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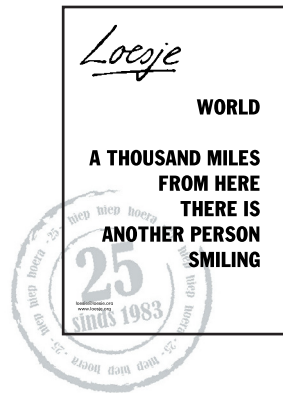
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Greets to everyone who reads this

Very soon Loesie and her office friends will go traveling: first to Hungary, then to the Netherlands and almost in the end of the year – to Scotland. Coming back to Berlin will be more like visiting it as guests. The question is: who will feed the Elk and water our small green friends? The coffee machine will be sad and lonely, the neighbours will forget our faces. Though maybe we'll get a lot of new neighbours – in other countries. Making coffee, making trips, making friends, making actions, making parties, making trainings, making magazines, making history – the small and humble agenda (and also a draft for new Stephen Frv's book).

We'll be back with lots of stories to write about – and some presents for you. Don't miss the moment.

See you soon.
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Hev Loesie people!

Do you already have plans for Loesie's birthday celebration? Of course, she invites everyone to her birthday party in Arnhem on the 29th of November, but also you can do something in your countries – in one day, all over the world.

We have big banners with Loesie text "world / a thousand miles from here / there is another person smiling". We want to send one banner to each Loesie country for a one-day birthday action. You can make whatever kind of action on the 24th of November (or during the birthday week), like text writing, sticking, making a cake with 25 candles on it. During this action the banner can be hung up, and nice pictures made. We would be glad if you send pictures and stories of your action to: loesie25jaar@loesie.nl. So that they can be published on the Loesie 25 years website (www.loesie25jaar.nl) and also used for an exhibition during the birthday party in Arnhem.

If you want to get the banner for your action, send your postal address to lena@loesie.ora, and soon you'll get this birthday present.

Aenda

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| 5.11-12.11 | International Loesie training, Budapest, Hungary |
| 24.11 | Loesie's 25th birthday |
| 27.11-28.11 | International Loesie seminar, Arnhem, the Netherlands |
| 28.11 | Buy Nothing Day |
| 29.11 | Birthday party for Loesie, Arnhem, the Netherlands |
| 30.11-3.12 | MaÙta training |

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Greetings from the Dutch office

This month the Dutch office is busy with tataaaaaa! Loesie's birthday party preparations! You are very welcome to celebrate with us, the one and only international Loesie birthday party on Saturday, November 29th in Arnhem, The Netherlands.

A few weeks before the big day, on the weekend November 1st and 2nd, there will be an exposition with life-size Loesie-posters in Loesie's birthplace Arnhem. Art students will present posters as paintings in public space. Curious?

More news: The new Dutch book will go to the printer soon. New products arrived in the past weeks, i.e. Spanish t-shirts and cool romper suits (baby overalls).

Also a new Dutch poster series is out!

On the first weekend of October the monthly member's weekend took place in Alkmaar. The weekend's topic was the "codex alimentarius". If you don't happen to know what it is, ask at the Dutch office. People discussed

a lot about it at the members' weekend and it will be a pleasure for them to explain it to you. Discussions and finding themes for actions kept everybody busy. The best of these ideas are now in the Dutch bulletin. They will hopefully stimulate people to plant some vegetables in the streets or make survival packages.

And... Loesie goes to Germany! On October 18th Loesie will go to Krefeld, poster sticking and visit to a theatre combined. Our printer gives us German posters and stickers that had been waiting for a long long time to be stuck. The waiting is over!

Furthermore, Loesie Netherlands proudly presents 50ka of lay-outed new books, averaged 5 workshops per week = 18.500ka of workshops, averaged 20ka of sent products and averaged 20ka of eaten bread in October.

/Mvrtó

The Christmas present of the year is here...

Did you ever feel like sending out loads of packages with nice things to your friends? The international office can do it for you!

We will soon print a lot of posters, the pictures and the slogan winners of the www.picturevourrights.org competition. We need your help, to spread them all over the world, to people who will enjoy them and put them up! The competition resulted in 10 posters, with pictures, slogans, Loesie posters and information about human rights... Together 20 posters can be put up as a poster exhibition, or they can be pretty, one by one...

