



FOUNDATION WEEK

FOUNDATIONS' WORK

31/05 > 04/06/2010 - SQUARE/BRUSSELS

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Join us for thought-provoking debates and exhibits at Foundation Week, featuring **Open Days**, an **Interactive Fair** and the 21st European Foundation Centre (**EFC**) Annual General Assembly (**AGA**) and **Conference**





> THERE ARE 110,000 FOUNDATIONS IN EUROPE
 > COLLECTIVELY THEY SPEND AS MUCH AS
 THE EU ANNUALLY ON PROGRAMMES AND
 PROJECTS THAT BENEFIT CITIZENS IN EUROPE
 AND ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD
 > FOUNDATIONS EMPLOY 750,000 TO 1 MILLION
 CITIZENS IN FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT IN EUROPE
 > FOUNDATIONS ARE INDEPENDENTLY
 RESOURCED AND AUTONOMOUS FROM
 BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT
 > IN TOWNS, CITIES, REGIONS AND COUNTRIES
 ACROSS EUROPE, FOUNDATIONS ARE RUNNING
 AND FUNDING ACTIVITIES IN A MYRIAD OF AREAS.

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

FOUNDATION WEEK IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR A WIDE RANGE OF ACTORS TO COME TOGETHER, INCLUDING:

- > European Union institutions
- > National representations
- > Multilateral organisations
- > NGOs
- > Think tanks
- > Universities
- > Students from all disciplines
- > Private, corporate and community foundations and funders
- > National and regional associations of foundations
- > Small, medium and large foundations



"Foundation Week is an important moment to show how foundations are working on a large range of topics. Foundations work in close proximity to people and engage in programmes to promote social change, access to health care, research, culture and many other activities which reflect the concerns of our society. Foundation Week will help to demonstrate the efficacy of the sector to those who may be interested in working with foundations and wish to know more about us."

FRANCIS CHARHON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FONDATION DE FRANCE



"As a European network of organisations promoting children's rights and welfare, we want to bring our ideas and experience to a wider audience. We want to learn what's happening in the world of philanthropy, connect with like-minded people, identify new partners and bring back new ideas to our membership. Foundation Week is a unique opportunity to achieve these aims. It should boost our on-going work to achieve lasting social change."

JANA HAINSWORTH, SECRETARY GENERAL, EUROCHILD



"I'm coming to Foundation Week because it is a very welcome breakthrough event in that it is a real attempt to connect foundations with the public, as well as EU policymakers, offering debates about the role of foundations in society and exhibitions showcasing what they do. Let's hope the public makes use of the opportunities and the barriers start to come down!"

CAROLINE HARTNELL, EDITOR, ALLIANCE MAGAZINE



"The first Foundation Week gives foundations the possibility to share their experiences as well as to present their work to a broader audience. You can also get involved by participating in the Open Days debates and Interactive Fair. This is a unique opportunity to learn more about the themes and strategies of foundations' work and to share your point of view!"

INGRID HAMM, MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, ROBERT BOSCH STIFTUNG



"Foundation Week represents a formidable opportunity for European philanthropy. It is the first week-long forum where foundations can exchange dialogue and interact with the public and stakeholders, raising public awareness of our missions, activities and goals. Don't miss this unique chance to discover the world of foundations in Europe."

MARCO PARLANGELI, CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER, FONDAZIONE MONTE DEI PASCHI DI SIENA



"Foundation Week will be a unique space to share the intense and diverse work that foundations are developing everyday all across Europe, strengthening our social fabric. It will also be an opportunity to convey foundations work to the general public and to policy makers. The Week is an important step in reinforcing a transparent, accountable and vibrant European foundation sector, and will certainly stand as a milestone in the work of the EFC."

EMÍLIO RUI VILAR, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FUNDAÇÃO CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN

INTERACTIVE FAIR

31 MAY - 4 JUNE 2010

Visit 2,000 square metres of stands, displays, exhibitions and film screenings at the Interactive Fair! The Fair is open to everyone and is an opportunity to discover what foundations are doing to improve citizens' lives across Europe and beyond. The Fair is open daily from 08:45 to 19:00 (free admission). Some highlights...

Check out the work carried out by **Compagnia di San Paolo** on the Italian prison system. In cooperation with public bodies and NGOs, the foundation supports training schemes and job-related workshops within prisons and externally, with a view to helping inmates with their social and occupational rehabilitation. Compagnia also funds "Polo Universitario", allowing prisoners with qualifications to exercise their right to study at university level.

Explore **Darwin's Evolution** exhibition, which commemorates the 200 years since Darwin's birth, and 150 years since the publication "On the Origin of Species". Hosted by **Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian** and curated by Professor José Feijó (University of Lisbon/Gulbenkian Science Institute), the exhibition will take you through key milestones of Darwin's career that were to shape his theory of evolution and natural selection.



