

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

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INTRODUCTION

Many young people have followed with hope the parliamentary changes that have happened in countries like Greece or Spain and the economic recovery and minor ecological reforms made by some important commercial sectors since the crisis. The EYFA Network, however, witnessed that along with those changes that gave power from above to presumably progressive political and economic forces, there is an ongoing demobilisation of what were once strong examples of grassroots social movements.

2015 showed a disheartening backlash of racist and right-wing responses to a protracted migration trend, one that is portrayed as a 'crisis' in and of itself. We see the crisis, or the failure, not in the movement of people, but in the accelerating rate of its accompanying reactionary political agenda.

From our little office in Berlin, we continued to support independent and unrelenting GRASSROOTS community responses to the exploitation of the current financial system, putting the focus on environmental degradation and gender oppression.

Emancipatory projects, for self- and collective-care, mutual support and non-hierarchical organising have played a key role in the development of alternatives free from the logic that brought us to the current climate chaos and social disarray.

New alliances and synergies were born throughout the year in our network, that has come out of it stronger and re-energised. Together, from the bottom, and with the experience of 2015 we are ready to face the new year full of exciting EYFA projects and adventures.

the EYFA team

1. ABOUT US

1.1. THE EYFA STORY

EYFA (European Youth For Action) developed from a tour that was initiated by a Swedish/German group in 1986 to save the old forests in Europe: named European Youth Forest Action at the time. From these beginnings, EYFA has developed into a network of individuals, grassroots organisations and collectives working to transform local and international communities in their approach to environmental and social, political and economic justice.

1.2. WHAT DOES EYFA DO?

EYFA provides a platform and practical support for new radical ideas to grow into their full potential. The international office located in Berlin coordinates EYFA's activities through administrative and communication functions and serves as the network's contact point for sharing local and network-wide, relevant information.

EYFA supports and encourages grassroots projects and initiatives in the following ways:

- Organising exchanges, forums, trainings, network gatherings, actions and projects of different kinds.
- Promoting innovative ways of working in the field of social and environmental activism (ie: participatory education, consensus-based decision-making, art and activism, free and open-source software, etc.).
- Disseminating call outs and information on environmental and social justice issues.
- Giving advice, knowledge and support in planning and implementing projects, networking and a set of essential topics (facilitation of meetings, fundraising, strategising, dealing with conflict, campaigning, burn out and anti-oppression among others).

EYFA gives activists an international perspective, but it is very important to us that we keep our focus on the grassroots of social and ecological change. It is characteristic of EYFA that projects initiated by EYFA become independent sustainable long-term projects.

1.3. WHO DOES EYFA SUPPORT?

EYFA focuses particularly on youth initiated activities and projects. EYFA

projects are mainly for young people, giving them the opportunity to act and encouraging them to be active on both local and international levels. A special focus is put on providing access for groups to take part in international grassroots movements. EYFA always puts effort into including youth from all corners of the continent, with different social, geographical and cultural backgrounds into the network's projects. Our target groups are as follows:

- Grassroots groups combating xenophobia, homo-, trans- and queerphobia, racism, fascism, sexism, ableism and all other forms of exploitation and injustice.
- Grassroots groups promoting cultural diversity and the rights of women, LGBTIQ, indigenous, refugees, migrants, and other vulnerable minorities.
- Grassroots groups combating environmental degradation, ecosystem destruction and animal exploitation and promoting biological diversity.
- Grassroots groups promoting young people's access to social rights like health, housing and education.

1.4. EYFA'S VISION

EYFA's main aim is to encourage young people's initiative and autonomy. EYFA strives for a world based on social, environmental and economic justice, in which people feel empowered to act and raise their voices on the issues that affect their lives. EYFA works to challenge the current dominant social and economic system while developing new ways of organising our communities based on environmental and social sustainability.

- **EYFA'S OBJECTIVES**

EYFA has three core objectives at the centre of everything we do:

- Capacity building: To help groups develop the skills and knowledge to gain access to funding, training and the tools to articulate, debate and enact their ideas.
- Civic engagement and participatory processes: To support grassroots groups to critically engage with already existing decision-making processes and politics, and to develop more egalitarian and participatory alternatives.
- East-West cooperation: To develop closer cooperation through joint initiatives and the sharing of ideas, histories and experiences amongst grassroots groups working in Eastern and Western Europe.

