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Welcome to the new Loesje bulletin!

This month lots of news especially connected to the Millennium Development Goals but also about Loesje activities in many countries.

We invite you to come to the Loesje summer camp in Latvia, it's an event you don't want to miss.

Enjoy reading the bulletin



## a g e n d a

International text weekend July 7th and 8th of July

**Loesje summer camp 22nd of July - 5th of August in Latvia**

The Loesje office will be closed between the 22nd of July and the 25th of August

**MDG Handbook, creative activism handbook and Book in 1 day distributed by the end of August. You can order copies to distribute.**

The office opens again with new people!

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# The quality of Loesje websites

As Loesje we are street activist but at the same time,also Internet activists. Many posters are being spread and downloaded through the internet. *In many cases people meet Loesje first through the internet and later on the streets or at a some meeting.*

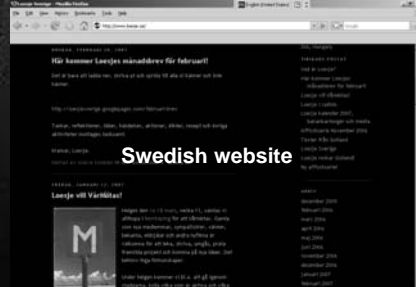
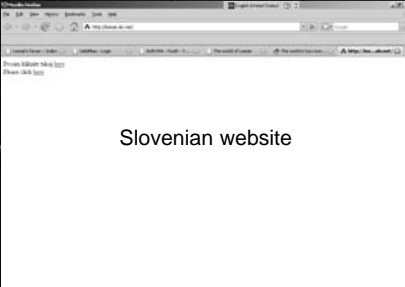
While visiting all the Loesje websites it becomes clear that many websites are either not updated for a long time, some don't even have posters for people to download on it and some such as *the Slovenian website* simply dissappeared.

**What does this say?** Personally I would say that we don't use the opportunities that the Internet gives us optimal. I consider our websites as a way to get more and more people involved and to inspire everyone. The moment a website doesn't get updated people don't come back, don't get inspired and won't become active. It means potential Loesje activist go away and less posters are being spread.

**Even websites of groups that are extremely active don't get updated.** The Swedish mailing list is active and they are having inspiring actions, news updates but on their website you can't read any news. As a visitor you get the feeling that Loesje doesn't do anything in Sweden but they sure do a lot.

If we want to get more people involved we just have to take care a bit more about our websites. That also counts for the international website and interaction between the office and the members around the world.

/Doeko



# World Wide Local News

## 5th June: World Environment Day

*Loesje had a plan in her diary to raid an important place in the chapters of Nepalese history.* Once upon a time there were king and kings and lots of kings in this nation. And obviously swords, spears were exchanged between them. Certainly the raided place also had a King and the name of the



place is Kirtipur. This city is outside Kathmandu valley. If Napoleon was a great conqueror in Europe then King Prithivi Narayan Shah was for Nepal. In his ardour to establish a monarch he attacked Kirtipur, because of vicious skirmish he lost his brother and dear son, and in ire cut the nose of those who were above thirteen years old. If you ask the dwellers of Kirtipur about this event these days then they will be sentimental, angry, indifferent and even react in tears. And even Kings of Shah Pedigree don't

visit this place because anguish hasn't deserted them. Thus enmity divides them.

**As we were busy in sticking texts in different places** we happened to meet students of Hilltown International School and along them we pasted few texts (snaps too) and later with a NGO (Netra-Sabitri). It's good to see that people are getting conscious these days about the environment. At least they are trying to accumulate general knowledge and whenever program like this is held in their locality they come forward to contribute something.



**Pollution shouldn't be aligned with multinational companies, factories (more...) but the key factor is rapid boom of population.** The birth rate is so high that it cannot be compared with any produced items by factories. More people more environmental problem and mostly the environmental problems are humane.

**'Masked mouth/ don't take me as a terrorist/ I'm dust allergic'** was our slogan. To stop the population growth at a certain level, with the help of Blue Diamond Society (BDS), we distributed condoms and for Loesje Nepal it is not necessary that the day should be a particular day therefore any day is apt and that's happening in Nepal. That is how we came to an end. By the way I forgot to mention all the cracks and jokes we had.

