



Welcome to OUSA in Northern Europe!

As a student in Northern Continental European studying at the Open University, you are automatically a member of OUSA (Open University Student Association) in Northern Europe. A central team of volunteers has been elected to run the business of this OUSA sub region. However, we are more than happy to welcome everyone who would like to join in with us in supporting all students – ‘the more the merrier’! The easiest way to get in touch with us is via our website www.ousainternational.org. There you find lots of information about ‘Who we are?’ and ‘What we do?’ Our online forum at www.ousainternational.org/forum is a very good place to start! However, if you prefer to contact us personally, contact Mike Deverell on mrd42@my.open.ac.uk. This newsletter informs you about some upcoming events: OUSA Conference and the Eurofest, as well as give you the chance to get to know OUSA in Northern Europe a little bit better.

OUSA Conference 2011 - 15th to 17th April 2011 - Milton Keynes

OUSA Conference is the annual official gathering of OUSA, your Open University Student Association. This year, the Conference will be held at the Open University Campus in Milton Keynes! As a member of OUSA you can take part in this important event and maybe become a delegate for your OUSA branch. All active OUSA branches have to elect their delegates in official branch meetings. However, many branches in Northern Europe are currently dormant. If you are a member of a dormant branch, you can still attend Conference as a delegate! All you have to do is get in touch with our ECM Pat Knight at ousao36@guest.open.ac.uk and indicate your interest. She'll be very happy to assist you in becoming an OUSA Conference delegate. For OUSA in Northern Europe it's a great opportunity to get as many delegates to Conference as possible and to meet students from all over Europe! So if you feel like it, let us know! Travel, accommodation and meal expenses are paid.

Find out more: www.ousainternational.org/conference_2011.html

Eurofest 4 – 28th May 2011 - Cologne

Shortly after Conference, a second event organised by OUSA in Northern Europe is being planned: Eurofest 4! The Eurofest is a series of daily events, for students across Europe. Twice a year, OUSA in Northern Europe invites its students to gather in a convivial atmosphere and spend a day together. Previous Eurofests have been held in Brussels, The Hague and Dublin and were thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended! This time, the Eurofest will take place in Cologne on the 28th May 2011. If you fancy meeting fellow OU students from all around Europe join the mailing list provided on our website at www.ousainternational.org/eurofest.html You'll then receive further information about times and places, as well as planned activities nearer the time! If you don't want to travel alone, bring along your friends or families to make this day an unforgettable experience!

Get involved – join the website team

Our website administrator Inés Peters is still looking for fellow students write and / or proofread the website's content! So no matter if you're a born author and feel like writing articles or whether you simply would like to help to improve the website - come and join the website team! You can contact Inés at webmaster@ousainternational.org

About OUSA in general

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