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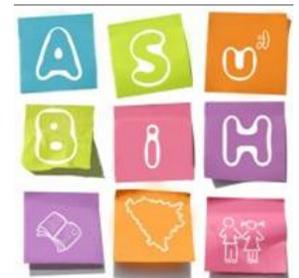
international **day** of students

## OBESSU members celebrate the 17 November - International Day of Students

### Bosnia and Herzegovina

#### ASUBIH:

Regarding to International Day of Students (IDS); the Association of Secondary School Students in Bosnia and Herzegovina (ASUBIH) will write down on panels all student rights, as well as the responsibilities of secondary school students and send them all in that form to every secondary school in Bosnia and Herzegovina. ASUBIH administrative board members will promote that panel and they'll make sure that IDS will be celebrated well for the first time in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



### Denmark



#### DGS:

National elections will take place in Denmark on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November. Therefore DGS has chosen to celebrate the IDS on their conference that will take place the weekend before. There will be an international lounge with the presence of OBESSU and a student activist from Colombia. The theme of the workshops will be *International tendencies in the School students' movement*.

**LH:**

The upcoming elections in Denmark will be the first ones where the 16 and 17 year olds will give a simulated-vote. LH members will write a series of articles concerning the elections, for a national newspaper. One of these articles will be about the historical perspective of the youth movement and the IDS. Parts of the article will be translated into English and uploaded on the OBESSU webpage.



**EEO:**

EEO is planning to send letter to the editors of different newspapers in order to inform them about the IDS.

**Iceland**

**SÍF:**

SÍF will organize a joint effort including all Icelandic students. SÍF has been currently working on the light on the rights campaign (LOTR). The Declaration of Students' Rights have been translated into Icelandic and will be published on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November. All SÍF members will abstain from their classes for an hour to come together and pay tribute to the IDS and to get informed about the Declaration. To make the action more noticable all the event will be video taped and the students will all stand up to show that they are ready to know there rights and fight for them! SÍF will also have a meeting with the Minister of Education to present the Declaration, and the LOTR campaign to her.



**Ireland**

**ISSU:**



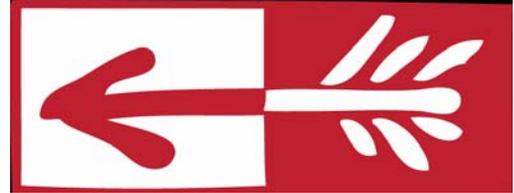
This year to mark the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, ISSU are putting together a 24 page student rights themed issue of our newsletter. The newsletter will feature articles about the Declaration of School Students Rights, the "Light on the Rights" campaign, the 17<sup>th</sup> of November as well as articles from noted Irish public figures and organisations involved in the promotion of human and children's rights. The newsletter will be sent as part of a mailing to the 734 second-level (secondary) schools in Ireland as well as to all the other organisations in the Irish education and youth sectors and of course, we will send some copies to OBESSU. Some school Student Councils will also be holding small local events to mark the 17th of November such as inviting in a guest speaker or giving a talk to

other students about the Declaration. ISSU are hoping that these will help to create awareness of the Declaration and the importance of student rights among students at grass roots level and across the education and youth sectors in Ireland!

## Italy

### UDS:

UDS is organising a big student protest with demonstrations in about 50 cities around Italy. UDS made a call for action targeting both school and university students. In their actions they will include concerts, cultural events, movie projections and they'll even try to try out alternative pedagogical methods with teachers. UDS wants to draw attention to the huge cutbacks on the governmental expenditures for education (more than 8 billion Euros less in 3 years) and they will ask for a rise of public investment on education. There will be a call for the renewal of school buildings that, in many cases, are dangerous, the introduction to modern pedagogical methods in education and finally the adoption of a national law on the right to education. The first big demonstration of university students as well as pupils will be organised from "Link", a new student network that brings together UDS and university students' unions. A small video made by OBESSU for the 17<sup>th</sup> of November is already posted on the web-site of UDS [www.unionedeglistudenti.it](http://www.unionedeglistudenti.it) .



## Norway

### SSUN:



On 17th of November the School Student Union of Norway (SSUN) celebrates its 50th anniversary. On the party organised to celebrate that concurrence SSUN will highlight the history and the significance of the school students' movement in Norway over the past 50 years. Speeches will be given from the president of the organisation and the Norwegian Minister of Education, Ms. Kristin Halvorsen and

others. Other focal points will be school student democracy, the right of students to affect and decide on matters concerning education and their inclusion as equals in the decision making process. One of the main goals of SSUN is to call attention on these values which have been the source of passion and engagement to the movement from its very beginning.

## Serbia

### UNSS:

UNSS inaugurated the "Light on the Rights" campaign in Serbia and the aim is to promote students' rights in a local, regional and national level. UNSS has two activities covered by the campaign and 50 schools which are directly linked with the Union and who



are cooperating with it. They have 16 coordinators whose responsibility is to monitor and help selected schools in their regions. The first activity will be held on November, 17<sup>th</sup> and another one on January, 2010.

## Switzerland

### USO-UCE-UCS and VSS-UNES-USU:

USO-UCE-UCS in cooperation with VSS-UNES-USU (the umbrella organization of the Swiss University Student Unions) made a flyer for the 17<sup>th</sup> of November which will be distributed to all of their member organisations (MO).

A more detailed letter will be sent in the following days

to all USO and VSS MOs including a short presentation of the 17th November and a call for action. A letter will be sent also to the school principals, asking them to allow their students to celebrate that day peacefully within or out of school. There will also be several press releases to nation wide media concerning the IDS. USO decided to organise flash mobs of students for the celebration of the IDS. The flash mobs will take place on different locations in Bern where groups of students will assemble suddenly in a public place, perform an unusual action for a brief time and then quickly disperse. There will be at least three people dressed up as light bulbs distributing flyers to pedestrians. Last but not least SUB, (Student Union of the University of Berne) will organise (with support from VSS-UNES-USU) a screening of student movement documentary movies, a panel-discussion and a party afterwards, these events will take place in Bern.



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