Daniel Song



## Book publications

At the moment we are working on two books, the book in 1 day that includes a dvd and the millennium development goals handbook.

Both publications will be ready by the end of August since the summer holidays will start soon and before that we won't be able to distribute them.



Here you can already see some photos that will be in the book in 1 day project.

The title of the book will be

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and  
[www.1-day.org](http://www.1-day.org)  
you can read about  
the projects



# SUMMERCAMP IN LATVIA 2007

## apply now since it will start soon



If you thought Loesje camp could not be better than last year, you will have to think again. Or what about an indoor swimming pool, a sauna, two ponds and a river? (The plan is to have next board meeting in, or maybe under, water...) What about two lovely wooden houses in the middle of rural Latvia, where you can have a fluffy bed indoors or a private tent in the garden? What about two big rooms for eating, drinking, workshops and parties - with a stereo in each? Or two smaller rooms with cosy sofas in?

Added to that we are promised to experience **Latvian midsummer!** We have heard rumours that this

includes flowers, jumping into (or was it over?) fires and Latvian dancing, but you'd better come and see for yourself...

The dates for this years' most promising event is **22st of July until 5th of August**. You pay your travel costs yourself and then pay 160 Euro for food and accommodation for the whole two-week experience. It is also possible to come for only one week, and then we want you to come (or leave) on Sunday the 29th of July.

**Fill in the application form**, read the answers to your questions and see even more spicy pictures on [www.loesje.org/members](http://www.loesje.org/members)  
/The Summercamp Committee 2007

Hi,

My name is Jose Ohis and am an author and has just completed work on 2 books:

Poverty is an option  
An illegal Immigrant's tale

Is there any way your organization can assist towards publishing?

Thanks

Jose Ohis Izeg  
www.ohis.org

### **Black and White Dream Party**

At Loesje's Imagination we had a great exhibition with beautiful photos. The exhibition was made by Lena and Myrto and the opening of the exhibition was a success. Quiet a lot of people came, the atmosphere was good and no photo's were taken since there were already plenty on the walls. Or maybe there where some but not fitt for publishing. Anyway before the end of the season we most likley will have another party in Berlin and you are always welcome to come!

www.loesje.org/imagination

## **Loesje In Poland**

**Poland goes on but little bit too fast.** We cant manage it as well as we want. A lot of people from all over the country is asking about Loesje. They have the info from our book, but I don't have idea how did they get it. We've published it only in Kielce

Anyway we need to organize **some workshop for the people that want to lead the workshops** - we will apply for Youth in Action (actio of the European Commission to support active young people) local project, but we aren't start to plan it yet.

**Loesje is organizing more or less stable workshops in Kielce - one time a month, some exhibitions and also sticking actions.** Our EVS (European Voluntary service) idea stocked, because we have a to small office for accreditation as the hosting organization. We can't quarrantee the place of work for a volunteer. We are going to change the office after the holidays, so the situation will be much better then, and we will start to apply again.

We've applied for funds for the next book, but the Ministry of Labour is late with the results as usual. We will know if it accepted or not before the end of the month.

**I've organized workshops in Solleftea in Sweden** last week (youth exchange) and the city council is really interested in Loesje actions there. They have tried to contact with Loesje Sweden, but they had no answer - I have no idea where have they sent the e-mail, but I've promised to contact Loesje Int and ask for help. Contact person in Solleftea is a girl that went there from Kielce for EVS, and actually she started to work:

We are going to organize **workshops in Wroclaw at 22.06** in a frame of "live library" project, so I hope we will organize next local group. I also planed to visit Netherlad's philosophy Institute there to see is any cooperation possible. We'll spread also Masta there.

So, that's all for now. Hope that I will have more good news in the end of the month :D

Kalor

## **Believe or analyze?**

In the end of April group of young people from Latvia, Belarus, Lithuania and Moldova met in Riga willing to exchange ideas, experiences and opinions about trustworthy of mass media information.