We need you to help us find people who would like to put the exhibition up, spread the posters, or just receive the nicest present of the year!

If you want to help out by being an address ambassador for Loesie, send the address list of all your friends, ask for the complete addresses of a nice organization or just contact us for ideas of how to help out. Since Santa plans to come early this year, he will manage to deliver the presents already before the Human Rights Day at the 10th of December.

/ Julia & Santa

Mail to: books@loesie.org

Subject: Human Rights Info posters



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We have already sent out around ONE THOUSAND KILOS of Book in 1 Days and Maštas!

And there is more to get. If it was too easy to give away among your friends, or to leave at cool places, we will be happy to send you more. Also if you didn't have time to send us an email to say that you want books and magazines, please do it now. Send an email to books@loesie.org.

WHATS GOING ON?

A lot of things are happening around the world, and often something of what passes ends up on the internet. The internet is big and winding, so it is often hard to find things, especially if you didn't know the thing exists. Here are some small news, and some links. So that you can find what we at the office find nice on the internet this month.

NEW T-SHIRTS IN THE ON-LINE SHOP

Is your tie strangling or believes vague?
Be a pride T-shirt wearer and believe in yourself!

A new English t-shirt:
OF ALL THE THINGS TO BELIEVE IN / WHY NOT YOURSELF – printed in black on a pink t-shirt.

A Spanish t-shirt: LA LIBERTAD RARAMENTE USA CORBATA (FREEDOM SELDOM WEARS A TIE) – printed in yellow on a red t-shirt.

Order t-shirts through Loesie's web shop, there are also other texts available in English and in German.
(<http://www.loesie.ora/cai-bin/shop/perlshop.cail>)



DANCE LOESJE'S DANCE!

If you ever wondered what a work shop is, look here:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4CvxizcRDFc>

Read some quotes from Summer Camp:
<http://www.loesie.ora/cai-bin/vabb2/YaBB.pl>



An EVSer's conitions Part II

First of all, some useful information for better understanding. EVS is the abbreviation of European Voluntary Service. It is a programme for young people that started in 1998. The official website of the European Commission says about this programme:

The European Voluntary Service (EVS) provides young Europeans with the unique chance to express their personal commitment through unpaid and full-time voluntary activities in a foreign country within or outside the EU. In this way, it seeks to develop solidarity, mutual understanding and tolerance among young people, thus contributing to reinforcing social cohesion in the European Union and to promoting young people's active citizenship.

EVS is "open to all young people aged 18 to 30". The participating countries are all 27 EU member states and so-called accession countries: Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Turkey.

Even though the EU gives young people the great opportunity to follow this wonderful programme, getting a visa is still a problem:

Participating in EVS does not exempt you from following the national visa regulations. It is important to know that there is a big difference in regulations from one country to another.

And after this nice note they write:

In specific or difficult cases the Executive Agency or National Agencies can issue a letter and an explanatory note in order to support individual visa applications. Ask your Sending or Coordinating Organisation to contact them if support is needed to obtain your visa.

Now imagine, you are a young European from a non-EU-country and you want to do EVS in The Netherlands. Your Sending Organisation wants you to come there, your project gets approved by the EU, everything seems to be fine – but you don't get a visa. On the grounds that "a Dutch person or EU-citizen could do this job". And nobody can help you successfully. The Netherlands disavow or do not approve EVS as a reason for non-EU-citizens to stay in this country for more than 6 months. There is officially no way for a non-EU-citizen to do EVS for a whole year. They are treated like any other person and can only apply for a visa of 6 months. And still, I don't know, is there a guarantee that you will get it? Secondly, why do EVS for only 6 months if you have the possibility

to do EVS for a whole year, in another country than the Netherlands? It all ends up in a vicious circle: organisations decide in favour of EU-citizens, prospective EVSers decide in favour of other countries. And the situation doesn't change.

Apart from that, my biggest question is: how is it possible that a country, which participates in an official youth programme of the European Union, does not approve this very same programme when it comes to letting people enter it? Why are Dutch people allowed to do EVS in the Balkan states but people from the Balkan states are not allowed to do EVS in The Netherlands?

In Greek, my beautiful mother tongue, there is a saying I like very much. It says: "Both the die intact and the die full is not possible".

