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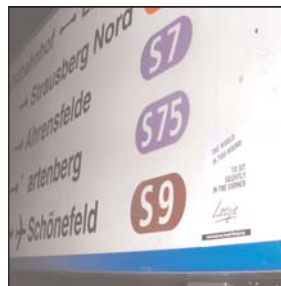
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Where is everybody?

What do you do when everybody is away and you are all alone? In my case i took over and started writing for this introduction. This is Angelos from, Berlin which is full of snow. Its not so easy to survive! Please send warm greetings from where you are now.

One of the best decisions i made during my Evs is to move my desk next you the window. The view is really great and very often there is a black bird visiting the garden out-site. Now that i lost my secret love, Oliver (THE CAR!) i feel so lonely on the streets. I cant even ride my bike. At least this window is another escape after a long day in front of the computer.

In our next bulletin we will try to focus a little bit on social movements around the earth. Beginning with Guadalupe from Mexico we will write about the previous semesters' incidents in OAXAKA.

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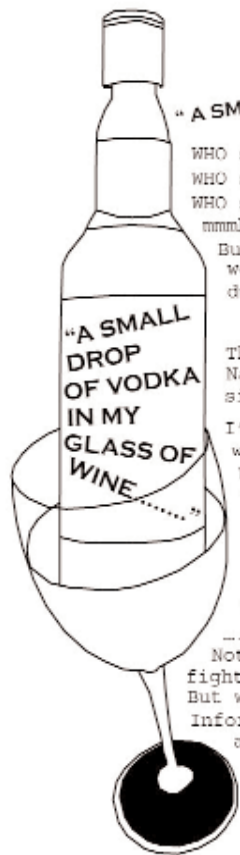
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"A SMALL DROP OF VODKA IN MY GLASS OF WINE"

WHO said that French are proud and contained ?
 WHO said that they are always homeloving ?
 WHO said that they don't speak english ??
 mmmhh...OK ! Maybe this one has right...
 But me, small french girl and my so cuit french accent
 we manage (!) in this hostile Estonia where, now,
 ducks must swim on ice !!

Then, I present myself:
 Nathalie, EVS at Tartu in Estonia for Loesje
 since the beginning of October.

I've the same age than Loesje and, actually,
 we get along rather well !!
 We are together in the same so soft office
 where living is not so bad !!:
 meeting with friend to write text,
 round of the bars and the university to spread it,
 translation with a cup of tea,
 layout with a cup of coffee
 and if you behave you can even have a part of cake !!

... and... I feel in love !!
 Not with an Estonian considering that
 fight of blonde is not possible !!
 But with mister Europe and his programme !
 Information about it in France is really limited
 and it was already a fortunate coincidence
 to find this opportunity of EVS.
 Now my heart is beating in front of all possibility
 and my head is turning
 in the idea to realise it soon soon soon... !!

Luckily,
 if it's turning too much,
 there is still Vodka !

nathalie bonhomme - EVS - Tartu - Estonia

Masta #2 is under progress!

If you want to help to distribute the next issue of the magazine, please send a mail to Julia@loesje.org

Job vacancy for Loesje International

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 LOOKING FOR YOU
 AND YOU FOR US**

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The two current employees of Loesje International, Doeko and Cecilia, are both ending their work for Loesje this year. Doeko works for Loesje until the end of this season, Cecilia until 1st of April. We are now searching for you eager to work for Loesje International at the international office in Berlin, starting from the 1st of April.

What can we offer?

An inspiring job, a great city to live in and friendly enthusiastic colleagues. A lifetime experience with the possibilities to gain new skills. 24 hours/week with a salary of ca 650 euros after taxes, including health insurance and costs for local travel expenses. Possibilities to bring your ideas into practice.

What do we want from you?

An exhaustive motivation letter that includes your vision on where you want to go with Loesje, where you have been and where you are now standing with Loesje. In this letter we also want you to mention what you see as your weak points.