"Believe Or Analyze" - it doesn't mean only reading huge amount of newspapers and analyzing images. Riga inspired for a lot of things in those 10 days - crazy games, flash mobs, face painting, stencil making and serious discussions were held in sunny spring weather and even in sudden snowstorm.

**Someone was surprised by possible borders of freedom, someone impressed by Baltic Sea,** even reality were constructed in two different languages - English and Russian. Somehow stays the hope that the painted faces and houses will never be washed - full with memories and impressions, to be analyzed and transformed into new ideas...



Of course, we would like to say that all the society is interested in freedom of expression and willing to fight about their rights. At least Urtas in the center of Riga, some Dutch tourists, local police and some hospitals where impressed by flow of freedom what those activists opened. :

Greetings from "creative group MYSTYL art" Riga / Latvia  
*More results from the "Believe Or Analyze" exchange you can find in the new Loesje book "Correct me if I'm right" that will go to the publisher by the end of this month.*

## **Peace project in Kosovo**

Our Future -European Integration" is an exchange project and network of young people from Serbia, Kosovo and The Netherlands. The exchange project consists of three study visits -to Kosovo, Serbia and the Netherlands- followed by peer-to-peer lectures, in which the participants teach fellow students in high school and at university about their experiences and gained knowledge. The project was started in 2003 and is an initiative of peace organisation IKV Pax Christi in cooperation with youth NGOs Fractal in Serbia and Integra in Kosovo.

Loesje cooperates with them and several members joined the project the past years. Every year texts are being made and published. Even some texts created this year ended up in this months international series.

On [http://www.ikvpaxchristi.nl/conflictgebieden\\_zo\\_europa\\_kosovo\\_our\\_future\\_project.htm](http://www.ikvpaxchristi.nl/conflictgebieden_zo_europa_kosovo_our_future_project.htm)  
You can read more about the project and the camp

## The rat race has begun... the MDG live size game is here

YOU ARE



Angela Merkel, chancelor of Germany

1 Eradicate poverty and hunger	☆☆☆
2 Achieve universal primary education	☆☆☆
3 Promote gender equality and empower women	☆☆☆
4 Reduce child mortality	☆☆☆
5 Improve maternal health	☆☆☆
6 Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases	☆☆☆
7 Ensure environmental sustainability	☆☆
8 Develop a global partnership for development	☆☆

We find ourselves in the year 2000; our players find themselves at the birth of the Millennium Development Goals. For the next fifteen years they will be five of the 192 countries working to make a better world before 2015.

We fast forward to present time. The UN asks how many of the goals have been completed, now that we're halfway. The answer is rather dissatisfactory, so a little competition is added to the working towards a better world. Now the attention of the governments of the world is caught; every president, minister or chancellor wants that eternal glory of being the first to complete all MDGs.

The rat race has begun.

*All 192 countries struggle along the track as the game gets up to speed, but there are five countries that really stick out; Germany and the USA are off to an early lead.* These economic superpowers shouldn't have much trouble funding the completion of most MDGs. They will however be suspected to

start working on their global partnership and development aid, or face some serious economic sanctions by the UN.

And look, there's South Korea in the center lane. This Asian tiger has the benefit of rapid economical growth which they have made in the last decades, but aren't exactly rich enough to be expected to give development aid. And then there's Kazakhstan and Rwanda... They're off to a rather slow start, but will do much better as soon as the money starts pouring in from the rich countries.

Every year, the UN calls in a meeting to evaluate how much progress is being made and gives out advise to countries in need. It is still very unclear who might win this game; you can never tell what will happen... Loesje could come by to help you with your MDGs, Miss Universe might dedicate her career to world peace or someone might make an insulting movie about your country. Everything affects the chances each country has to win the rat race.

Are you curious yet? Come and play with us in Berlin, or download the game, which will soon be available at [www.mdg.loesje.org](http://www.mdg.loesje.org) in both English and German, to play it with the people you meet.

/Erik

*The game will most likely also be made in a child version and be printed and spread in Germany as a board game.*

## "Greetings from Finland!"

Loesje joined the Week of possibilities in Oulu. She gave a workshop around the theme of *millennium development goals* and had a table on the Market of possibilities.