While writing this everybody at the office got checked by the labour inspectorate. Because they'd heard about someone from a non-EU-country who wanted to work here and did not get a visa. And they wanted to be sure this person is really not here. Otherwise Loesie would have to pay a load of money. Well, they did not find the person they were looking for, but it was so much fun watching them check whether all the other people here are real Dutch, and not foreigners. I am foreign, and there are some more. But all of us are EU-citizens, so we hope everything is fine.

But hey, did you by any chance know that Portuguese ID-cards look like a paper of a sports club? And that my Greek ID might be forged? I had to sign in front of this man so that he could be sure I am the person I say I am. Now I would really like to have got one of these very fancy, modern Dutch ID-cards. They are just about the limit!

This is the country of the countries! If you wish to live here, be aware that it's a long way. Foreigners are not wanted by the government and the foreign politics, in my eyes at least.

/Mvrtó

P.S. Something nice about The Netherlands: I love biological chocolate via and I do really appreciate that films play in the original version both on TV and at the cinemas.
P.P.S. I admit that I know very little about visa politics in other countries. I heard that also Germany makes difficulties in these matters. But at least everybody can do 12 months EVS there.

Why not join Loesie in Berlin?

We might be looking for you. We are searching for enthusiastic and creative members to do European Voluntary Service (EVS) in Berlin. EVS is a project of the European Commission and it means you can live for free in Berlin, do some useful things for Loesie and enjoy life, if you are under 30 and a citizen of the European Union.

The project will start on the 1st of September 2009 and will last until the 31st of August 2010. And it will be a great experience.

At our office you will be working together with Rola (SE), Joep (NL), probably one more person as well as two or three other EVS-ers. It will be an intercultural mixed team. Accommodation will be arranged for you, you get money for food and pocket money, a German language course and a bike. The atmosphere at the office is informal and there is a lot of space to come up with your own ideas. You will get guidance during the year, at the same time as self-initiative is encouraged. Once you have been selected we also want to develop our year program with you. That's why an active attitude is essential for joining our team.

Applying you can do now but first read the regulations and selection criteria. If you have questions just ask us, no problem. One advice in case you know the people of the international office, pretend you don't know them. What you write to us is very important and not what you believe that we know of you. It's better to write more than to give too little information.

The actual work you'll do greatly depends on your own interests. Own initiative is highly valued. But to give an incomplete overview of the possibilities:

- be in contact with and support new & old members
- support and organize international projects

- organize international exchanges
- give creative textwriting workshops in different countries
- update the Loesie website
- make the international Bulletin
- organize Summercamp
- organize or create exhibitions, workshops or other activities in our project room Loesie's Imagination

Regulations

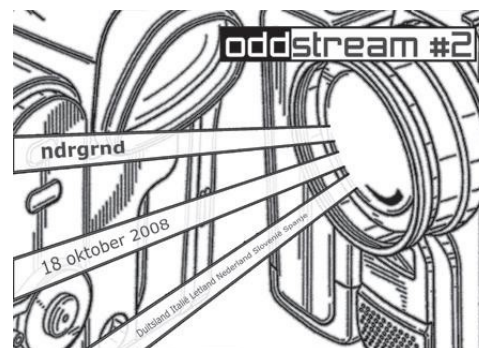
- You are not allowed to be German.
- You should be between 18 and 30 years old (not 30 when the project starts).
- You should be a citizen of the European Union.
- You should be able to speak English (preferably more languages).

Selection Criteria

- A strong motivation clearly described what you want to do
- Able to work independently and to develop own ideas
- Priorities goes to people from regions where new activities have started lately and we prefer a geographical and gender mixed team, though personal qualities weigh higher
- Experience inside Loesie
- CV and Creative Vitae (what are your creative skills?)
- Computer skills
- Driving license and able to speak German is a +
- Wanting to live with other EVS-ers (doesn't mean it will happen)
- We should believe you will fit in our team

Deadline for applying

The deadline for applying is the 1st of December 2008. We will inform you as soon as possible after this date if you are selected or not. You can send your application to evs@loesie.org. Later there might be more EVS-places available.