A CV, A Creative CV

We are looking forward to your application.
 Please send it before the 1st of March 2007,
 to rola@loesje.org

The selection criteria we will take into account are:

- Motivation letter
- CV
- Creative CV
- Experience inside Loesje
- International working experience and experience of being abroad for a longer period
- Experience in working with groups
- Experience in coordinating, organising and implementing projects
- Educational background / work experience
- Administrative skills / abilities
- Language skills
- Geographical background (though personal qualities weigh higher)

The great escape: 22nd-26th of February, Riga, Latvia

Hallo, Loesje!

I have heard that You with Your friends are going to visit Riga. Oh, I am really happy about that! Before we meet, I want to tell You, WHAT EXPECTS YOU IN RIGA!

In the February, when here will be The Board Meeting, it is used to be a lot of snow, but ... I am not sure, that I can promise that this year! But there is also good news - right now here is so warm that there are still green grass and even some little spring flowers in the parks - You will have all possibilities to catch some romantic spring feelings. There are also mushrooms in the woods (and we have lot of them) - maybe You will have opportunity to do the traditional Latvian hobby - picking up mushrooms.

Riga is architectural miracle because of it's Old Town and wonderful Art Nouveau buildings - if you are interested in that, just let me know and we can have some small walk through the most beautiful places. **3**



Don't be afraid - the small walk won't be more than 2 hours, because everything here is in the center, and as You now, Riga is not very big - some 800 thousands people and a bit less tourists (but not in this season).

Talking about people - it's OK, if You aren't speaking Latvian. I don't think that it would be a big problem to contact in English, also German-speakers are quite common. Yes, and some of Your friends will have opportunities to refresh their Russian knowledge - in Riga more than 50 % per-cent people counts them as part of our Russian minority.

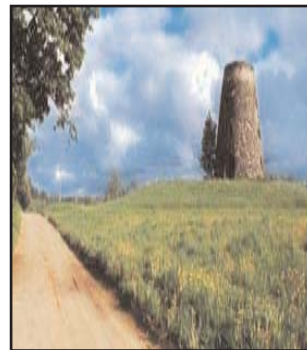


Also it's OK, if You don't see so many people smiling on the streets as it is common in Western Europe and even more in America. It doesn't means that we have Big Depression or something like that - if You will get know Latvians better, You will know that they also can be hearty and lovable. Believe me, You will have lot of opportunities to get acquainted with Latvians, for that reason will be to crazy nights on Friday and Saturday. Yes, we

can go to ALL clubs, pubs and warm up EVERY dance floor in Riga, if You want!

Yes, yes, Riga promises You nightlife! (I don't mean that kind of what some-kind-of-tourists search in Riga, while celebrate their bachelor parties). Here are not very much places, but I would

like to say that they are interesting enough - some nice Irish pubs, some crazy places where people are dancing on the tables, also some rock places and etc. Oh, also I must warn You that almost in every place You can find some Barbies and Kens - most of Latvians are used to dress up their best clothes when going out. So, don't forget Your pink purse =) (Because, I don't have one!) If You won't have party mood - that's also OK - I know some small, nice places, where we can have some girl-talk or discussion about politics with one Latvian beer... Mhm...usually in pubs it costs about 1,2 - 1,6 lats (1,7 - 2,3 EUR), so we can have more than one!



If we are talking about typical Latvian drinks or food, then I can tell You a bit more about things we eat. Potatoes is the most common part of our dinner, then some salad (with tomatoes, cucumbers, cabbages and etc.) and quite lot of choices for meet-and-sausage eaters. (Don't worry, your vegetarian, vegan and other friends won't starve!) We have quite a lot from Russian and Ukrainian kitchen (as You know, Latvia has been part of Big Union for more than 50 years) - if You kow what is soljanka, rosol or pelmenji, then You probably can imagine what also will expect You here... SORRY, no picas, kebabs, hot dogs and hamburgers (of course, we have some, if You will ask - I will show You) ...

Yes, all this and more, more exciting things will wait You here, if You will come, Loesje! Ok, dear, time is running out and I have to finish this letter ... but You have to promise to come! Keep in touch!