People were very interested, because they had seen posters around town, but did not know who this Loesje was, or how the posters were made.

They also spam our table for nice prices: brand new magnets, stickers, Masta pins and surprise posters.

We had a photo exhibition on pictures from last summer camp and a lot of posters around our table. In Helsinki the same kind of event is called World village festival. It's much more expensive to have a table there, so we just handed out some stickers while walking around.



I hope to meet some Loesje-people in Helsinki, otherwise I think I have to come to Latvia.

/Maria"

## Science fiction.... future Dutch plans

-At least **some writing** in Venlo, Groningen, Utrecht, Amsterdam and Arnhem.

-A big **sticking action** around Apeldoorn combined with a Enviromental Festival were Loesje will have her own stand.

-A discussion about **indifference** and a games evening in Leiden.

-The last **workshop leaders meeting** of the season.

-A nice day out for the Office people. **We go camping.**



-Preparing a **new Loesje-book** ('You'll only know if life is hard if you put your teeth in it'). It will be released in autumn.

-Still making a **book about diabetes** together with a company and diabetes teenagers with whom we have been writing a lot about this subject.

-Designing the **Loesje school agenda '08-'09**.

-Having a Loesje stand a some **festivals** around the country.

-**Workshops** about fashion, fusion, identity, girls, participation, new things, humour and much more probably.

-Organising the **Masta exchange** in september.

-Having a final **Editorial weekend in Brussels**. (No, that's not in the Netherlands but an excellent place to celebrate 50 years EU in a Loesje way...)

-**Cleaning** the Dutch Loesje-office.

-Growing another **moustache**....

And the rest you will read in the next Bulletin

## Loesje in the Netherlands

### Condoms

Recently we started to sell **Loesje condoms**. Each packet consists out of 4 condoms. Every two days one packet of Loesje condoms is sold. This means that twice a day people are making love with a Loesje condom. In the summer we expect the amount to grow while we have planned an action together with a Public Health Service.

### The Rhinebow.

Arnhem, the home city of Loesje NL is getting a harbour. It will be short or long, with or without a sluice. That it will be there, is decided long time ago. Now there's just the question; How? The citizens of Arnhem may vote for one of the three possibilities. This is called a 'preferendum'. When there's one possibility that gets more votes than any other, the city council might agree on choosing that decision..

**Of course Loesje has lots to say about this semi-democratic action.** We started a write-along website, stuck posters, gave text writing workshops to all interested citizens of Arnhem. We and even got some resistance by some guy called Dr. Soul who made posters about Loesje being a political whore. Yeah, it's all about democracy.



### The Dutch office

Marjolein isn't working anymore at the Dutch office. There where problems in the cooperation. Mediation meetings didn't give a solution. There is no new vacancy at the moment. Marcel is at moment sick at home and for the time being Meindert is replacing him.

## Mayday Actions!

\* **Sticking by bike** around the hilly part of the Netherlands; Nijmegen. We even did a little D-Germany-tour.

\* A big **Loesje picnic** in the centre of Nijmegen, the day after. With soup out of nature.

\* **Being a journalist** for a day at the alternative Dutch G8 top 'Another world is possible'.

\* An **editorial weekend** in the upper left corner of the Netherlands called Den Helder. With a text writing session in a deserted shopping mall and dinner at a snackbar.

\* Even more up north there were two days of sticking in **Leeuwarden and Sneek**. Leeuwarden is decided to be the best sticking city but in Sneek there's more water.

\* Friends of the Earth NL gave **Loesje-mugs** with environmental texts to all 150 members of the Dutch parliament.

\* **Loesje NL entered the world of the Millennium goals** by having her first meeting in the Dutch Millennium Platform.

\* We had a **successful writing session with the Fur Free Alliance** in the Netherlands. Our texts are now available on their website. Also the Dutch Fair Trade Organisation got a nice text writing workshop.

\* Of course we did some sticking in the **Dutch Media Center** and writing in Groningen and Utrecht during the Third of May; International Press Freedom Day.

\* For the rest we just did our normal things like sticking, writing, eating cake and **trying to get a moustache**.