- **EYFA'S PRIORITIES**

Over the course of EYFA's existence, the network has focused its energy on a wide variety of projects all across Europe. Out of these projects, patterns

have emerged that point to some of EYFA's priorities.

Developed by the network, office and Board, and re-evaluated each year at network strategy meetings, these priorities provide focus for EYFA's work. While we prioritise these two areas, we continue to offer support to some groups whose work does not fall exclusively into one of these categories.

- Social and Environmental Justice

EYFA's perspective is based on the understanding that social and environmental problems are deeply interlinked and are also expressed in patterns of economic injustice. Socially sustainable and just communities go hand in hand with environmentally sound ways of living. Sustainability and alternatives to the growth paradigm have always been part of EYFA's social justice projects and vice versa. EYFA's many climate justice, energy and environmental projects have aimed to draw the links between an economic growth obsession and the exploitation and destruction of our natural and human environment as well as the exclusion of large populations from access to resources.

- Exclusion

Social, cultural, institutional or individual beliefs and practices exist which privilege some human beings and exclude, by subordination and oppression, others based on attributes of race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, class or caste, among many other distinctions. EYFA believes that social and economic exclusion are tied into histories of patriarchy and colonialism, as well as war, profit and power. These experiences have at times given rise to equally oppressive and excluding practices and policies. If we are to create a peaceful society free from hierarchy, exploitation and oppression that instead respects the autonomy and dignity of all human beings, the way these forces interact must be recognised and addressed. With our focus on supporting Eastern European groups, our current work includes many groups working to tackle issues of social and institutional exclusion, peace building, intercultural dialogue, gender inequality, right-wing extremism, nationalism, racism and homophobia.

1.5 EYFA'S STRUCTURE

▪ DECISION-MAKING

Decisions are made during different meetings throughout the year. During these meetings the following is discussed: old and new projects, focus of the network, strategies and future cooperation plans. Though we do often make use of on-line meetings and decision-making tools, face-to-face yearly

network meetings are crucial for our work, and so are the informal network discussions that take place alongside all EYFA events. EYFA board meetings are organized once a year at the EYFA office in Berlin. The board has better insight in the works of the office this way and with everything at hand, it heightens practicality.

All organizational decisions are made through consensus. The consensus is a decision-making process that fully utilizes the resources of a group, seeks the agreement of most participants, and resolves or mitigates the objections of the minority to achieve the most agreeable decision. Consensus is also used during all EYFA meetings, projects and events. EYFA functions on the belief that people in a group will relate to each other in a much more fair and productive way if everyone's contribution is considered and is equal to everyone else's. Consensus requires use of communication hand signals during meetings and decision-making processes, and, sometimes, the presence of trained facilitators and mediators.

- **EYFA'S OFFICE**

EYFA has one international office, located in Berlin. The office coordinates EYFA's activities, including administrative and financial tasks, as well as a big part of the communication functions of the network. This includes producing the EYFA newsletter, acting as an information and support point for organisations in the network and as a communication liaison between local and international projects.

The office is organised collectively and non-hierarchically, meaning that all staff and volunteers are expected to take an equitable role in day-to-day tasks and decision-making processes. From watering the plants to writing applications, tasks are shared and rotated amongst all of those in the office.

The office also acts as a 'training ground' for young people to develop various skills, such as project coordination, fund-raising and bookkeeping. EYFA does not require office staff to arrive already equipped with all the necessary knowledge and experience to carry out their tasks. Rather, the goal is to be a place where young people can work to develop skills in a supportive environment, learning-by-doing. It is normal for staff and volunteers to work in the office for 1-3 years, before moving on to share their new skills with other groups and projects.

▪ EYFA ADVISORY BOARD

The 'Advisory Board' oversees the work of the office. The Board provides support and advice to the office – particularly in terms of strategy and finances.