Fondazione Cariplo invites you to learn about their foundation, which focuses its efforts on improving the living conditions in its local community by furthering the common interest and the public good in arts and culture, education and scientific research, environment, healthcare and support to the disadvantaged.

Discover the work of **Fondazioni4Africa**, an initiative that brings together for the first time four of Italy's leading banking foundations: Compagnia di San Paolo, Fondazione Cariparma, Fondazione Cariplo and Fondazione Monte dei Paschi di Siena. In close cooperation with Italian NGOs, associations of African migrants and the Fondazione Umamo Progresso, Fondazioni4Africa has two main projects, in Northern Uganda and in Senegal.

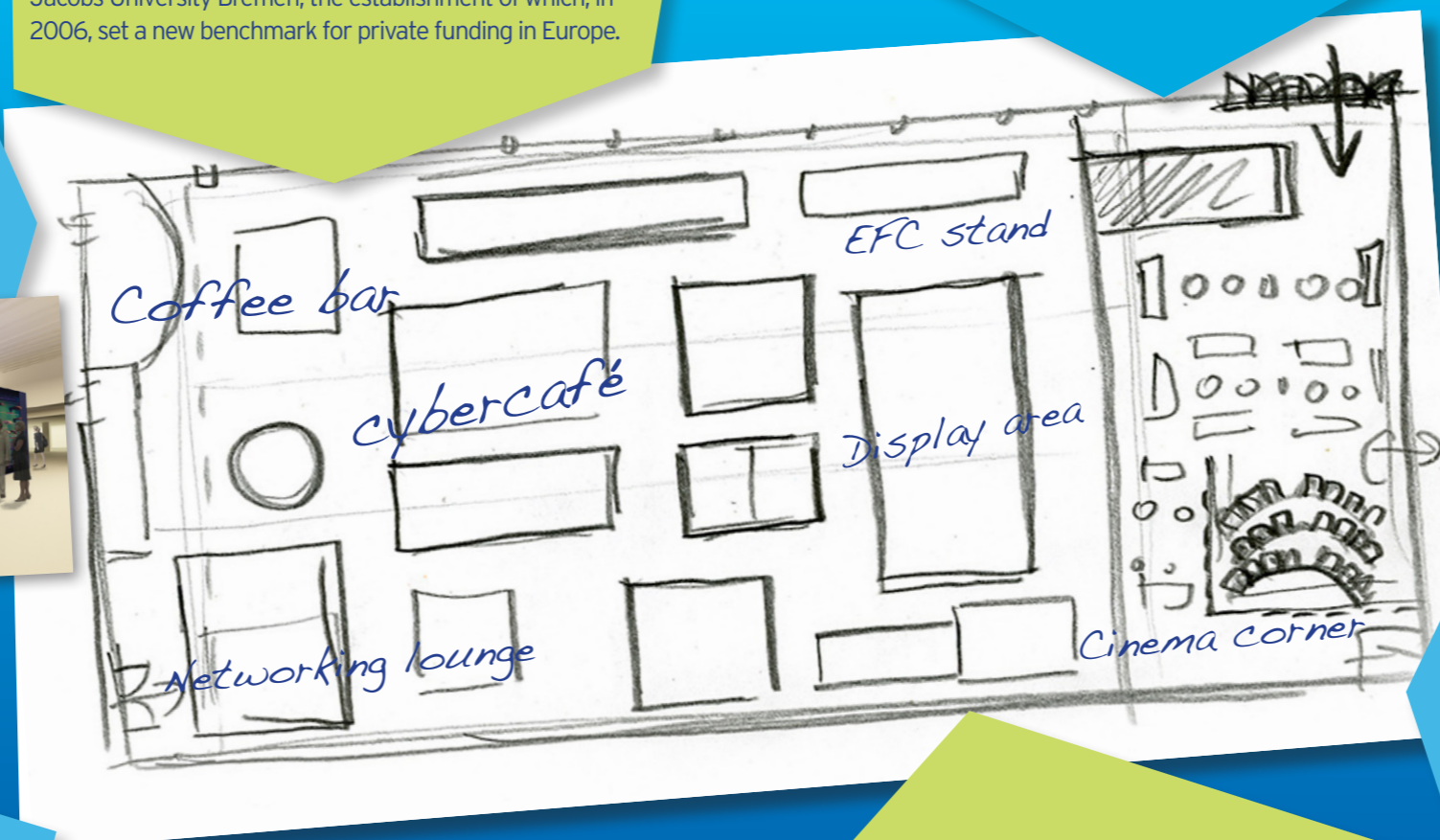
Get the latest about the work of **Jacobs Foundation** in support of scientific projects and concrete social intervention programmes, which seek to help structure and support the development of children and youth. Aiming to achieve immediate, tangible results in the lives of young people, while at the same time affecting long-term changes in their communities, the foundation supports evidence-based projects around the world. And don't forget to ask about Jacobs University Bremen, the establishment of which, in 2006, set a new benchmark for private funding in Europe.