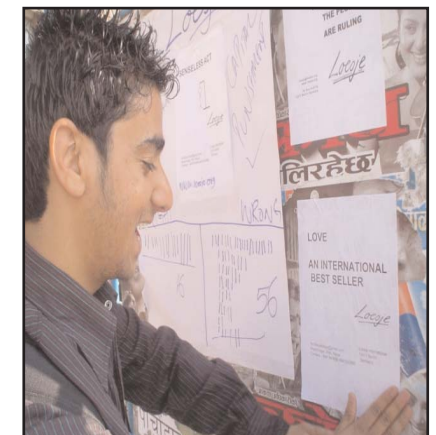
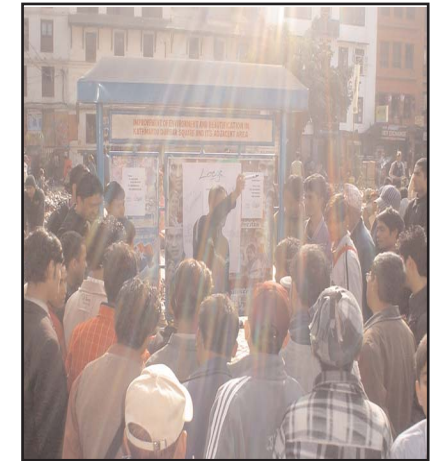
Ruuta

We conducted the polling twice and the response was overbearing. We could almost gleam with satisfaction at the positive gush of attitudes we caused, after all we were the creative hands and innovative minds of Loesje.

As the afternoon was coming to an end, so was our exciting schedule. The poll ended with maximum, unmatched number of votes against capital punishment. As the voice of majority, all of us ended up that we had to appeal for the law to be declared as null and void, much to the unsatisfied twitches of those for the say. At the end of the day we were able to give ourselves a newly recognized identity and looks curious in the morning had turned satisfied and even had an uncanny welcoming feeling about them.

As we made our way out of the square in a creative single line, we believed we had struck some bulls eyes for creativity and independent expression. We even had some people following us so they could have our contact addresses. At last, with the satisfied approval of our man behind the Himalaya Loesje, Raj, all other Loesjes dispersed with bye byes and marked the end of Jan 10th 'The poster day'.

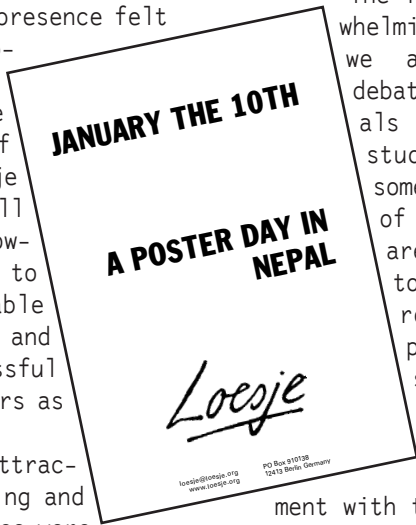
*Dr. Khadga Bahadur Limbu
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In fact a poster day it was. No sooner had we made our presence felt in the unanimously chosen spot, Basantapur Durbar Square, the spontaneous teamwork of our members had Loesje posters smiling from all corners. The words flowing around were able to strike a considerable amount of local chords and we were indeed successful in adding few new members as well.

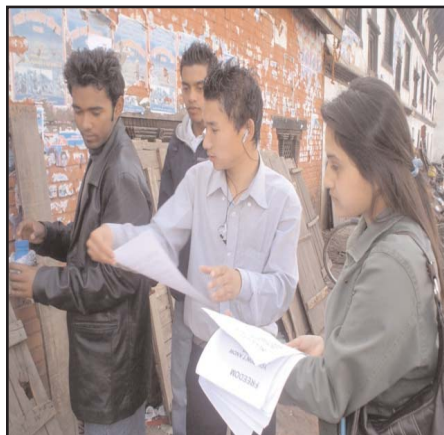
We were an instant attraction with our interesting and exciting games. The games were as such, we were able to have a sneak peak into the hidden talents of our members, be it gymnastics by Ananta, songs by Tulsi, dances by Titus and other well talented members of our group. We had catwalks and proposals, acts and further beautiful and hyped songs and dances.