## Berlin movie evening in Spain

How is going in Berlin?

Here is busy time we are closing some projects and organizing the summer activities, holidays, etc...

Yesterday our group had the Berlin movies party!! We showed all the videos and talked about our nice project to our friends, the other organization people and people who wanted to join us.



It was a really great party and everybody like our work (all the videos and stuff). It was really nice also to see all the videos again in a big screen but at the same time we were a little sad because I remember a lot of nice moments that we had together.



I hope we can have some more soon!! I send you some photos here about the party.

Remember you have a group of friends in Spain (let's go and visit us!!).

A lot of kisses  
Maria

## Movies from around the world

**28th of June 20:00-22:00**

On the 28th of June there will be a movie evening organised at Loesje's imagination. The movies are all related to the Millennium Development Goals set by the UN to end poverty. It is a selection of documentaries made by people from different countries including Germany. Some of the documentaries are also available online.

One of the documentaries with the title "Eyecamp" (13 min English with Dutch subtitles) is about a field hospital in India where in 2 weeks time over 14.000 people got operated on cataract.



The documentary is made by Dutch, Paul van Strij en Doeko. Doeko is organising the evening and will also be present for questions related to the documentary. Most documentaries will be in English without subtitles.

The movie evening is part of an international project taking place in Germany, Nepal, Uzbekistan, Latvia and Kazakhstan. The project with the title "the world is too round to sit silently in the corner" targets to get young people involved to realise the Millennium Development Goals.

On [www.mdg.loesje.org](http://www.mdg.loesje.org) you can read about the different actions. The project will end with the publication of a practical handbook in English and Russian to guide young people to start their own actions.

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Loesje's Imagination  
28th of June 20:00-22:00

Karl-Kunger-Strasse 55  
Alt-Treptow, Berlin, Germany

# DANGEROUS BIKERS

Millennium Development Goals / Environmental action in Berlin



On the Sunday 3rd of June Loesje's friends were dangerous... indeed. Nobody got harmed or injured, we actually had a lot of fun... just some car drivers were quite angry, but for once they were the ones who had to wait, 'cause thousand of bicycle drivers had conquered the streets of Berlin. We were wearing nice orange t-shirts and riding our beloved bikes, lovely decorated with coloured balloons, spreading the message: "FAHRRADFAHRER SIND GEFÄHRLICH / FÜR DIE ÖLINDUSTRIE" (BICYCLE RIDERS ARE DANGEROUS / FOR THE OIL INDUSTRY). We made an action related to the 7th goal of the Millennium Development Goals, "Ensure environmental sustainability", while joining a big event, which happen in Berlin once a year, the Sternfahrt.

a nice game where players were impersonating a country involved in the Millennium Development Goals achievements, answering questions about the MDGs topic and roll a huge red dice to complete the goals for their country, poor or rich, before the arrival of the year 2015, the global deadline for the achievement of the Goals.

Some people joined the game and had fun, others just asked questions and received information about the project, Loesje's program to develop the knowledge about the MDGs, and the MDGs itself.

From all around the city (which is quite big, you know) 250 000 people were starting to ride, forming a star, and there were several meeting points on the route. The arrival was the Brandenburger Tor (the Gate of Brandenburg) where the Umweltfestival (Environmental festival) was built up, with a lot of nice stands and concerts. So we biked through the city from 12.00 to 15.30, and even on the highway (that's wonderful, I suggest everybody to try it out : ), up on the ramps, down on a tunnel, slowly enjoying the landscape, happily ringing our bicycle bells, nicely talking to each other about how pleasant it was being there... and life in general. People were also asking questions about our nice clothing and children and grown-ups were very happy to receive coloured balloons to decorate their bikes with.



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When we arrived to the final destination, the Strasse der 17. Juni (this is how the long monumental street which goes from the Brandenburger Tor to the Siegessäule (the Column of Victory) is called, the famous column with the golden angel on the top), was full with bikes of every kind and shape, and between the coloured stands we found our place to play the "MDG live size game",



That was our environmental-friendly action, an action that I personally repeat everyday to the maximum of "burn fat not oil"...

/Melissa