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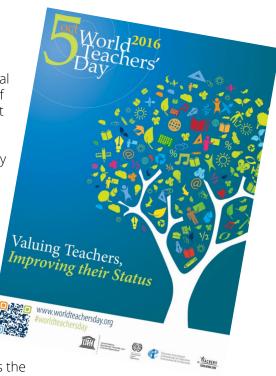
NEED TO KNOW

World Teachers Day – 5 October

This year's celebration is shaping up to be both special and busy. The importance of teachers was in the spotlight two weeks ago in New York City where El and friends marked the 50th Anniversary of the Recommendation on the status of teachers, and the festivities are set to continue for WTD events at UNESCO in Paris, where Fred will be joined by Dennis, Louise and Jelmer for workshops and events commemorating the anniversary. On a more serious note our global response team (Angelo and Mar) and leaders across the African region are shining a light on those who wish to degrade the profession. This is why 5 October is equally fitting for El's launch of its Global Response Uganda report, which focuses on for profit edubusiness Bridge International Academies.

ILO Conference on Child Labour – 14 October

Samuel will attend the symposium on Struggle against child labour in Amiens, France. This symposium organized by the French association for ILO. Samuel will present the EI "Out of work and into school" project which supports the involvement of Education Unions in building up child labour free zones in Mali, Nicaragua, Uganda, Turkey and Zimbabwe.



EI defends broad and bold learning metrics at GAML and TCG

And to do so, David will be taking our message to the Global Alliance to Monitor Learning (GAML) meeting, held on 17 and 18 October, in Washington DC and in side meetings with the World Bank as they prepare the first ever world development report on education. Dennis will drive the message further in the 2nd Meeting of the Technical Cooperation Group (TCG) on indicators for SDG4-Education 2030, in Madrid from 26 to 28 October. And Antonia will continue to strategically educate the Inter Agency Experts Group (IAEG) where government stats folks will finalize the sustainable development goal (SDG) global indicators.

OTHER CALENDAR EVENTS

- 10 ETUCE Bureau, Brussels
- 10 Status of Women Committee, Brussels
- 10-11 ETUCE Committee, Brussels
- 17 Management and Senior Coordinators Meeting, Brussels
- 24-25 FES 5th expert's workshop with European Trade Unions, Berlin, Germany
- 24-27 El Officers Meetings and 48th El Executive Board

Full El Calendar available here (on Sharepoint - requires login)

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Judith PATAN
- 3 Rocío NIETO
- 4 Combertty RODRIGUEZ
- 19 Gabriel CASTRO LOPEZ
- 25 Madeleine KENNEDY-MACFOY
- **26 Hery RIVOSON**
- 28 Valeyria DESPAIHNE-CHERNYAK



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ASK THE EXPERTS ...



Ahmad, on the use of Outlook Calendars in EI

Your Outlook Calendar should contain all professional occupation information that might be relevant or of importance for you or your colleagues, like your appointments, the meetings that you will be attending, your missions abroad, the days of leave that you have requested (or intend to request), your task reminders, and so on.

This will allow a smooth collaboration among colleagues in and between all offices.. For example: you need to organise a short planning meeting and need to find a date suitable for all involved and a meeting room. If all Outlook calendars are maintained accurately, this is a piece of cake and it takes less than one minute to organise. If some or none of the calendars are up-to-date, this simple

task becomes a nightmare and you may well end up spending more time in consulting the different persons involved on their availabilities than you would do for the actual meeting itself. Another advantage is that if you urgently need to get in touch with an organisation, knowing that one of your colleagues will be in touch with that organisation while attending meeting X or Y could prove to be an easy way of getting your information through. And last but not least, always keep in mind that the El reception team works to provide accurate information to our members when they are trying to reach you, and this is only possible when the Outlook calendars are well maintained, accurate and up-to-date.

IT Summer Sessions

The IT summer sessions which were announced in our July/August edition have been slightly delayed and had to be re-scheduled for this winter. Stay tuned for more info to follow in the coming weeks.

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Jean Paul, on the EI Calendar of invitations and events

Each event organised by EI through its Head Office, or Regional Offices, and each event at which EI is invited, appears in the centralised "EI Calendar of Invitations and events".

All invitations, and information related to these meetings, events and conferences need to be submitted to invitations@ei-ie.org. By doing so, we can centralise this information and make sure that it appears in the calendar. This allows for a decision to be taken at the Senior Coordinators and Management Meeting on El's potential participation in these events.

This calendar can also be consulted from your outlook calendar, by selecting the "El Invitations Group".

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STAFF IS FANTASTIC

EI's Running Team

Congratulations to Martin who completed the Brussels marathon in 3h33min!



Head office is looking for 7 motivated colleagues to build an El team that will defend our colours at the next **Hercules trophy**, which will be held in Antwerp in May 2017!

More info: www.herculestrophy.com







SPOTLIGHT

Learn about one of your colleagues each month when they step under the spotlight! This is the occasion to get to know each other a bit better as well as to discover the different roles and functions held in EI. This month: **Paola Cammilli** of Education International's European office. An Italian based in Brussels for seven years, she has been working with EI since 2014.



What are your main tasks within the El European office, the European Trade Union Committee for Education (ETUCE) headquarters?

As ETUCE Coordinator for social dialogue and economic governance, I work on El policies via coordinating the European Sectoral Social Dialogue in Education work and activity for the ETUCE I liaise with the European organisation of Education Employers, work on social dialogue and capacity building projects supported by European Commission, as well as work to strengthen our member organisations' involvement in the European Semester. The European Semester is the coordination mechanism of economic policy of the European Union which has a major impact on education investment and reforms at the national level. Strict budgetary limits and fiscal targets to respect in this frame can encourage governments to look for other ways to finance education, for example by increasing the cooperation with the private sector and by promoting public-private partnerships. Therefore, I also touch upon issues such as education privatisation and fair taxation.

What about your work with EI do you enjoy the most?

I have been working for the trade union movement for eight years and always wanted to join an organisation such as El. This is my little contribution to the cause of social justice and solidarity among workers, and the education field is the most crucial in this context. Besides, I have great and reliable colleagues who support me a lot in my daily work.

What keeps you busy away from work?

I am an activist engaged in two organisations on migration issues in Brussels. I am also actively involved in another one. These organisations aim at upholding migrants' rights and countering unjustified expulsion both of third country nationals and European citizens. The third one is a cultural organisation which tries to imagine other types of culture(s), not just sticking to the 'mainstream' culture. We organise several events every year, such as movie screenings, exhibitions and debates tackling 'social issues' via cultural activities. However, I still have plenty of time to enjoy Brussels' terraces and friends. My involvement in these issues comes certainly from the fact that, where I come from in Italy, I have been confronted to the massive and desperate arrival of refugees and migrants on the Lampedusa shores.

EIRAF VIRTUAL TOUR...