The most achieved part of the workshop can be declared as the public poll we conducted over 'Capital punishment as right or wrong' at the entrance of the Square.



The response was overwhelming. Not only were we able to stir a debate of intellectuals among the public; students, elderly, some vendors and lots of tourists in the area; but we managed to get a powerful response through personal voting system. We had columns divided for and against capital punishment with the recent example of Saddam Hussain being hanged.

And the rush to note was amazing, the push and pull all with a little amount of waxing and sometimes none at all. The tourist needed no say for their forward attitude to note against or for the say. Some public wanted it translated and explained so they could have their say as well.



YOUTH OF UZBEKISTAN: "NEW AMBASSADORS OF DEVELOPMENT FOR MDG!"

Uzbekistan is a beautiful and fruitful land, which lies in the heart of Central Asia. It is the proud, unpredictable heir to Central Asia's richest inheritance with the legendary Silk Route cities of Samarkand, Khiva and Bukhara.



The capital of Uzbekistan is Tashkent. More than 60% of the population comprise young people aged 15-24. Having a large share of young population in the country, it is not surprising that the Government makes considerable investments in young people. The Government of Uzbekistan is carrying out a number of reforms aimed at providing youth with better access to education, health, labour market and social welfare.

According to the state youth policy, young people are identified as "citizens from 14-30 years old" and there are a number of programs and funds operating in Uzbekistan to support youth. There are two major youth organizations in the country. One of them is Kamolot ("maturity" from Uzbek) the largest youth movement with about 4,6 million young members. The second is "Fund Forum of Culture and Arts of Uzbekistan" which has a big component that deal with youth issues and supports many large scale youth initiatives.

In addition, many international organizations support youth volunteerism and various youth networks that are often related to help solving social issues in the country through small scale projects and peer-to-peer education and information campaigns. It is worthwhile to note the recent boom of youth wings in local political parties and an increasing number of NGOs led by young people.

The Youth of Uzbekistan is very keen to participate and make their contribution to development challenges. They are very active in the social life of their academic institutions and many go for volunteer services with many NGOs and international organizations. In August 2005 three delegates from Uzbekistan attended the 3rd World Youth Congress that gathered 600 delegates from 120 countries.

MDG Youth Network is a partner organisation in loesje's "THE WORLD IS TOO ROUND TO SIT SILENTLY IN THE CORNER" project.

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The Congress was devoted to achieving the MDGs by 2015 and Uzbek participants were inspired by the global action and the role of youth in this global campaign. They brought back new ideas to mobilize youth under the slogan of the Summit "Be the change!". Together with other students they initiated a number of student conferences on the MDGs and as a result initiated the establishment of the MDG Youth Network. Realizing the inspirations of young people the United Nations Office in Uzbekistan provides constant support to the activities of this network.



Recently two delegates from the MDG Youth Network participated at the first ever Global Youth Leadership Summit held at the UN headquarters in New York. Meeting with young leaders from different countries of the world, Uzbek delegates learned that no other country has a network of young people that work towards realization of all the MDGs. Uzbek delegates brought many enthusiastic ideas and inspired their peers for volunteering for the MDGs.

From the very beginning the network started with awareness raising on the MDGs by delivering presentations to their peers at colleges, universities, younger children at schools and orphanages.

As the network expanded and the number of noble initiatives increased, network volunteers initiated a quarterly newsletter "Youth in Action" which covers the ongoing efforts of youth related to MDGs promotes their academic abilities by providing space for academic articles.

United Nations Office in Uzbekistan supports the Youth-Led Development projects, that provide students with an opportunity to develop project proposals and implement them in their universities or communities.

Currently the UN Office is supporting the preparation of an MDG Youth Briefing Kit for local youth to serve as a resource and recommend new ways of volunteering and community service. The MDG Youth Network volunteers are conducting surveys on the awareness of youth about the MDGs, in order to further strengthen their knowledge on the MDGs and spread the message as widely as possible.

