

THE NEEDLE NEWS

THE NEWS WITH A POINT

PICNIC TOMORROW!

Quiz on national cuisines of 8 countries followed by preparing the national dishes of Argentina, Cuba, Italy, Spain, Mexico, Africa, the USA and Ukraine...that's what we had during the evening time of amazing second CACTUS day:)



But that's not all we've done so far. Team presentations of imaginary history of the dishes we've cooked as well as dancing, taking pics and simply fooling around really contributed to the success of the event, to getting to know each other and basically having fun for the whole evening!!!!))

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SWEET SOUR AND SPICY COOK OFF

THE GOSSIP BOX

2 weeks before Cactus Illya dyed his hair pitch black from hot blonde ... unfortunately

There's romance among the participants.



Why is Alex SO cool?

Michael. Some brunette pretty girl really likes you

"Skittles are giving me more satisfaction"

Chuck claims to have 2 girlfriends: Nata +Ira

Дем'ян Коваль – російський шпигун під прикриттям – бережіться!!!



OUT THERE

WHAT'S THAT I SEE? I SEE IOC!



As you know, 2010 is the second year of CACTUS. You may not know that it also marks the fifth summer for an organization in which CACTUS director Illya and staff members Ira L., Ira O., Nastya, Nata M., Zhyldyz, and Happy Max ☺ have all been involved.

It's called IOC, which is short for International Outreach Coalition. This non-governmental organization or NGO was created in 2006 by two Peace Corps volunteers, Rosa Werthwein and Wendy Shapiro. In 2005 Rosa and Wendy organized a two-week summer English camp at Mykolayiv Petro-Mohyla University in order to purchase computers for local orphanages. The responses of participants in "American Borshch Camp" showed that lots of Ukrainian students were already on their way to playing active, creative roles in their communities, their country, and the world.

So IOC was founded with the goals of building partnerships among people and organizations, encouraging strong communities, and assisting young people in their own efforts to think critically, work creatively, and make changes. Since 2006 IOC has held programs in Mykolayiv, Donetsk, and, of course, Ternopil in Ukraine; it has also organized similar ones in Vanadzor and Dilijan, Armenia, since 2007. These



include day camps, overnight camps, international camps, international student forums, and a small-grant program called YES: "Youth Engaging Society."

Like CACTUS, which has mainly a local (in this case, "local" means domestic) base of participants and staff, but which also features internationals—for example Tony, Uche, Zhyldyz, and PCVs)—IOC programs always rely primarily on the local community while integrating individuals from other places both as participants and as staff. Countries



represented by participants and staff at IOC programs include Armenia, Georgia, Germany, Honduras, Iran, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Russia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and the U.S. It is difficult to estimate the numbers of Ukrainians and Armenians who are now part of the IOC community, but there are hundreds at least.

If you have questions about the history, present, or future of IOC; about the different small projects that have been implemented across Ukraine over the last five years by former IOC participants and staff members; about the relationship between CACTUS and IOC; or, if you just want to hear more, IOC co-founders Rosa and Wendy will be visiting CACTUS on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Of course, you can also feel free to ask CACTUS staff about their experiences in IOC.

Gino Signoracci

Freaky European Society



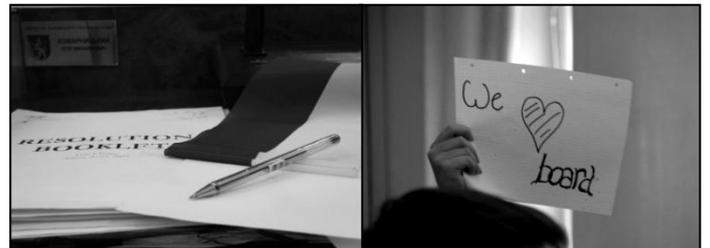
Maybe you still remember the cheer of "Bloody mosquitoes with bling" team? During this performance I have cried out loud "The thing that best describes me is EYP!" EYP – these 3 letters that are probably not familiar to most of you. SO: E stands for European, Y for Youth, and, finally, P for Parliament in an organization which gathers (random) youngsters from all over the Europe (Georgia and A2 as well).

EYPers organize sessions in various places in different countries (for example, there would be one in your Motherland – Lviv Regional Session, September 10th).

And you guys can and certainly should apply for events of kind. If accepted, you will have a chance to participate and become an active and more aware member of European society.



What are the sessions about? We are divided in several committees: 8-10 people from different European countries in each team. In these groups we discuss current problems and try to find best solutions for them. Usually we have 3-4 days for doing our job. That is how we work... but also....we PARTY ... It's better to see, harder to describe. Yeah, actually, EYP is having a good time, meeting new people, parties, getting to know different cultures, tasting delicious national dishes, and improving your English. English being the official language of EYP is English (and French as well but it's not commonly used).



Are you ready for such crazy European experience. Do you want to spend some great time with freaky youngsters? Wanna learn and have fun at the same time (as we do at CACTUS)? If your answer is "yes" – visit EYP web site www.eyp.com and join us.

Ready for a challenge? 😊

Emilia Florczak

To join EYP-Ukraine you have to:

1. Send a CV and completed application form to:
2. In case of successful application form – enjoy an interview with EYP-Ukraine leadership.
3. Take part in preparation/realization of one of the EYP-Ukraine projects/events.
4. Feel that EYP-Ukraine is exactly what you wanted :)



SO...

Quote of the Issue:

"Hey Dude come on! It's gonna be LEGEND....wait for it ... keep waiting DARY! Legendary that's it!"

Barney "How I met your Mom"



Question of the Issue:

"What's under your bed?"

Useful Slang

- 1. **Bummer**
Something that's disappointing
"It's a real bummer that she couldn't come visit"
- 2. **Cut to the chase**
to stop talking so much and simply state the point of the story
"Why don't you just cut to the chase and tell me what you mean"
- 3. **Bling**
Something shiny and glittery. It should be very expensive but may only look like it is expensive. Is made of gold, diamond or silver.
"He is wearing some serious bling"

TERNOPIL TOUR

CACTUS '10 Participants Officially Recognize Ternopil' Lakefront as a Romantic Place

It was completely impossible for CACTUS '10 participants to be in Ternopil' for two days and not notice how quiet and romantic this city is – especially on the lakefront! It seems to have become the participants' favorite place where they often hang out.

And what can they do there? There are many ways the participants can get a good rest at the lakefront: eat some ice cream, enjoy the beautiful weather on the green grass, or go to a café. For example, yesterday some participants went for a trip on a boat. It was getting dark outside, so they enjoyed it even more! Also, they didn't only explore the lake but the nature around. They took pictures, sang songs, joked, and just had fun together. It was so exciting! Everyone was so happy! And our sensitive girls

couldn't think of anything else but how romantic that lakefront was.

And I think that not only citizens from Ternopil' agree with them because, as we know, a lot of tourists visit Ternopil'. So please come and enjoy this super romantic place.

Lyuda Krasnytska



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