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## Dear Penny,

For the past 3 years (in Strasbourg in 1999, Toulouse in 2000 and Luxembourg in 2001) Sixth Form students from Trinity School, Carlisle, have represented the UK at a week long European Youth Conference. This year 130 young people and their teachers met to represent their countries in this process of educational and cultural exchange. The focus of the conference is always on giving young people a voice in the future of Europe and listening to their ideas and concerns. It has proved an exceptional experience for these young adults. In the weeks preceding the meeting they have to research and write up a project on a theme of their choice, and then present it to a full session of all the participants. They have to work in international groups to consider and develop the issues, proposals and priorities, and then present their findings, opinions and questions to a formal meeting of international politicians.

In this process they learn a great deal about the value of foreign language skills in promoting communication, and deepen their understanding of other European cultures.

This is a grass roots (non-elitist) international youth organisation which gives ordinary students (many of them from inner city schools and poorer backgrounds) an opportunity to meet other young Europeans and share their common interests and concerns in a forum that allows them to transcend barriers of language, culture and nationality.

We are now seeking funding for the 2002 event which we have been asked to host in Carlisle. We are thrilled to have this opportunity to invite youth representatives from all over Europe to come to our region in July 2002. We plan to involve a significant number of students from other schools in Carlisle and the area, as well as recruiting university and teacher training students to act as guides and translators. Our aim is to make this as open and as positive an experience as possible for all the young people involved.







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You may be interested to visit the newly launched website (www.200jeunes.org -at present only in French) to find out more about the association and the previous conferences.

The financing of the organisation is such that all travel expenses are reimbursed from funds contributed by the French Ministry of Education, the French Ministry for European Affairs, the Ministry for Youth and Sport, as well as several regional organisations in Toulouse, such as the Regional Council for the Midi-Pyrénées. The host country is then responsible for raising from national, regional and possibly European sources, an adequate sum to cover the costs of accommodation, food and excursions for the participating adults and students. According to last year's organisers we would need to raise in the region of £50,000 to meet these expenses. We are exploring as many avenues as possible to reach this amount, but are obviously unable to underwrite this figure with school resources. We are extremely concerned about committing ourselves to proceeding with this event, and thus becoming liable for the costs involved, without having financial guarantees from sponsors!

The project has the high patronage of Lionel Jospin, Jean-Claude Juncker, Nicole Fontaine and Romano Prodi, and we have already managed to obtain letters of support from Xavier North, the Cultural Attaché at the French Embassy, Louis Victory the Chief Executive of Cumbria County Council, John Nellist the Chief Education officer and one of our MEP's Lord Inglewood. We have written to Tony Blair, Estelle Morris and Ivan Lewis (the new Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Young People and Learning) as well as Mike Mitchelson, but have not as yet received a reply.

Some of our own students who took part in the Youth Conference this year expressed that it had been the best week of their lives! One student was even encouraged to arrange a period of work experience at the European Parliament in Brussels with Chris Davies one of our MEP's for the North West. Another student who had never been to another European country, had previously had little contact with other European nationals and seen little point in learning foreign languages at school has changed her mind and is determined to carry on learning a language in future. There are many others like her. We are obviously eager, therefore, to support such a worthwhile institution. It would also be a small but important event for an area of the UK which has been badly affected recently, and equally embarrassing if, unlike our European colleagues, we were unable to proceed because of insufficient local, regional and national support.

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We would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. It would certainly help us to bring a prestigious international event for young people to the UK and to Cumbria at a time when we obviously need to focus more on breaking down barriers and promoting better co-operation and communication between countries.

Hoping that you will be able to play an active part in making this European Youth Conference a reality, and looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION Board of directors / the Council of the young people / Administration

" a team for a project "

# Presented by Jean Paul LITTLE ADDIE, President Principal Fondateur of college

"Within the framework of the evolution of our companies, Europe represents a democratic space, organized starting from the various cultures which make it up. If this space represents really the relevant level to take part in the construction of the future, then the question should be raised: which place for youth in this space? We think that, like any citizen, the young people must be able to take part in this construction, to say what they wish, and to take part, of their level, with the development of this future. They have ideas, sometimes very innovating: it is necessary thus that they can carry them out to convince of the changes which they could initiate in the young people, but also to persuade the various political leaders to grant an effective and transparent support to them."

In accordance with the provisions of article 5 of the French law of July 1, 1901 and article Bt of its decree of application of August 16, 1901, association was created

### European Association

" 200 young people for a European citizenship "

### Its principal objectives are

- to develop the European citizenship,
- to organize the European Meetings of youth each year in a different country,
- to constitute a privileged place of initiatives, exchanges, and actions.

Association is organized according to two authorities in which take part of the representatives of each delegation the Board of directors and the Council of the young people

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# The council of the young people

Each delegation designates a young person to represent it

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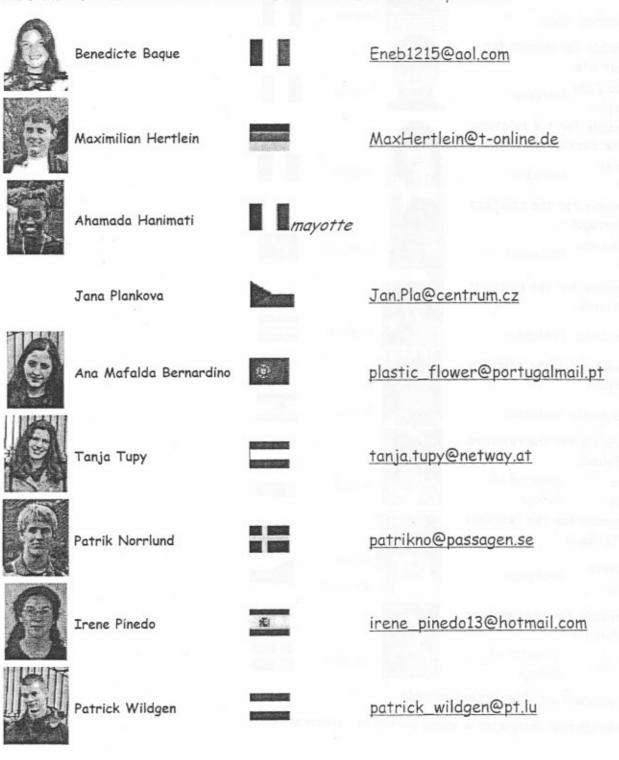
- the local work of each delegation,
- topicality of each country represented,
- the debate which seems to worry the young people in their country,
- possible proposals to make with the Board of directors on the contents and the organization of the

Meetings of 2002,

- the development of any innovating idea,

The permanent Council of the young people is animated by Sandrine POL., 21 years, member of the Board of directors, and responsible for the internal communication.

The council of 11 members is in the course of constitution. Are currently elected:





Joanna Laycock

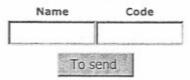


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