



"Young Friends III" (summer 2011) a Summary

An International Peace and Reconciliation project
managed by
Oslo Vest Rotary Club

"Young Friends III" – Milestones

- Okt. 10 – Application for funding to RD 2310
- Jan. 11 – OVRK decision for "Young Friends III"
- Jan. 11 – Invitations to West Balkan Clubs
- Feb. 11 – Processing of applications
- Mar. 11 – Agreement on cost-sharing with ISS
- Apr. 11 – Nomination of students
- 20.06.11 – Students arrival at Lillehammer (Nansen Academy)
- 24.06.11 – Students arrival at ISS
- 27.06.11 – ISS welcoming ceremony in Oslo City Hall
- 29.06.11 – Garden-party at Knut (Søraas)
- 21.07.11 – "Young Friends III" visit Oslo Rotary Club
- 29.07.11 – ISS Cultural event at Chateau Neuf
- 04.08.11 – Farewell party at ISS
- 05.08.11 – Students departure from OSLO

"Young Friends III" – Nominations

- Nada Pavlovic R – Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Marko Sipka R – Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Roman Jovanovic R – Croatia
- Marija Kucko R – Croatia
- Zrinka Makaj R – Croatia
- Besim Grazhda R – Kosovo
- Dafina Halili N – Kosovo
- Edita Mahmuti R – Kosovo
- Biljana Dijanisleva N – Macedonia
- Sandra Smolovic N – Montenegro
- Tatjana Antin R – Serbia
- Milos Damjanovic N – Serbia
- Nevenica Kostadinovic N – Serbia
- Anett Soti R – Serbia
- Bojana Stocic N – Serbia

"Young Friends III" – At what cost ?

(15 students incl. 6 Nansen candidates)

• Appropriations (NOK)		
– SRK	–	50.000 (Appr. fall 2010)
– RD2310	–	50.000 (Appr. fall 2010)
– ISS(6 Rot. cand.)	–	192.000 (Appr. Mar. 2011)
– ISS(6 N.A. cand.)	–	192.000 (Appr. Mar. 2011)
– Private (PJR)	–	3.000 (Appr. 29.06.11)
– Total	–	487.000
• Actual Costs (NOK)		
– ISS	–	94.000 (From OVRK til ISS)
– ISS	–	192.000 (Rot. cand.)
– ISS	–	192.000 (N.A. cand.)
– Garden party	–	6.000 (at Knut Søråas)
– Private (PJR)	–	3.000 (transport for students)
– Totalt	–	487.000
• "Balance"	–	0

Contribution to Peace and Reconciliation

- "We will serve as an example of positivism and good energy, peace and friendship."
- "We have accomplished so much, and therefore are proud of ourselves."
- "Our gratitude cannot be measured or said in words, but only felt deep within our minds and hearts."



Cooperation across Rotary Districts

- Former RD 1910 Governor Toni Hilscher on Balkan (December 2007):
 - Best project for the region I´ve ever heard of !



Visability in Norwegian Government

- Former Minister of Foreign Affairs
Thorvald Stoltenberg:
 - ..an outstanding project. This is how peace and reconciliation is built..
Contact DFA; they have funding!
- Current Minister of Foreign Affairs
Jonas Gar Støre:
 - We have heavy investments in the West Balkan...to be spent there, not in Norway...However, I have a high respect for the ISS and the Nansen Dialogue program!



Visability with the West Balkan Embassies

- "Letter of recommendation" from the Ambassadors from the West Balkan in Oslo:
 - ...We support the project,... good for our region...
- Enver Abdulahi, Ambassador to Norway from Macedonia:
 - The personal efforts that the members of Oslo Vest Rotary Club and their affiliated Rotary partners in Norway are making to raise funds to bring together the young from Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Norway is commendable.



Visability at the highest levels of office

- The President of Serbia Boris Tadic ´ visiting Oslo:
 - We are working on peace and reconciliation with our neighbors in the former Yugoslavia.
- Reply from PJR:
 - Good to hear, Mr. President, we have already started in Oslo Vest Rotary!



"Young Friends III" – What did we Achieve?

Rotaract and Rotary joint effort

- Erik Bjønnes, President of Gimle Rotaract :
 - Thank you for letting us participate.



"Young Friends III" – What did we Achieve?

Successful cooperation with ISS and N.A.

- Nansen Academy at Lillehammer:
 - The students this year, as last year, were an excellent group
- ISS:
 - The challenge is in the funding



"Young Friends" – What next?

Planning for "Young Friends IV"

- Project folders & Roll-Ups
 - Norwegian/English
- Project presentations
 - Apr: "Spikersuppa"
 - Oct: "House of Friendship"
 - Oct: RD2310 Conference
 - Jan: World District Governors in San Diego
- ISS Agreement
- Applications for funding
- Invitations

