



 **September 2016**

NEED TO KNOW

Speak Truth to Power European Summit 4-6 September

You may remember well the powerful and dramatic presentation of the Speak Truth to Power monologues at our Congress in Ottawa last year. Following that successful collaboration The Robert Kennedy Human Rights Centre for Justice and Human Rights, a good friend and partner of EI, is bringing together leaders in human rights and education to develop classroom curriculum that reflects its STTP programme. The event is being proudly hosted by EI in Brussels. However, staff should know that there will not be an open audition for future defenders!

International Literacy Day - 8 September

This year marks the 50th anniversary of International Literacy Day and UNESCO is celebrating it under the banner "Reading the Past, Writing the Future". The international community is being mobilised to promote literacy as an instrument to empower individuals, communities and societies. Literacy is a part of Sustainable Development Goal 4, which aims to "ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all", and the vision of literacy is aligned with lifelong learning opportunities with special focus on youth and adults.

Higher Education and Research Standing Committee's meeting - 19-20 September

Martin and Nikola are working with their colleagues at the ETUCE to organize this meeting in Brussels

focusing on the possible impact of the New Skills Agenda for Europe on higher education and research staff, the Social Dialogue in Europe in Higher Education and Research, international trade developments, and the financing of higher education. Discussions will also revolve around the draft HERSC Resolution to the 2016 ETUCE Conference, to be held from 5-8 December in Belgrade, Serbia, the ETUCE strategy on European Pension Fund for Researchers, as well as the preparation of the November EI Further and Higher Education and Research Conference in Accra, Ghana.

50th Anniversary of the ILO/ UNESCO Recommendations on the Status of the Teaching Profession - 20 September

As part of the UNGA week in New York, EI will be holding a briefing seminar for Executive Board Members, and EI partners. Leading the way, Fred, Susan, along with the management team and staff will present seminar topics covering the significance of the 50th anniversary, advocacy strategies for achieving the SDGs, information on the UN refugee crisis meeting, and an overview of EI's Ten Global Network. Later in the evening Bill Clinton is expected to join EI for the Celebrating the Teacher gala dinner, where honoured guests will accompany the EI Executive Board and staff for an incredible night in the Big Apple.

EI Asia-Pacific Regional Committee meeting - 27-28 September

This meeting, to be held in Yangon, Myanmar, will take stock of the progress of the EIAP Regional

OTHER CALENDAR EVENTS

- 31 Aug-1 Sep**
**Strategy on the new GEMR
report meeting**
- 12 Management and Senior
Coordinators' meeting**
- 13 Global Unions' communicators'
taskforce meeting, Geneva**
- 13 Action Aid M.O.U. renewal
meeting**
- 18 Education Commission report
launch, New York**
- 19 UN Summit on Refugees and
Migrants, New York**
- 26 ETUCE Bureau, Brussels**
- 26-27**
**Global Education Industry
Summit, Jerusalem**
- 30 European Sectoral Social
Dialogue in Education's working
group, Brussels**

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BIRTHDAYS

September

- 2 Louise Høj LARSEN**
- 5 Rebeca SEVILLA**
- 6 Steve SNIDER**
- 21 Dalila EL BARHMI**
- 24 Melvin Francisco
CRUZ VARGAS**
- 30 Jerome FERNANDEZ**



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Office and member organisations in the region since April 2015. It will focus on the SDGs, especially on the implementation of SDG Goal 4 and related targets, and the implementation of EI's Congress Resolutions and priority areas. These include quality education for all, trade union and human rights, gender equality, and teacher unions'

building capacity. This will be the first formal meeting of an EI structure in Myanmar since it initiated its democratic reforms.

EI Africa Committee's meeting - 14-17 September

Taking place in Kampala, Uganda, the meeting will examine the progress

of the EIAR office activities over the past year, while looking toward future events, such as the 9th Regional Conference. Fred will be traveling to Kampala to take part in the three days of meetings.

STAFF IS FANTASTIC

EI's Running Team

September is just around the corner, and it's time to take the plunge and join the EI half-marathon/marathon team. We need four more members to officially complete our group in the race. We have until 19 September to get everyone in the group.

To join, [follow this link](#) and enter team code: UNIT17326

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to message Andrew.

EI Head Office

For many in Brussels, September means a return to school. This will be a welcome change for many parents, but school isn't the only change in the air...

Two interns from the GLOBED Education Policies For Global Development project are joining us in Brussels for a two-month internship: Jennifer Ulrick, who is helping Nikola and Martin develop the TEN Global project, working on advocacy targeting low-fee for profit private schools in Kenya, and contributing to

the EI Unite4education blog. Melane Malano will be supporting Angelo and Mar on the Global Response.

Abigail is beginning a one-year career break on 1st September. EI has welcomed Roberta Giaimo to fill in for her absence. See you next year, Abbie and welcome, Roberta!

Brussels is happy to announce the appointment of Florian Lascroux as Coordinator Development Cooperation, who begins on 1st September.

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: **Dalila El Barhmi** of Education International's headquarters. A Belgian with Moroccan roots, this mother of two has been working with EI since May 2008.

What are your main tasks within the EI headquarters?

The three pillars of my work are development cooperation, human and trade union rights and equality issues, and the new EI strategy on refugees and migrants. I also assist EI Deputy General Secretary Haldis Holst as needed.

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

I am very much motivated to work for EI, as I share the same values as the organisation, like equality and non-discrimination, values I am familiar with and which I defend in my private and everyday life. These values represent the inspiration of the Arab region. These fights are dear to my heart; I lead them in my work with associations. I must say that the current social and political climate in Belgium pushes me to do

more as an activist in this area. I now work with my community and share knowledge I gained in Belgium to my region of origin, especially Morocco. I see myself as a bridge of common values between Belgium/European/Western culture and the Arab/Muslim culture. Again, everybody must communicate more around equality, say no to discrimination. This is the kind of education I try to give my children.

What keeps you busy away from work?

My hobby is cooking, and I try to be open to other cultures, the diverse world's kitchen. Dishes I like to cook for and share with family and friends are too numerous to choose from. I am also always ready to develop projects around helping to increase communication and promote better living together in my neighbourhood.



STAFF IS FANTASTIC (continued)

Colleagues' book/ music suggestions

Madeleine recently read and recommends Elizabeth Gilbert's *The Signature of All Things*, a novel spanning much of the 18th and 19th centuries. The story follows Alma, a botanist of considerable gifts, and whose research takes her deeper into the mysteries of evolution. She falls in love with a man named Ambrose Pike who makes incomparable paintings of orchids and who draws her in the exact opposite direction—into the realm of the spiritual, the divine, and

the magical. This unlikely couple is a desperate need to understand the workings of the world and the mechanisms behind all life.

To set the perfect reading mood, check out the latest album of Georgia-born singer Lizz Wright, *Freedom & Surrender*, a mix of smooth jazz and quiet-storm soul, one of madeleine's favourites.



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