COMING UP: BOARD MEETING BELGIUM

26.02-01.03 2009

The Board Meeting, the place to be if you want to know what is going on within and around Loesie International, and to make your plans come true... A very nice location has been reserved in Boortmeerbeek, a village between Leuven and Mechelen, for Thursday 26th of February (arrival day) to Sunday 1st of March (departure day). You can start booking your tickets now!

If you would need invitation letters to convince others that you are very wanted in Belgium, don't hesitate to contact us! (loesie@loesie.org)



Textwriting in Scotland

ODDSTREAM #2

The second edition of Oddstream took place between 10th and 19th of October in Nijmegen. Participants from 6 European countries: Germany, Italy, Latvia, the Netherlands, Slovenia and Spain, came together to combine different artistic means, creating 1 minute movies. Now you can see the results of the exchange behind this link: <http://nl.youtube.com/user/psvideochannel>.



Boardmeeting in Berlin, March 2008

ACTION IN UPPSALA

The Swedes has composed an action weekend for 28th -30th of November in Uppsala. With Birthday celebration, Buy Nothing Day -action, biannual meeting and more! Get in touch with loesie@loesie.se if you want to join.

POSTCARDS WITH DOTS AS LETTERS

**It all started a long time ago.
Nobody can remember when.
You know, things go slow in the North.**

The Idea itself, though, appeared in spontaneous discussion, about new forms and formats of Loesie and how could it be wider than now. Meaning: we spread Loesie in postcards in Estonia, because sticking is officially prohibited. And we do it in three languages to deliver message 100% even to those who don't speak official languages, or minority languages, or international form of it. Great! But still audience could be wider. Like what? Anyone, literal enough can read Loesie. Which means, anyone able to read... wait... how about those who can't see? I mean blinds. Could it be possible to do postcards with Braille?

So, like that the idea came and was doomed to sink slowly in months of searching for right guys. And this actually became a number one mission for Misha – our new EVSer from Russia. We checked all websites of local communities of disabled people, talked to them asking about printer or at least where do they get books. With negative result, of course. Then we checked libraries and regular printers and nearly found one in Tallinn. But knocking their door didn't bring result either. Then we figured out that there is a school for blind kids in Tartu and gave a visit to its headmaster, who finally said that, yes, there is printer!



In Tartu Logically, it took another two months to reach for this printer as it belongs to another community of blinds of Southern Estonia, called Epitar. Then finally one day we met these guys who stared at us like at sponsors who want to print some nice stuff and leave a bag of gold by the door. It took a time to explain the real need and answer the main question of: Why do you want to do this? And answer which you already know, otherwise you wouldn't be reading this bulletin or being a part of Loesie.

Then we came up with texts. And they could be only in English and Estonian, in other words, languages that use Latin alphabet, because Braille machine didn't understand Cyrillic. It also forced us to give up first plan of printing Braille upon regular text. Why? Because Braille machine can have just one font of one size. And it is not Franklin. And the rest? The rest you already saw. Or will see one day, when you receive a postcard with 3d dots instead of 2d letters. Because this project wasn't for blinds. It was more for us, able to see, because sometimes with all our abilities at disposal we forget about those who miss some. Social thing. Pure Loesie, I'd say.

Another step done for the sake of global accessibility of Loesie. What comes next? C'mon, we can do it.

//Deniss



AROUND THE BIG PARTY

Loesie's birthday party, the party where you can meet all the people who have been active years ago, also internationally, will take place on Saturday the 29th of November in Arnhem.

Before the party, on the Thursday and Friday, a Loesie training will take place with the following three parts:

Creative text writing Loesie style: Almost always an interesting and surprising experience. Especially if the workshop is led well. That's why there will be time to exchange tips and tricks in maintaining a creative text writing workshop.

Rumors are that there also will be exchanged on how you can get your costs covered, and maybe more!

You will also learn how you can take part in the passport project.

Please contact ioep@loesie.org if you want to come, also parts are possible.

THE BULLETPOINTS

- Loesie Training: 26 – 28 November
- Party: 29 November
- Masta training: 30 November – 3 December

MAŠTA SPASSI!

Do you want to flirt with the magazine crew? Then this is the moment for you... Join up for the best afterparty ever!

