychowania I Duszpasterstwa Młodzieży	Poland
DOMKA – Združenie saleziánskej mladeže	Slovakia
Drustvo Mladinski-Ceh	Slovenia
Confederación de centros juveniles Don Bosco de España	Spain
Youth to Connect	The Netherlands
Salesian Province of the United Kingdom – Youth Ministry Team	United Kingdom

Network outside of Don Bosco Youthnet

eRko-Christian Children Communities Movement	Slovakia
Tegyünk együtt az Ifjúságért Alapítvány	Hungary
AFSAI	Italy
Association Georgian Youth For Europe	Georgia
Youth Centre KOSMOS	Bosnia
INNEX Slovakia	Slovakia
PANDORA, Madrid	Spain
Pro Atlantico	Portugal
Arciragazzi Salerno	Italy
VIA e. V. - Verein fuer internationalen und interkulturellen Austausch	Germany

Structure of Don Bosco Youthnet Nederland

Don Bosco Youthnet has no paid staff members but has an active board consisting of Volunteers and several work groups consisting of several young people.

Board members	Function	Meetings
Andy Jebarus (voorzitter)	President	In 2021 the board met together 6 times.

Henny Koot (penningmeester)	Secretary, Treasurer	
Eric Baartmans (algemeen bestuurslid)	General Board member	

For 2021 we had 4 Working Groups

Work Group	Task	Meetings
Work Group Mentors Consisted of 8 Dutch volunteers. All of the mentors have international experience.	They were mentoring the short and long term volunteers assisting them with mentor talks, practical arrangements, and personal assistance with personal projects of the volunteers.	They met together six times At the end of the year there was a general evaluation and concluded with a Dinner in Den Haag.
Work Group Short EVS: Consist of 6 European volunteers and 8 Dutch volunteers.	They take care of the logistics, program and practical arrangements of the volunteers who are coming.	They met together 8 times during the year to prepare for the Short Group EVS. During the program there was weekly evaluation and final evaluation with dinner in Scheveningen.
Work Group Long term EVS: Consist of 5 mentors, 1 coordinator, 1 language coach and 5 buddies.	Each of them take care that the volunteers who are coming for an year to the Netherlands can make the best of experience	There was monthly mentoring, and buddy activity. There was daily language coaching. The team came together twice and had a final evaluation with a dinner together.
Work Group Communication: Consist of 3 young people with 1 coordinator.	They take care of the promotion of Don Bosco Youthnet Nederland and Youth in Action local, national and international level. They also take care of the website and posters.	They met together twice a year to plan and evaluate.

Activities 2021

In 2020 and 2021 most of the activities did not go through because of the COVID 19 situation. In this part we mention the activities organised by Don Bosco Youthnet Nederland and its partner organisations.

- International youth activities
- Local Youth Activities
- Representation and Campaigns

Overview international youth activities

	Total activities	Total participants
Youth Exchanges	1	8 x 8 days
Short term European Voluntary Service	1	10 x 30 days
International trainings/ seminars (online and offline)	10	22 (differs to activities)
Long term Voluntary Service	3	3 x 365 days

International Trainings	4	4x 8 days
Other international activities	5	5 x 9 days
Sending of volunteers abroad	3	3 x 365 days
Total	29	55 participants

Overview of the local Youth Activities:

	Total activities	Total participants
Promotional Activities Erasmus+	2	40
Representation	4	7
Trainings with local youth	1	20
Total	21	67 participants

Overview publications and campaigns:

	Total activities	Reach
Campaigns and Posters	4	+2.500
Total	4	+2500 people

Activities in detail:

Sustainable Voluntary work (5 long term EVS Hosting 3 sending till Sept 2013)	<p>“Sustainable Voluntary Work” is an EVS project aimed to give 5 long term EVSrs give an experience of European Voluntary Service promoting Multi-cultural and intercultural learning experience and European citizenship and 3 volunteers to send to Spain, Belgium and France.</p>
APV “Youth @Active Play”	<p>To prepare for the Group EVS program in the summer there were 13 persons from the send organization (person in charge of EVS) took part in the Advanced Planning Visit. During the meeting organisations met each other discussed about partnership, selection of volunteers and possible network for future projects.</p>
<p>Youth Exchanges</p> <p>“Less drinking More thinking”</p> <p>There were 26 participants and the whole training was for 8 days including the travel days in Georgia.</p>	<p>“Non formal Learning” was a multilateral exchange of youth from Bosnia, Hungary, Italy and the Netherlands. The main goal of the project is based on the concept of non formal learning. Young people from Holland, Hungary and Italy worked together on different methods which are used in open youth work. According to the winter season they also try to pay attention to the winter sports as a way of promoting a healthy life-style among youth. During the exchange we will use active and creative methods of learning: workshops, theatre, discussions, and cultural evenings.</p>
<p>Short term European Voluntary Service</p> <p>EVS to Vital Sustainability</p> <p>Youth @Active Play (Summer Group EVS 2013: 24 volunteers)</p>	<p>“Up-Side Down” was a long term individual EVS and Group EVS Program organized in Rijswijk, The Netherlands. This program aimed to create awareness of the value and importance of volunteering in our society. Through active involvement and engagement young volunteers committed to solidarity and stimulate their creative and innovative thinking through sports</p>

<p>In total there were 39 participants and the whole program was for 31 days including the travel days.</p>	<p>and recreative outdoor activities to foster social inclusion.</p>
<p>Long term Voluntary Service</p> <p>Moving to Future: Volunteering in a Multicultural Background</p> <p>There were 6 volunteers who stay for the whole year!</p>	<p>“Moving to Future: Volunteering in a Multicultural Background” aimed to give seven volunteers an experience of European Voluntary Service promoting Multi-cultural and intercultural learning experience and European citizenship. The main themes of the activity were European awareness, non formal learning by working in a multicultural youth centre, and thus promoted intercultural learning. The concrete activity of the volunteer was to carry out activities in Don Bosco Youthnet and Don Bosco youth centre: 1. Their primary task was in Don Bosco Haaglanden, to carry out activities for children and also in sports centers with which Don Bosco work together. Their task was also to carry out programmes for school children in the project at and outside schools. These programmes were on the basis of prolonged school activities and community school (Bredeschool) activities. Overblijf (during the lunch break) was one of the daily activities of the volunteer. 2. The received the guests (Groups) to Don Boscohuis (Don Bosco Youthnet) and made arrangements for their accommodation and assisting the staff members with programs for this group. The volunteers were supported by Don Bosco staff and qualified persons.</p>
<p>International Trainings There were four International trainings in which 15 participants took part: Poland, Spain, Malta, Belgium and Munich</p>	<p>The training courses focused on training and empowering young people to work together in an international team to organise, lead, and evaluate international youth activities through the ‘Youth in Action’ Programme. The participants were trained in the inclusion of disadvantaged youth in their projects. So the most important goal is to gain expertise on project managements in for the work of each of the individual partner organizations with the program YOUTH in ACTION.</p>
<p>Other international activities</p> <p>1. Democracy Project 6 young people worked on this projects from the Netherlands in Poland</p> <p>2. Youth For Human Rights Belgium (Brussels)</p> <p>4 young people participated in this congress from the Netherlands.</p> <p>3. Meeting of the General Executive Body Poland (Krakow)</p> <p>2 young people took part in it from the Netherlands</p>	<p>Over the last years the issue of Human Rights has become a core element of the public debates. Media, public institutions, NGO’s, foundations,.. they all have made their voices heard. At the same time we need to recognise that it are children and Young people who suffer most from the violations of Human Rights, mostly because they are considered to be voiceless. As a result they are also not really listened to in the debates between policy makers and other public actors.</p> <p>You(th) for Human Rights brings together young people active in organisations who are working with nonformal education and young people facing fewer opportunities like minor-aged refugees, Roma youth, homeless young people and young people in special youth care. From preparation to evaluation this project took up to 6 months. The main activity of the project is a European Congress on Human Rights Education, which will take place in Brussels, Belgium.</p>

For the Financial Report, please refer the jaarverslag 2021.