Currently, there are three Board members, two of them used to be part of the office team. In both the office and the Board, effort is made to maintain balanced representation amongst the different corners of Europe.

▪ EYFA NETWORK

EYFA is a network that consists of individuals, collectives and organisations from all around Europe. There are no membership rules or fees required to join the EYFA network – EYFA is open to all current grassroots and alternative youth movements focusing on environmental, social justice and alternative economics and related issues.

The EYFA network is primarily used to share information, skills and resources. It connects groups working on similar topics around Europe, and groups wanting to share experiences or gain training from one another. The network acts as a way to connect local issues and struggles trans-nationally. In particular, the network works to connect groups across eastern and western Europe, building solidarity amongst different regions.

The EYFA Network has two permanent working groups, Network Strategy and East-West, which help the international office in Berlin identify the needs of groups in the network and decide where and on what issues upcoming gatherings should focus. This ensures that EYFA consistently works towards its aims of capacity building, participatory processes and East-West networking. For each EYFA project a temporary working group is also created to support the logistics and develop the content of the project. Sometimes these groups continue working together after the project's completion.

Typically, the network has one meeting each year where the priorities and strategy of the network are decided upon and projects and activities are developed. Between meetings, members can stay in touch via mailing lists and online calls. Like all EYFA meetings, decisions are made on a consensus basis.

1.6. PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS & NETWORK-MEMBERS

In 2015 dozens of activists and several organisations joined our network, among others, young people working on the intersection between environmental justice and migrants support. Here a more or less comprehensive list of our active network members and partners:

Re.Generation (Romania)	Zelena akcija Zagreb (Croatia)
Tripod (United Kingdom)	UKE (Croatia)
Reclaim The Power (United Kingdom)	Rhythm of Resistance Istanbul (Turkey)
Art Centre (Slovenia)	Auto*Mat (Czech Republic)
Vredesactie (Belgium)	Institute for Democracy and Human Rights (Armenia)
Labovzw (Belgium)	La Rhonce (France)
ASEED (Netherlands)	GAIA (Portugal)
Collectiu Eco Actiu (Spain)	Zali.LT (Lituania)
Fracking Ez (Spain)	Skills for Action (Germany)
Ecologistas en Acción (Spain)	Tools for Action (Germany)
Carbon Trade Watch (Spain)	Kommunikationskollektiv (Germany)
Eroles project (Spain)	Kous Kous Neukolln (Germany)
Vedegylet (Hungary)	Food for the Movement (Germany)
SPINA (Poland)	Union des Réfugiés de Berlin (Germany)
One World Association (Poland)	Belarus Freedom of Speech (Belarus)
Ulica siostrzana (Poland)	Hyokyaalto (Finland)
Nomada (Poland)	Bla (Portugal, France, Germany)
Stop Xenophobia Youth Federation (Ukraine)	LENKA (Republic of Macedonia)
Alternativna Kulturna Organizacija (Serbia)	Firefly (Bosnia)
VOID Network (Greece)	Gluaiseacht for Global Justice (Ireland)
Food not Bombs (Russia)	No Borders Morocco (Morocco)
Klimakollektivet (Denmark)	
Memfarado (Austria)	

2. PROJECTS

2.1. SUSTAINABLE FUTURES: Youth Taking Action in your Neighbourhood

The EVS Project “Sustainable Future Youth taking action in your neighbourhood” brought two volunteers (Polish and Slovenian) from 1 January 2014 until 31 December 2015 to our office in Berlin. During the project the volunteers strengthened their engagement and acted as promoters of environmental justice. They explored sustainable alternatives in Berlin and around Europe through EYFA's yearly activities. More concretely and along with the engagement on the local level the volunteers helped organizing an ecofeminist gathering in Ukraine and an alternatives development meeting in Poland and participated in an anti-fracking youth camp in the Basque Country, as stepping stones towards the protests for climate justice during the COP21 conference in Paris in December.

The main objective was to encourage active citizenship among young people and build a more inclusive European community. The volunteers organized workshops and info evenings at the project space New Yorck im Bethanien. By providing interesting and valuable informal education for Berlin's youth, the project was beneficial to the local community.

