

NEWS LETTER



50 years of TGS Eurogroup

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It sounds unusual to get our newsletter at this time of the year, as traditionally there is a long break between Easter and Christmas. In our last report, we disclosed why 2018 would not be a conventional year for the Association: TGS is celebrating its 50th Birthday - so experienced and so willing to experience at the same time!

50 years are enough to grant two generations to participate in our holidays. At our last meeting with the students' families on 9th June, we introduced some former TGS students now becoming TGS Leaders. We also met some former leaders now acting as parents instead of volunteers - their children are leaving with TGS in the Summer. That's part of the story of the Association, with a number of students, volunteers and supporters spreading the word year by year since its birth in 1968. A development that has involved educational and

training activities in the field of youth and social tourism as well as well.

We have been working to get ready for the celebration that is to take place in September. A two day celebration which is meant to be a great chance to meet old friends, share good memories and start developing new plans for the future... don't you think these reasons are good enough to join us?

Celebrations start on **Saturday 15th September**. You are all invited to a fascinating afternoon boat tour in the Venice Lagoon. The meeting point is just outside the train station in Venice. The boat will be waiting for us and will allow us to enjoy an amazing sightseen tour of Venice reaching the Giudecca Canal, St. Mark and stopping at Burano. After exploring the island widely know for its brightly coloured homes and lace goods, it will be the time to move to Torcello, an island nearby, famous for the timeless atmosphere of its main avenue and homes. Then we can't miss a stopover at San Giorgio Island, former headquarters of TGS Eurogroup. This is just opposite St. Mark's Square, where our cruise will finally end.

1968-2018: 50 YEARS OF TGS EUROGROUP PROGRAMME

Saturday 15th September 2018 SU E ZO TOUR

Venice and its lagoon

2.00pm: meeting at S. Lucia Railway Station, Venice

Boat tour in the Venice Lagoon

Stopovers at Burano, Torcello and S. Giorgio Islands

7.00pm: arrival in St. Mark's Square

8.00pm: dinner at a local restaurant

Accommodation available in Mogliano Veneto

Sunday 16th September 2018 TGS50

"Astori" Salesian College, Mogliano Veneto (TV)

10.00am: welcome

TGS50 presentation in the college Theatre

TGS Eurogroup Oratory

12.30pm: Holy Mass

1.30pm: lunch in the college dining hall

2.30pm: TGS50 Cake Competition



What follows next...? A relaxing stroll through the narrow streets in Venice and then dinner, if it pleases you, with a typical course menu at a local restaurant.

Sunday 16th September: celebrations are to go on in Mogliano Veneto, where our headquarter is. The meeting is at 10 o'clock in the morning and you will have the chance to meet TGS friends and spend time together. We will retrace the stages of our story and bring to your attention the projects we are developing for the future.

To follow, we will attend the Holy Mass and gather for lunch in the dining hall at Collegio Astori. As every celebration deserves, cakes are welcome! We will host the TGS 50th Birthday Cake Competition with cakes created by talented TGS friends and selected by a designated panel.

This is what we have been planning so far. The programme may be subject to slight variations but generally it is set as described. You might wish to take part to the two day celebration as well as to join TGS just for one day. Feel free to e-mail us at tgs50@tgseurogroup.it for any further information. We are available to help you find accommodation too.

The sooner you get in touch, the more you help us. However, it would be of great help if you enrolled within 1st September. *Our joy will be more complete if you will join us to celebrate.* Meeting you and your family is very important for us. It is a token of a strong Salesian experience we had the chance to live together and that is still a lively memory in your hearts as well as in ours

Alessandra

YOUR BIRTHDAY PRESENT FOR TGS50!

Grab your smartphone and shoot a video on the occasion of TGS50! That would be the best birthday present to TGS you could possibly think of!

We would like you to share a memory of your connection to TGS, an anecdote, a funny situation you've been involved in, a special moment you shared with your leaders or students, your birthday wishes, the reason why you feel part of our TGS family and much more! All video contributions will be assembled to build up a short video documentary to be presented on 16th September at TGS50 celebrations.

What are you waiting for? Just go creative and shoot a video with your smartphone, max. 40 seconds long, and send it via WhatsApp to the official TGS50 line: +39.370.3530925.

TGS50 mobile number and email address (+39.370.3530925 - tgs50@tgseurogroup.it) are also available for you to send us text messages, pictures and documents you would like to share with our Association: together with video contributions, they will all help us creating our big TGS50 Guestbook!



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