Challenge your perspective on recreational activities available to people with disabilities by shooting hoops with players from CD Fundosa ONCE, a **wheelchair basketball** team ranked fourth in Europe. The game is hosted by **Fundación ONCE**.



Watch a variety of documentaries, short and animated films, made or supported by foundations at the **Cinema Corner**.

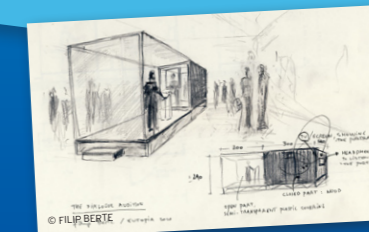
Look up and you will discover a hanging **photography exhibition** documenting the lives of a group of young people from Kalongo, a small village in Northern Uganda, severely affected by civil war. During the war, the village was transformed into a refugee camp which sheltered up to 60,000 displaced people. The photographs exhibited were taken by young people from the camp, who spent a month learning about photography journalism as a key means to describing the stories and the hopes of their people. The project was supported by **Fondazioni4Africa**, in conjunction with Amref, Cesvi and COOPI.



Find out more about some of the many inspiring artistic and cultural contributions made by the **European Cultural Foundation** to the European project, which challenge opinions about the EU construct and stimulate dialogue.

Gain insight into the world of **Turkish foundations** and their various and growing roles in the social, economic and political life of their country. Network and share information with foundations operating in different areas.

The Dialogue Audition is a performance act by visual artist Filip Berte, which will result in an interactive film to be edited at the end of Foundation Week. Supported by the **European Cultural Foundation**, The Dialogue Audition aims at questioning and bridging the existing communication gap between EU institutions and EU citizens. Get your portrait taken by the artist while you speak your mind.





21ST EFC AGA & CONFERENCE

'A CONVERSATION WITH THE INSTITUTIONS' 2-4 JUNE 2010

What makes a good conversation? Frequently there is a misconception that good conversationalists are those people who have an interesting story to tell. While undoubtedly foundations have an eclectic array of worthwhile stories to share, by the same token gaining the perspectives of other stakeholders is equally enriching. Taking advantage of the conference's return to Brussels, as it does every three years, the emphasis this year is to engage in a conversation with EU policy and decision makers, as well as other stakeholders on issues of mutual interest. The conference also aims to address key issues affecting the legal and fiscal framework in which foundations operate as well as matters of how foundations communicate, network and build their capacity.

WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE 2010

08:45	Interactive Fair opens
09:00 - 12:30	EFC Governing Council meeting <i>(By invitation only)</i>
12:30 - 15:00	Lunch EFC 20th anniversary publication launch
14:00 - 15:00	Spotlight on... Working with EU funds
15:00 - 16:30	Opening plenary Presentation and debate of results of Gallup poll on European parliamentarians' knowledge of the foundation sector
16:30 - 17:00	Networking and coffee break
17:00 - 18:30	Concurrent sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > The European Foundation Statute - where does it stand? > Social media: A fad or the future? > Strategic assets: Investing in your staff development > Building philanthropic infrastructure - sexier than you think
17:00 - 18:00	Policy briefing EU policies and priorities in the field of environment
19:00	Interactive Fair closes
19:30 - 22:00	Evening networking Reception at Square, followed by Lounge bar at BELvue Museum

EVENING NETWORKING

AGA and Conference delegates have the opportunity to network during receptions at Square on Wednesday 2 June and at the Magritte Museum on 3 June. All Foundation Week participants are invited to take time out in the 'Bon Vivant' mirror palace, a lounge bar situated at the BELvue Museum, on both evenings. The EFC would like to thank the King Baudouin Foundation for generously providing the BELvue and Magritte Museum networking venues.