2.2. INCLUSION, ALTERNATIVES, ACTION! *Young people building futures for environmental justice*

This Work Plan included 3 main activities that happened throughout 2015 with the aim to strengthen young people's engagement as inclusive promoters of environmental justice and sustainable alternatives across Europe; through enacting the phases of inclusion, alternatives and action.

- **ECO-FEMINISM: PATRIARCHY POLLUTES YOUR SURROUNDING TOO**

17-23 April 2015. Kyiv, Ukraine



Environmental justice without inclusion is no justice. This activity brought together women* from eleven countries to learn about topics connected to feminism and environmental justice. This international meeting increased participatory processes of feminist activists by

developing strategies and exploring tools to counter patriarchy in the environmental movement such as women-only spaces, challenging conventional roles, and women self-defense techniques.

The programme was filled with workshops (e.g. on privilege and oppression, campaigning, strategy, feminist self-defense, consensus decision-making, action training). The week was closed with a fruitful networking session. After the activity some participants engaged in inspired follow-ups such as the Chernobyl accident anniversary action in Belarus or the campaign against Monsanto expanding into Ukraine.

- **WHAT'S YOUR ALTERNATIVE? ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN PRACTICE IN A COMMUNITY NEAR YOU!**

20-26 May 2015. Warsaw, Poland

Activists are often asked when challenging unsustainable projects: what is your alternative then? This youth exchange gathered young environmental activists and alternative youth communities to exchange skills in hands-on practical alternatives to environmental injustice and empower the practice of creative approaches to sustainability.



This activity connected the migration crises with climate justice through the participants' interventions at the anti-frontex demonstration, calling to policy makers to implement environmental and social policies for a sustainable future, it spread information on environmental justice issues and showed examples of international sustainable communities lead by young people such as the community gardens in Warsaw or those presented in written form during a self-organised bookfair.

- **RECLAIMING POWER! YOUNG ACTIVISTS CHALLENGING FALSE ENERGY SOLUTIONS**

13-19 July 2015. Vitoria-Gasteiz, Basque Country



With inclusion and alternatives in mind, it was time to take action. At this international anti-fracking gathering young activists from more than ten different countries met to empower each other to push for a Europe-wide fracking ban and to

challenge other false energy solutions presented in their different local contexts.

Throughout the week the participants, discussed, planned, celebrated, and took action together against fracking. One of the highlights was the demonstration in Gasteiz town, where not long before a new regulation was approved that made fracking practically impossible in the region. Thanks to this activity a new anti-fracking network operating all over Europe was created, and two publications and a video were release to support environmental justice campaigns.

- **FRACKANPADA**

13-19 July 2015. Vitoria-Gasteiz, Basque Country

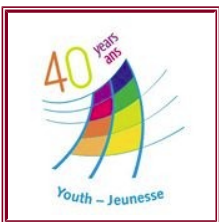
The Frackanpada was an international and multi-generational Anti-Fracking Camp that called anti-fracking groups from around Europe and beyond to come together and share skills and knowledge with dozens of workshops and presentations, portray possibilities of alternative, sustainable living and take collective action against shale gas extraction. More than 600 participants from 18 different countries joined along the week.



The camp was a space for resistance against the fracking industry and the energy and economic systems that support it, and camping itself was a symbolic action as it was located on the land that the industry wants to frack. The camp made clear that wherever they come to frack, the resistance will be powerful, widespread, and connected internationally.

This activity was organised by a mixed team of local activists and internationals. Besides re-energising and inspiring grassroots activists currently fighting fracking, it helped spreading awareness about the threat of fracking and built up momentum for the climate justice protests that followed in Paris.

- **ADVISORY COUNCIL ON YOUTH**



Since March 2012, EYFA has been a member of the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe.

The Advisory Council is made up of 30 representatives from

youth NGOs and networks who work together with government representatives to co-manage the youth sector of the Council of Europe. This involves setting priorities for the youth sector and making recommendations for future budgets and programmes. These proposals are then adopted by the Committee of Ministers, the Council of Europe's decision-making body.