After Loesie's birthday celebration, from the 30th of November until 3rd of December, opportunities will be given to exchange your hand-over with a flap-over, and to transform your activism creatively. In a secret location in The Netherlands we will have time to unfold ideas, practice theories, and have fun doing that!

How to get there? Hitchhike, walk or hijack a vehicle. Ask Joep for instructions: ioep@loesie.org



25 years of blue buckets



What about joining Loesie in Kielce?

Loesie in Poland is partly sleeping, but we want to shake up the whole country with Loesie and new EVSers. Most of our members already ended their studies and disappeared, so we should go for a hunt of new ones. Loesie is working in a Volunteer Centre in Kielce, and most of our staff is working for their own activities or projects, to keep the place alive.

From today Loesie Poland has the accreditation for being the hosting organization for EVS, and we're ready to host two Loesie volunteers. We need active Loesie members, that are able to join our team and organize their own initiatives with the support of our organization and volunteers!

Read more about our program in the EVS database:
http://ec.europa.eu/youth/evs/aod/hei_en.cfm
 Our EI-number is 2008-PL-20.

Take care,
 Karol.



Oliia Draaileva

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LOESJE!

Loesie Finland couldn't wait for Loesie's real birthday, since it was a perfect day to celebrate 25 year old Loesie on 10th October, the national day of Literature. Loesie and her friends took over Tullintori square with chalk pens. Loesie posters and old Finnish Loesie texts. The oldest ones translated in Finnish were from 1991, when Loesie saw Finland for the first time. Some small Loesie-notes were also hanging from strings attached between the trees.

After a while Loesie got company. Some girls and a family stopped by and joined the drawing. The children were interested in dancing on the footsteps drawn on the ground. An old man stopped reading the texts and was delighted with the texts. Loesie was smiling.

Soon she was smiling even more, eating birthday cakes (yeah we had to bake many so that there was enough for her friends too). In traditional Finnish manner the party included also sauna, of course.

So the Loesie's big birthday celebration has not started, but this was just the begin, naturally. Loesie's Finnish friends will celebrate on 24th November in sportive way!

Greetinas,
 Linda



Oliia Draaileva



Pictures: Philoode Luickx



RAINBOWS WOULD BE BORING IF THEY ONLY HAD ONE COLOUR



During the 27th of September to 5th of October our Berlin office became a creative laboratory where 6 groups, from Lithuania, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Belgium, Romania and Berlin reflected, worked and discussed about sexuality, gender, gender equality and identity.

During the first days we got to know each other as organizations and as participants. For that we made short presentations about our organizations and we used glue, scissors, colours, flowers and papers to make an introduction about ourselves in a creative way. We had the opportunity to open up our views and know more about how the LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans & Queer) situations in different countries are like. We made text writing workshops to let our ideas come out, as you can see from the nice posters. We discussed and expressed our opinions in mixed groups about the topics.



**DO YOU HAVE TO
THINK ABOUT
IDENTITY**

**TO HAVE
AN IDENTITY**

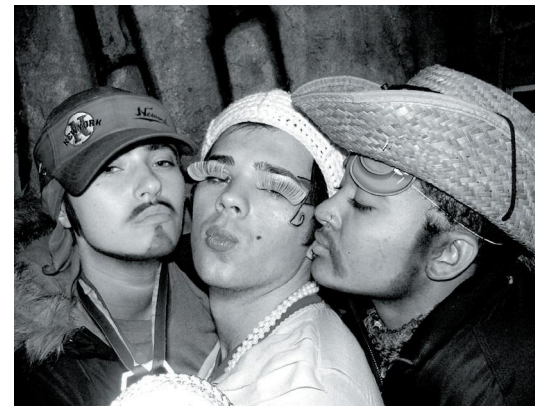
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With all these ideas flying around we had a great environment to start our working groups. One group worked with video, which resulted in two short films, another made a magazine and we also had a group in charge of the final exhibition. All the groups worked hard and this shows in the final products.

Everything has to end and also the exchange but with a big release party with a great exhibition in Loesje's Imagination. All of us and also some friends enjoyed it with music, food, videos and photographs. Later we will print the magazine with the results from the exchange and we are all looking forward to that!

/Merv



**IS YOUR GREEN
MY GREEN**

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APATHY

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I THINK I HAVE
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DAD**

**I NEED TO TELL YOU
SOMETHING**

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