Recently network volunteers initiated the Model United Nations entitled "Millennium Development Goals +6" simulation game, where students were able to enhance their vision of the MDGs and the UN approach to the global and national problems.



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Loesje's ASIA PROJECT

The preparations for "THE WORLD IS TOO ROUND TO SIT SILENTLY IN THE CORNER" are blooming in Nepal, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Latvia and Germany. Mostly it flourished in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, when Emiliya, Ifoda and the Uzbek group welcomed Ghana from Nepal, Ruuta from Latvia and me from Germany to make great plans for the training here in Berlin in March. Unfortunately Zhibek from Kazakhstan could not come in the end, due to ticket problems, but the rest of us experienced a few interesting days in the capital of Uzbekistan.

So what can a West European like myself say about my impressions of a Central Asian country that I visited for a few days? We were very well taken care of by our hosts, who took us to nice restaurants and the local market, to walk in the city and even become local celebrities at a school famous for its' traditional



Uzbek dances. Luckily we didn't have to dance to impress the school children, staff and TV-teams, it was enough to take a lot of photos and hold a little speech...

I was impressed by the nice mosaics on the buildings, by the wide streets and the hospitable people. Differences from what I am used to was the abundance of guards and security control, and the way most drivers seemed to think as long as he used his horn he could drive like he was the only one on the street.

You also notice the gap between the rich and the poor more clearly, when the subway stations are elaborate pieces of art but the people who sell you the fruit on the side of the street don't have much social security to fall back on if the apples, melons and oranges don't sell.

Another difference is that most students have to wear a suit and tie everyday at University, so you see and meet a lot of young people looking very dressed up and orderly. But a lot of things are also very alike no matter where in the world you come. It didn't matter that I didn't understand the exact lyrics of the Uzbek schlagers that caused wild dancing at a restaurant; I think I got the point quite good anyway...

So we have now planned a great training and gotten to know each other and the respective organizations even better. We know that Ghana's group is planning big social projects like building a school in Nepal, that all Latvians cry when they see films about their country, that Emiliya can prepare a power point presentation quicker than you can finish your tea and that the whole Uzbek group is very active and looking forward to going to Berlin. And we here look forward to having our guests over and learning new things from each other.



More reports from our adventures together will follow, I promise.

/Rola

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Loesje Sweden's spring meeting 16-18 of March in Norrköping

New and old members are welcome to join the games, writing, future planning and more! We will go through the articles of association, who are active, who is in the board and if changes should take place. We will also write texts, do lay-out, print posters and stick.

We will stay at a fritidsgård in central Norrköping where there are possibilities to cook.

If you have ideas and tips or questions, you are very welcome to contact us: Hannah vindpust@gmail.com or Matilda matilda.terez@gmail.com

Very soon, in February 2007, the Youth network will celebrate its first anniversary, where they plan to have a round table discussion with experts on the MDGs and present their work and achievements during the year

In 2007 the network will continue the MDG campaign in regions to cover as much youth as possible and initiate MDG conferences on a national and even regional scale.

The MDGs should be achieved by the year 2015 by all countries, but we know that the challenge for developing is the greatest in their efforts to eradicate of extreme poverty and hunger, achieve universal primary education, empower women, improve maternal and child health, combat HIV/AIDs and keep the environment clean. Without youth all of these goals cannot be achieved, since it is us and our children, who need to care about our future. The opportunities are there and the present young generation is THE generation that can end poverty.

Of course, development does not happen overnight. It is essential not only for politicians, but also for young people to think over their community development. The Millennium Development Goals can be a good systematic tool in dealing with issues of development. We, developing and developed countries, need the MDGs, because only joint efforts can help to achieve them by 2015. And we know that in a short time span today's young people, will be on the main stage by 2015!

Emiliya Asadova and Ifoda Abdurazakova

Loesje's

short film festival is back!

The 21:th of April the Loesje office in Berlin will again be covered with pillows and sofas, people, discussions, and inspiration. Most of all, it will be filled with new interesting short films. To contribute to this cozy event, send in your film to the festival now!