The second Mandate of EYFA within the Advisory Council of Youth has started. Alice Hamdi attended the biannual Joint Council meetings in 2015 and represented the Advisory Council at the World Social Forum in Tunisia.

3. NETWORK INITIATIVES

3.1. EUROPE AND ITS BORDERS - strengthening the local engagement for the support of Refugees"

April. Vienna

Between 1st and 12th April 2015, EYFA brought youth active in refugee support from Berlin to meet with similarly engaged young people in Vienna. The 12 days were dedicated to networking, learning new skills relevant for refugee support and to exchanging new project ideas.



The days were filled with a diverse program, including: lectures about already existing initiatives for the support of refugees; documentaries, group discussions and reflections concerning the thematic area of migration and Europe.

Furthermore methodological and organizational workshops were held, to transfer skills and tools for the creation of new initiatives. In addition to all of the theoretical inputs, practice and the human aspect of the situation were given a strong emphasis. The Youth Exchange team organized meetings with refugees in Vienna, cooked together, played sports and listened to stories. For the participants from Berlin, an anti-racist city tour was organized, which highlighted the sometimes hidden places of racism in Vienna.

3.2. UNFINISHED REVOLUTION

June. Germany - various locations



Unfinished Revolution - Campaign and Info- Tour with Egyptian activists and artists in Germany. Unfinished Revolution was a campaign based project aimed at building networks amongst artists, musicians, activists and interested people from the Egyptian and German regions.

With a combination of speeches and performances, the tour provided an update on the current developments, their backgrounds and dynamics in this part of the middle East, as well as highlights of subculture and protest culture in Egypt.

3.3. ECOTOPIA BIKETOURE

June-September. Copenhagen-Helsinki

The Ecotopia Biketour has cycled Europe as a mobile self-organised community every year since 1990. The tour visits projects of an environmental or social nature and practices forms of activism and sustainable living (e.g. vegan diet, consensus decision-making and skill-sharing through popular education).



This year's organisation moved away from big funding and relied on donations and volunteers that dedicated time and energy in advance to plan, contact projects, and coordinate with participants. More than 100 people joined for different parts of the route, and connected more than 30 projects and initiatives along the way through Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland.

3.4. ANTIRACIST FESTIVAL

July. Berlin

The Antiracist festival was carried out by the migrant support group KousKous Neukölln between the 26th and 28th of July at the project space Karpfenteich.23 in Berlin. Over the course of the two days, a variety of workshops (e.g. Calais migrant solidarity support, German asylum law, Theater of the Oppressed) were held, followed by several concerts and poetry slams by refugee artists. One of the highlights was the bilingual theaterplay from the group „we are here“. The idea was to create a place for discussions, exchange and networking between asylum-seekers and their supporters.

3.5. CREATIVE FACILITATION COURSE

August. Ukraine

For one week, experienced trainers coached 18 participants in the facilitation of creative educational processes. At the end of the training, participants had learnt to plan and run successful workshops on any topic of their choice and to structure multiple seemingly one-off sessions into extensive courses. The activity started with the introduction of learning tools (self-directed learning, popular education and learning styles) followed by the basics of facilitation (skills and tools). At this stage, participants were asked to draft an overall course program of a topic of their interest, including a concrete workshop plan. Before getting to the practice, a few sessions helped them prepare to work in a group (rank, mainstream and margins) and overcome

challenges (group dynamics, conflict and facilitator choices). Then they facilitated their workshop for the rest of the group and gave feedback to each other.

3.6. ENDE GELÄNDE

August. Germany

"Ende Gelände - Leave it in the Ground" is a direct action in the context of the European and global grassroots movement for climate justice. Last year, everywhere on this planet people showed that effective climate protection comes from below, from the grassroots. Few hopes can be put in the COP process and international climate agreements: experience shows those efforts are more or less focused on how to earn money with the global warming issue.



On the weekend of the 14th to 16th, more than a thousand people stopped Europe's biggest and dirtiest CO2 polluter - the Rhineland's open coal mine - with an action of civil disobedience. While some protested at the edge of the mine, others blocked the diggers and other infrastructure in the mine. Together they forced RWE - the energy corporation running the mine - to stop the diggers. The action was an image of diversity, creativity and openness. Ende Gelände for coal diggers and politics that destroy the climate!

