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Happy Easter from TGS!

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Dear friends, TGS Easter wishes are on their way! It is a pleasure to come back to you at this lively time of the year. One might guess it is something inside your Easter egg that makes the difference... how could you refuse a gift or even better chocolate that comes with a surprise? Nobody could! Nevertheless, at TGS we are ready to say this is not all.

If you consider that time of the year when Easter comes, the answer is given: Spring. Oh yes...that's it! Spring comes with a bell ring at TGS as it reminds us that Summer is coming and our projects are about to become true!

Two relevant events have already proved to be great experiences for us this year: the study trip to Brussels and the solidarity walk "Su e Zo per i Ponti di Venezia" (Up and Down the Bridges of Venice).

For the third edition of the "TGS 18+ Project", 14 people involved in TGS travelled from our Veneto region to Brussels together with 8 young people from Lombardy and Piedmont as a token of the productive collaboration between the Salesian Association of the these three regions. They were lucky enough to know more about many European institutions as well as the opportunities they offer in terms of volunteering, internships and cultural exchanges. They also had the chance to visit the European Parliament and to attend a plenary session.

As for the "Up and Down the Bridges", it took place on Sunday 2nd April. Venice welcomed just about 12,000 people in a middle-season weather day. Just while Prince Charles and Camilla were visiting Italy, volunteers were tied up at TGS office and travelling to and from Venice to get everything ready. The walk for solidarity represents a fantastic opportunity for gathering families, friends and





school groups in Venice, making the city more vigorous than ever. The Up and Down people also had the chance to get concession tickets for a number of Museums in the city over the weekend. We are particularly proud as our solidarity walk got the high patronage of the **United Nations' World Tourism Organisation** and it was also included in the world events of the **International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development**.

In the meantime, for some TGS volunteers work has just begun. Only one week after the Up and Down the Bridges, on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th April, the TGS leaders-to-be and the Committee gathered in Este, for a fully packed **TGS Leader Training Meeting**. We had met them in March for the Welcome Meeting to introduce TGS and all of its activities and it was a pleasure to meet them again last Sunday. They proved to be a group of feverish young people willing to know more and many already wishing to come and visit you.

Some of the leaders are involved in international training too, as TGS is now part of the international network called **Don Bosco Youth-Net**, connecting a number of Salesian organisations all over Europe. Our leaders have now the opportunity to join training courses and seminars all year

round - next ones are planned in Bollington (UK), Bratislava (Slovakia) and Prague (Czech Republic).

Good news from **TGS office** too: our UK summer courses are nearly fully booked and some courses show a waiting list of students. With a couple of training meetings still to take place in May, we hope there will be plenty of time to pass on the leaders as much information as they need. Then it will soon be time to put ourselves to the test. At the same time the Committee is busy working at planning the summer; frequent contacts with UK agents and collaborators for arrangements and updates, trips to plan, teachers' and host families' needs, students' request and much more, as many of you are aware of. You can't deny there are many irons in the fire. Due to the ongoing exchanges we frequently hear from many of you. However, this newsletter is a good chance to send all of you our best wishes and joyful hugs for Easter!

To all our English Friends: our very Best Wishes for a happy Easter from all TGS Students, Leaders and Committee! We're looking forward to another great Summer with all of you!

In pictures:

Up and Down the Bridges, Venice / TGS Leader Training Meeting, Este.



TGS Eurogroup Calendar 2017

DBYN Training course "The Creanimators"
 National TGS Assembly
 2nd TGS Leader Summer 2017 Training Meeting
 3rd TGS Leader Summer 2017 Training Meeting
 TGS Eurogroup Summer Courses 2017 presentation
 National TGS Committee Meeting
 TGS Eurogroup Summer Courses
 TGS Eurogroup Committee Camp
 DBYN Training course "Erasmus+ Booster"
 National TGS Committee Meeting
 TGS Leader Summer 2017 final meeting
 DBYN Seminar "Youth engagement & participation"
 Salesian Youth Ministry Conference
 TGS Committee / UK Meetings
 Corsa dei Santi (All Saints Race)
 National TGS Committee Meeting

16-23 April 2017
 29 April - 1 May 2017
 6-7 May 2017
 27-28 May 2017
 10 June 2017
 24-25 June 2017
 1-29 July 2017
 2-3 September 2017
 3-10 September 2017
 23-24 September 2017
 30 Sept. - 1 Oct. 2017
 12-15 October 2017
 October 2017
 Novembre 2017
 1 November 2017
 2-3 December 2017

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