

2017 Midsummer Newsletter

WELCOMING TWO NEW MEMBERS

TON SUR TON (La Chaud de Fond, Switzerland)

The foundation Ton sur Ton has provided for the past fifteen years a full and lively academic teaching to the students of the Bern-Jura-Neuchâtel region in the disciplines of Jazz, Modern Music, Theater, Contemporary Dance and Circus Arts.

In the discipline of Circus Arts, the Ton sur Ton circus school provides weekly lessons to 160 students from 2,5 year old toddlers to adults.

In parallel to the recreational and the pre-professional teachings, the Ton sur Ton foundation initiated in 2016 the program Art Sans Frontière. It is a participatory social circus program that uses circus, dance, theater and music as tools for integration and personal development. Art Sans Frontière favors a concrete, real and participatory access to performing arts and is facilitated by professionals.

For more information : <http://www.tonsurton.ch/>



ZIP ZAP CIRCUS (Johannesburg, South Africa)



Zip Zap is an innovative School of Circus Arts, inspiring and empowering young people. Their objective is to take "ordinary" kids (including "youth-at-risk") and provide them with the resources to develop skills, through the medium of Circus Arts, that will develop them as young leaders, good citizens, ambassadors for South Africa, and make them eminently employable.

Zip Zap provides innovative cutting edge professional training and entertainment thereby offering opportunities for youth to fulfill their potential and contributing to the growth of a healthy nation.

Zip Zap creates a platform for students (and partners) with a chance to turn dreams into reality providing an open door to a fun, safe place, with a sense of family and a clear focus to shape their confidence, skills and worth, critical to moving on as a new South Africa.

For more information : <http://www.zip-zap.co.za>

PROJECT UPDATES

Circus Trans-Formation in Action 3

The project was presented at the French Erasmus + National Agency. However, despite a fair grade the project was not granted with funding. The project will be introduced again in October 2017. Therefore Caravan is hoping to implement again its Training for Trainers in 2018.

Extending Circus Trans-Formation

Caravan Youth and Social Circus training for trainers has now been implemented twice hosted by 5 Caravan members who were part of the creation and development process of the guidebook. In this perspective, the project "Extending CTF" is aiming at :

- Developing training capacity of Caravan members to host and organise Circus Transformation in Action in the legacy of the research that was conducted from 2009 to 2013.
- Fostering exchange of good practice among Caravan members : the experienced Caravan members who have been hosting CTF in Action will share their good practice and expertise in the implementation of the training with other Caravan members.
- Evaluating and ensuring the quality of CTF : In the framework of the guidebook, this training will give opportunity for all partners involved in the implementation of CTF to reflect and evaluate the quality of the training.
- Developing Caravan's training offer : if more Caravan members can host CTF in Action, the training will gain recognition and become a strong Caravan product to be conducted regularly and expand geographically.

This project received funding in the framework of Erasmus +. It will be implemented in the second semester 2017.



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Circus ++

The project Circus ++ aims to create the first full-degree curriculum and study programme of research on Youth and Social Circus pedagogy (180 ECTS) in EQF level 6. This curriculum would then be available to all Youth and Social Circus Schools and various organisations and NGO's in social and education sector that would like to expand their activity to youth and social circus instructor training. The programme includes a model for validation of prior formal, nonformal and informal learning that supports both employability and mobility in Europe. This project bases on research and cooperation between four European universities and another institution of higher education, nine circus schools and European Youth and Social Circus Network Caravan.

The project was presented at the Finnish Erasmus + National Agency. Despite the collaborative work done between Tampere University, Sorin Sirkus, Caravan and all the projet partners, the project was not rewarded with funding. Therefore, the partners will discuss the relevance to present it again for the next deadline in March 2018.

AUTUMN & WINTER 2017 : IMPORTANT CARAVAN MOMENTS

September 2017 : Last module of *CTF in Action 2* in Le Plus Petit Cirque du Monde (Bagneux, France)

October 2017

9-11 : Preparatory meeting « *Extending CTF* » in Le Plus Petit Cirque du Monde (Bagneux, France)

24-25 Caravan Meeting @ Circa Auch (France)

November 2017

20-24 : First Module training « *Extending CTF* » in Ecole de Cirque de Bruxelles (Belgium)



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