3.7. ART AND DEVELOPMENT

August. Slovenia



Since autumn 2015, EYFA has started a new collaboration with the art and environmental sustainability-focused residency at the Art Center based in the Prekmurje region of Slovenia. Dozens of EVS volunteers have helped with the development of the Art Center since 2003 and, last year, we facilitated the sending of a German volunteer to contribute to the organization of educational activities in fields of environment, crafts, mentorship development, and creative expression.

3.8. UNION DES REFUGIES DE BERLIN

September. Berlin

Union des Réfugiés de Berlin (URB) is a self-organized group that seeks to counter refugee isolation and to bring migrants together in common political struggle and education work. Composed only of those directly affected by the EU's border policies and asylum system, URB believes it is crucial that refugees define for themselves what their political struggles should look like.

This year, URB initiated a campaign which aimed to increase their presence in the refugee camps around Berlin. One central part of this campaign is the creation of a book, with contributions from many refugees about their struggles in traveling to and living in Europe, to be released in 2016.

3.9. FOOD FOR THE MOVEMENT

October. Serbia

At the peak of the refugee crises in autumn 2015, thousands of people arrived at different borders in the Balkans on their way to central Europe. As often the authorities were unprepared, leaving many people without access to food as the transition camps were overcrowded.

In October 2015, the group “Food for the movement” went to the Serbian/Croatian boarder to establish a Peoples Kitchen and Info Point at the border crossing. They provided warm meals and a wireless hotspot for people to have access to the internet for up-to-date information. The kitchen stayed almost a month and provided 1000 meals per day at the border's train station. The group continues to work on the establishment of a network of vounteers that offers temporary support at the borders.

3.10. CROSS CULTURAL COLLABORATION

September. Edinburgh

EYFA sent a German volunteer to the Edinburgh in September 2015 to start his one-year voluntary service at “The Forest”. The Forest is a volunteer-run, collectively-owned, free arts and events project. They run a vegetarian café and a big block of studios and facilities to provide dedicated space for people to get involved in any creative activity imaginable.

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3.11. GENERATIVE SOMATICS

October. Poland



Generative Somatics is a body-based methodology that supports individual and social transformation. Here “generative” can be understood as finding new options in areas of our lives and work in which we feel stuck. “Somatics” is derived from the the Greek word “soma” which means “the living organism in its wholeness” – looking at the whole being versus seeing human beings just as mental brains steering a mechanical body.

Developed in the US, it was introduced for the first time in Europe through five days of training with 25 central and eastern European grassroots activists. It bolstered participants' personal transformations and collective capacities for healing and power.

3.12. INFLATABLES BONANZA

December. Paris



Barricades! Modular lightweight sculptures made of insulation foil filled with air and attached together with velcro. A set of cube-shaped units (like cobblestones) can be quickly inflated at different locations, forming a line that hinders sight and movement when brought together en masse. They can be more than walls though – when people throw the individual inflatables into the air, they turn a street into a spontaneous playground.

Tools for action has a long history of developing inflatables as disobedience objects to support creative direct action. This year's highlight was the construction and release of gigantic fluffy cobblestones that helped marked the climate red lines during the COP21 protests in Paris.

3.13. EROLES PROJECT

December. Paris

After a 9-week residency in the Catalan pyrenees, artists, activists and social change makers from all over gathered in Paris to bring a different voice to the climate conversation. The artists and activists of l'Annexe also planned and executed creative actions throughout Paris in the six weeks leading up to the UN Climate Change Conference. These

ranged from street theatre performances to immersive food events to workshops on sustaining youth engagement in environmental activism.



4. EYFA MEDIA & PUBLICATIONS

4.1. BIODIVERSITY MATERIALS

In collaboration with Ecologistas en Acción.