There are not many restrictions. The main rule is that films should not be longer than 20 minutes. Experimental movies, documentaries, animations, feature films are all very welcome. The film should not be older than 3 years.



Please let us know by email if you're planning to send something in and include some information about the film (title, artist, language, subtitles,

theme and kind of film, duration, stills and other important info). The film should be at the office before the 5th of April. For more information just send an email to julia@loesje.org

CHANGES AND EVS

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Changes gives to many people insecurities but at the same time opportunities. You have people that will never change anything since they are afraid of the unknown. For those people it would be a shock when dinner is suddenly at 18:00 instead of 17:30. You also have people that change their life on a daily basis because they are afraid of a life without surprise and to have obligations that could limit them in their personal freedom. No matter what kind of persons we are, changes or for some people the threat of changes can't be avoided.

This also counts for Loesje, who is of course a special person constructed out of all the minds and characters of the people behind her. I'm one of the persons behind her and so is Cecilia. The past years we've been working together and gave direction to the development of Loesje. In spite of many difficult situations and constant adjustments (both work and privately related) we succeeded well. Without being modest for once (or twice) the past five years more activities on international level took place than the ten years before.

At the moment we can proudly say that there is a whole network of people that are engaged in Loesje activities around the world. Many of them do write and spread texts but Loesje is developing more as a cultural network of similar minded people, who can express themselves the way they want and can also use the form they want. It makes it less relevant if people write Loesje texts or express the same ideas through photography.

You can question if this is a good development but I'm not a poster conservative so I say yes. More about these developments you can read later in an article from Goran from Serbia in next bulletin.

In two months Cecilia will stop working for Loesje and I will stop working from September. Cecilia's main reason is that it's hard to combine being a mother and doing the work for Loesje. She will travel for some months through Europe (and who knows spread some posters get de-addicted).

My own reason to stop is that due to the success of activities the financial and administration work went up. In practise it means that most of my time goes to tasks that aren't my passion. Most likely I will move back to the Netherlands and start to work for another NGO and do international projects but leave the finances to a bookkeeper.

These developments mean changes for Loesje, but should she be afraid of this? My simple answer is of course no. It's hard to deny that the people who work at the international office do give direction to the development of Loesje and if they leave, things will change. I do see an important role for the international office to activate groups to organise activities, to do actions and support them but on the other hand we work with autonomous groups around the world that often don't wait for some office in Berlin to be or to become active.

Next to this the Loesje network (groups and individuals) isn't depended on two people. If Cecilia and I leave, so be it. New people will come and will give their input and to be honest I'm very positive about that since I already know some of the new people and they are very qualified. It might even become the most qualified Loesje team ever and the team isn't even complete yet. For me that means that there is every reason to leave and if dinner is at 18:00 or 17:30 it doesn't matter as long as there is dinner.

Doeko

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It isn't an easy task to select volunteers that will work for the international office and this year wasn't different from other years. There are always many qualified people that would like to work for a year in Berlin and always people who withdraw because they give priority to another opportunity or in the end we cancel it. In spite of this we always succeed to select a good team of enthusiastic people. Three people are selected for the season 2007/2008 and hereby we will present them in short.

Fleur is a Dutch loesje member and active in the city of Groningen. She has journalistic experience and since loesje often works on publications her experience will give and added value. Future tasks she could do is editing the bulletin, the international Masta magazine and of course the posters series. The slogan of her city is "Nothing goes above Groningen" and of course we hope that it also counts for her.

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Parla from Latvia has proven to be able to organize cultural events and to activate people. She's from Creative group Mystyle Art that is part of the loesje network. Her experience will be important for events and international exchanges. Besides she will bring some Baltic spirit into the office and it will be the first time to have a volunteer from the Baltics.

Joep from the Netherlands is active inside loesje since they invented glue and he knows what activism is as well in theory as in practise. Next to this he studies something with mathematics and that means he doesn't mind to calculate. You can call him a visionary calculator but if he will agree on that is the question. Anyway Joep can do multitasking and that is always good to have.

They will introduce themselves in a later stadium and maybe make a rectification of all the things written about them above. However we are happy with them.