

## - Stand Up For Youth Employment! -

### Concept Note & Draft programme

#### What:

After last year's "Sandwich Protest" that gathered more than 300 participants in front of the European Parliament in Brussels, the support of 40 Members of the European Parliament, and international press coverage (Euronews, Der Spiegel, the New York times), a network of 20 NGOs from 8 countries partner to organise and support the first European Interns Day (EID) on the 18th of July. The EID has 3 main objectives:

- 1) Raise awareness about interns' precarious conditions in Europe;
- 2) Call for new solutions to boost youth employment through internships with fair remuneration and quality training;
- 3) Launch the 1st European Label for Quality Internships developed by InternsGoPro & key partners.

#### Why:

Internships have become a requirement to get a job as they can bridge the skills gap between education and work, but strikingly the majority of them do not fulfil this purpose. Among the 4.5 million interns per year in Europe, 59% are unpaid, 40% work without a contract and 30% complete internships that do not provide any learning content except coffee-making skills. This hinders youth employability and creates social inequality. The EID wants to change this situation.

#### For whom:

Interns, students, young professionals, employers recruiting interns or offering entry-level jobs, EU institutions and public authorities, NGOs and civil society organisations for youth & employment.

#### Programme:

The day's main activities will take place in Brussels with several happenings occurring simultaneously in different European cities and online. A large campaign on social networks during the weeks leading to the event will support the programme of the day.

#### 12.30 PM - 3PM: "European Interns' Assembly", Place du Luxembourg, Brussels

A gathering of hundreds people in front of the European Parliament. Join the event on FB!  
<http://on.fb.me/1yY7e94>

- Introduction and motivational speech by civil society leaders
- Keynote speech by newly elected politicians
- Crowdsourcing: Box of ideas and questions to be discussed during the follow-up conference
- Brussels Interns' NGO's stand to pre-sign the European Citizens' Initiative on interns' rights
- InternsGoPro's stand to rate your internships!
- Do it yourself workshop : Draw your banner/messages
- Project 668's CV check workshop
- JCI's career advice workshop
- JCI The Heart of Europe's Stand
- European Youth Forum's stand
- Euroalternative's workshop on "Making a living!"
- Captain Europe's job interviews to find his sidekick/intern (tbc)
- Prize for the Guinness record of number of internships
- Prize for a Facebook Interns' picture contest
- Giant Picnic, bring your sandwich!
- Concert by Kuba Kesy

# EUROPEAN INTERNS'DAY

18.07.2014

**3.30PM - 5.30PM: "Quality Internships: Ways Forward" Panel Debate, European Parliament, Room József Antall 4Q1.**

**Important:** To access the Parliament, you must register ID details by Wednesday 16/07, 2pm, on: [bit.ly/1oGCOMT](http://bit.ly/1oGCOMT)

*What is a quality internship and why is quality important for youth employment?*

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*What has the European Union done to help interns and is it sufficient?*

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*How can employers design quality internships and be incentivized to do so?*

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A panel debate and discussion in the framework of the first ever European Interns Day and the launch of European Label for Quality Internships!

This panel debate aims to examine what can now be done, following the Quality Framework for Traineeships, in order to ensure that internships help young people find employment. Panelists representing civil society, employers and policy-makers, will examine what has already happened on the European level, concrete successful examples from the national level and from the business world, and how the situation can be improved for interns across Europe.

15:00 – 15:30 **Registration**

15:30 - 15:40 **Welcome remarks**

Allan Päll, Secretary General, European Youth Forum

Léa Hannaoui-Saulais, President, European Parliament Stagiaires Association

15.40 – 16.00 **Official launch of the European Label for Quality Internships** and presentation of InternsGoPro & Brussels Interns NGO (B!ngo)

16.00 – 17.00 **Panel Discussion**

- Moderator: Allan Päll, European Youth Forum
- Member of European Parliament, (tbc)
- Representative, European Commission (tbc)
- Gianpiero Lotito, Founder of Facility Life, Ambassador for 'e-skills for jobs 2014' of the European Commission
- Tom Vrijens, Bureau Member, European Trade Union Confederation Youth Committee
- Gus Baker, Co-Director, InternAware UK / Malcom Hammer, Génération Précaire
- Régis Pradal / Pierre-Julien Bossier, Co-founders, InternsGoPro

17.00 – 17:30 **Questions** to the Panel and open debate with participants

17.30 **Networking drinks**

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