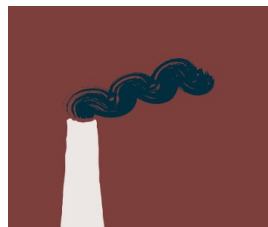
Biodiversity, biological diversity, comprises all living species on the Planet, the environment where they live and the interactions between them. Because of that, the concept of biodiversity includes all animals, plants and organisms, as well as all eco-systems, and their interdependency.

Why is biodiversity important? What causes the loss of biodiversity? This video and flyer help to answer these important questions and offer some simple hints on how to preserve the natural diversity of our daily lives. The pdf and video are available on the EYFA website both in Spanish and English.

4.2. "PATAS BEYOND PARIS"

In collaboration with Carbon Trade Watch.

After over 20 years of international climate change negotiations, talks continue to move further away from identifying the root causes of the climate crisis. These short, sharp articles highlight years of struggle, passion and commitment towards environmental, social and climate justice. The writings found in this booklet are contributions from committed activists, researchers, scholars, feminists and thinkers who participate in wide networks of dynamic peoples and groups. They continue to push the limits in the quest towards global justice. This Climate Justice Compendium attempts to address the root causes of climate change beyond the fallacy of the climate negotiations and towards building international solidarity. The English pdf can be found on the EYFA website.



4.3. SKILLSHARING.NET PORTAL

Since 2013, the EYFA Network has made an ongoing investment of time and energy into new training materials such as guides or workshop modules for grassroots groups in different European regions. The



main achievement of the platform in 2015 was the addition of 20 new materials in 5 different languages. Our Russian speaking partners conducted an extensive campaign of promotion leading to new materials and further outreach to groups. We are glad to witness this project grow progressively larger in size and participation from the Network.

S. THANKS

EYFA is what it is thanks to the contributions of private donors and funders.
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6. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

EYFA 2015 Financial Overview – Expenses			
Personnel Costs			
Employees		39,768.69	
EVS Volunteers		15,575.00	
Consultants and Freelancers		1,629.80	
		TOTAL	56,973.49
Office costs			
Rental and Associated Costs		1,200.00	
Communication Costs (telephone, internet, mail, website)		266.19	
Copy and Print Costs		79.51	
Office Equipment and Maintenance		2,552.95	
Office Materials		85.44	
Postage and Transport		367.27	
		TOTAL	4,551.36
Projects			
27.WP2015	Act 1 - Eco-feminism: Patriarchy pollutes your surrounding too	22,162.51	
	Act 2 - What's your alternative? Environmental justice in practice in a community near you!	16,999.10	
	Act 3 - Reclaiming Power! Young activists challenging false energy solutions	37,233.27	
2014-3-AT02-KA105-001089	"Europa und seine Grenzen. Jugendbegegnung zum Thema Fluchtbezogene Migration"	2,550.00	
		TOTAL	78,944.88
Other Costs			
Financial Costs (bank costs, chamber of commerce, interest)		219.89	
Statutory meetings		6,282.54	
Staff training and travel		812.25	
EYFA Germany		447.00	
		TOTAL	7,761.68
Total costs EYFA 2015			EUR 148,231.41

EYFA 2015 Financial Overview – Income			
EACEA Grants			
Structural grant	PP-1-2015-1-DE-EPPKA3-CSC-Y2015-0853/01/01	34,830.00	
EVS	2014-3-DE04-KA105-001402	15,575.00	
		TOTAL	50,405.00
European Youth Foundation Grants			
27.WP2015	Workplan 2015	50,000.00	
27.SG2.2015	Structural grant	19,800.00	
		TOTAL	69,800.00
Other income			
Fundraising: Workplan Act 1 - Eco-feminism: Patriarchy pollutes your surrounding too		9,352.28	
Fundraising: Workplan Act 2 - What's your alternative? Environmental justice in practice in a community near you!		700.00	
Fundraising: Workplan Act 3 - Reclaiming Power! Young activists challenging false energy solutions		15,486.11	
Partner money: "Europa und seine Grenzen. Jugendbegegnung zum Thema Fluchtbezogene Migration"		2,550.00	
Credit interest		231.20	
Donations and Gifts		6,974.90	
		TOTAL	35,294.49
Total Income EYFA 2015			EUR 155,499.49
Balance EYFA 2015			
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