THURSDAY 3 JUNE 2010

08:45	Interactive Fair opens
09:00 - 10:30	Concurrent sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Transparency and accountability in the foundation sector: What is the EU institutions' road map? > Endowment investments: Focus on risk > What is not counted, doesn't count: Why researching foundations matters? > Impact measurement, evaluation, benchmarking, non-profit analysis - what works?
09:00 - 10:00	Policy briefing EU policies and priorities in the fields of education, culture and youth
10:30 - 11:30	Networking and coffee break
11:30 - 13:00	Special plenary - The European game plan
13:00 - 15:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:00	Spotlight on... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Getting involved in the 2011 European Year on Volunteering > The EU decision-making process
15:00 - 16:30	Concurrent sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > How to relieve public benefit foundations from the VAT burden? What is the European Commission's take on it? > Beyond the emergency: Lessons from disaster response > Making it work: Collaboration between foundations and the European Commission
15:00 - 16:00	Policy briefings EU policies and priorities in the field of migration EU policies and priorities in the field of research and science
19:00	Interactive Fair closes
19:30 - 22:00	Evening networking Reception at Magritte Museum, followed by Lounge bar at BELvue Museum

FRIDAY 4 JUNE 2010

08:45	Interactive Fair opens
09:00 - 10:30	21st EFC AGA of members <i>(EFC members only)</i>
10:30 - 11:00	Networking and coffee break
11:00 - 12:30	Concurrent sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How could tax effective cross-border giving work best? Foundations and media: Improving mutual understanding Advocacy in the framework of Europe: How to influence policy making Funder collaboration: Beyond the rhetoric
11:00 - 12:00	Policy briefing EU policies and priorities in the fields of employment, social affairs and equal opportunities
12:30 - 14:00	Closing plenary - Getting the right framework for Europe's foundations Presentation of EFC Photo Competition winner chosen by conference attendees Presentation of the Mercator Fund's Raymond Georis Prize for Innovative Philanthropy
14:00 - 16:00	Closing lunch
16:00	Interactive Fair closes

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE 21ST EFC AGA AND CONFERENCE*

Register before 1 May 2010 by completing the enclosed conference registration form and returning it to aga@efc.be or by fax to +32.2.512.3265

EFC Non-Member 1400 €
EFC Member 500 €



- > Registration is on a first come, first served basis.
- > Late registrations will be subject to an additional surcharge.
- > Fees include conference participation, lunches and social events as indicated in the programme.
- > Delegates sent by an EFC member organisation may attend at the indicated reduced rate.
- > Each delegate must register on a separate form.

*Admission to the Interactive Fair and Open Day events are free. No pre-registration is required.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

The EFC AGA and Conference Scholarship programme is aimed at foundation staff worldwide, with special emphasis on participants whose attendance can be directly linked to the conference theme. The 2010 programme is generously supported by Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, EVKAF, Fondazione CRT, the Global Fund for Women, Realdania and Robert Bosch Stiftung.

For eligibility and information on how to apply, please visit www.efc.be/aga

VENUE

Square - Brussels Meeting Centre | Mont des Arts 22 | 1000 Brussels

Foundation Week takes place at Square - Brussels Meeting Centre, a newly-designed conference centre located in the museum district of Brussels, close to transport links and accommodation of all price ranges. With its state-of-the-art amenities, Square will provide an ideal space for minds to meet and ideas to flow.

WHERE TO STAY



This year the EFC has agreed special room rates for Brussels through Resotel, which have created a page online just for the event. The informative website will make it simple to book your accommodation for the week.

www.resotel.be/FoundationWeek

A map with exact locations of these hotels is available on the site.

2010 RAYMOND GEORIS PRIZE FOR INNOVATIVE PHILANTHROPY IN EUROPE

The seventh annual Raymond Georis Prize for Innovative Philanthropy in Europe, established by NEF's Mercator Fund, will be awarded at a ceremony during the closing plenary of the AGA and Conference on 4 June. The Prize rewards an individual, organisation, foundation or project which has conceived and implemented an outstanding and innovative philanthropic programme in Europe.



Calls for nominations are now open. For details on how to nominate a candidate, visit: www.mercatorfund.net/modules/awards

Entries close on Friday, 30 April 2010.

2010 EFC PHOTO COMPETITION "EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY"

For the fourth year, the EFC is running a competition for its members to submit photos that represent their work. The impressive entries from the past three competitions have been unique and high-quality examples of EFC members' valuable work.

This year's theme is "Working in Partnership", therefore members are encouraged to send pictures that show what they have achieved by joining forces with other organisations. This theme is to be understood in its broadest sense, as a celebration of the fruitful collaboration between foundations and other actors. Working together towards a common goal has enabled foundations to have a greater impact. A total of ten finalists will be selected by a photo competition jury, from which delegates at the AGA and Conference will be asked to vote for one winner. The winning photo will be announced during the closing plenary of the AGA and Conference on 4 June.



ABOUT...

Foundation Week is organised by the European Foundation Centre (EFC). Established in 1989, the EFC is an international association representing more than 230 public-benefit foundations and corporate funders dedicated to advancing the public good in Europe and beyond. The EFC develops and pursues activities in line with its objectives: creating an enabling legal and fiscal environment for foundations; documenting the foundation landscape; strengthening the infrastructure of the foundation sector; and promoting collaboration, both among foundations and between foundations and other actors.

