

European Alumni Newsletter – Spring 2018

I am happy to send you this European Alumni Newsletter. When everything goes so fast around us in our lives, it is nice to sit back and take a moment to read this newsletter. With an opening/reading rate of 37%, last newsletter was well read. Shall we raise the 37% together?

As UWPIAA and UWP keep on evolving, developing and collaborating, many exciting things are happening around the world. Also in Europe we have some fun activities coming up. Take a look at how you can get involved. And don't forget, after the refugee crisis and the fake news media storms, UWP and its message through its alumni is still very much needed to unite rather than divide people. So, let's keep on spreading that message of understanding between people from all cultures and backgrounds. We need it, also in Europe! Hope to see you soon at one of our upcoming activities.

EAM in Engelberg



After a wonderful EAM in Leiden, tEAM Engelberg is doing everything to give you a wonderful time 'in the mountains'. From 8 – 10 June the Swiss mountains will be the scenery for our yearly European Alumni Meeting and Gathering. Besides some meetings, updates and finding out where the EAM's in 2019 and 2020 will be, there will also

be a real 'cultural fair', like we used to have on the road. Get to know your fellow alumni friends from across Europe, their clubs and associations, and get inspired with the many NGO's and non-profit organizations many of your fellow alumni are involved in. Then it is time for fun, fun, fun with chocolate tasting, hikes in the mountains, visits to monasteries, yodelling workshops and a big party. If you can't get enough, the tEAM has created an even more amazing pre-EAM program as of Tuesday June 5th. Don't wait too long to register since places are limited and most are taken. More info can be found on www.uwpeam.com

Reunion '18 in Tucson

Did your cast year end on a 3 or a 8, or do you just feel like joining yet another great Summer Reunion in Tucson? Early bird registrations just finished, but there are more interesting incentives coming up, like a suite upgrade. We'll be there from 25 – 29 July @ the JW Marriott. Register here



GET A SUITE UPGRADE

The cast with the most paid adult registrations by April 30, 2018 will win a Luxury Suite upgrade.

Details at bit.ly/SuiteFAQs

\$345

Reunion 2018 Full Adult Registration
Use Discount Code: **R18ADULT2**

<https://uwpiaa.org/AlumniEvents/index.php/pages/main>

Local activities

Several activities are coming up in different countries. For the latest info, please check the country websites and Facebook pages.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

A preview:

- In **Germany**, the Munich alumni started the year off with a round of Bavarian curling: <https://www.facebook.com/avuwpd/posts/1710756788962734>. The next big event in Germany is definitely the upcoming show in Hamburg (6 May). The team has arrived and they are really looking forward to welcome Cast A 2018 to Europe and Germany and see the new show (<https://upwithpeople.org/events/hamburg/>). The General Assembly this year will be in Leipzig, 28-30 September <http://avuwpd.de/event/jahrestreffen-leipzig-2018>
- In **Belgium** they hosted a well-attended New Year's brunch where exciting ideas got launched. Before the Bruges show on 20 May they will have different activities (a super snap city game discovering the city in an interactive way, a tapas dinner and for the little ones a 1-day UWP Jr preview day). More info on the Belgian alumni FB page
- In **Denmark** and Sweden, several alumni will go to the show in Naestved, Denmark 9 & 10 May to see the new UWP show and connect with other alumni
- In **Switzerland**, mid-March was the annual "snow-weekend" of the Swiss Alumni Club in Grindelwald. It was great fun, lots of sun & skiing was possible too! (unlike last year) All in all a great event open to all alumni! See you next year?
- **Finnish** UWP Alumni Association has an annual meeting (or General Assembly) on Sunday the 5th of May in KEPA meeting facility at Elimäenkatu 25-27 (5th floor), Helsinki. Future events including Triangle Alumni Date next fall and UWP tour in Finland are in the planning so please join in, hear more and share your ideas and opinions. Last weekend of May FUWPAA will be at the World Village Festival in Kaisaniemi park, Helsinki as always with their booth recruiting students and partners for future tours.
- In **Estonia** the core group meets regularly to plan events and be present at gatherings (TAD, EAM). Their annual forest planting event takes place this year on May 18th. Everyone warmly welcome to join in! If not personally, then you still can contribute to Forest Goodwill project via www.will.ee Their goal is to reach EUR 5.000 to Chamber of Goodwill (Estonian alumni association) account for scholarship fund during 2018 and they are working step by step towards bringing an Estonian student to UWP program one day.

TAD gathering – a Nordic alumni weekend – Mamma Mia!

Mid-March 30 alumni from Estonia, Finland, Belgium, Germany and Sweden rushed to Stockholm by all means of transportation for the ABBA audition 😊. To survive the extreme climate of the Northern hemisphere, the organizers of this year's TAD put together a survival kit with among other things tissue paper, Läkerol throat pastilles and a custom-made TAD bonnet! The forecasted minus 10 degrees



disappeared in the warmth of all alumni who gathered both for the TAD and the Annual Swedish alumni meeting. And yes, the ABBA museum wasn't safe anymore since UWP alumni had taken over the stage with ABBA medleys 😊.

Up With People Junior is coming to Europe this summer!

Up With People Jr. day camp is a week-long day camp for children, ages 8-12, that is modeled after the UWP program. It includes learning and performing UWP songs and dances, community action projects, awareness and appreciation for different cultures and equipping campers with the skills they need to make positive changes in their community and the world at large. The first

European site is in Hasselt, Belgium from July 2 – 6 by UWP alumni, Greet Gevers with campers registering from a number of countries. Would you like to bring the message of UWP to your community and make a real impact? If so, please consider to learn more about the program by either becoming a volunteer for the UWP Jr. Hasselt camp or by contacting the Directors of the program directly. More information about Up with People Jr. Hasselt hasselt@upwithpeoplejr.org



Impact Kosovo



This spring, UWP launches a new and exciting week-long IMPACT program debuting in Kosovo coinciding with UWP's first ever visit to the country! The **IMPACT Kosovo** program is a unique opportunity for all 18+ alumni and non-alumni to join the current UWP cast in Kosovo between May 20th – May 26th for an

unforgettable week of hands-on volunteer work and community discovery. All elements in the IMPACT program are developed by UWP with the collaboration of local partners and communities. This helps us to determine the communities' needs to empower them to meet their goals. Along with the volunteer work, the program will include guided tours to some of the Kosovo's top historical and cultural destinations and a special invitation to UWP's premiere show in Kosovo. To learn more, visit: <https://upwithpeople.org/get-involved/impact-programs/>

European recruitment with Beyah Rasool – Associate Director of Recruitment

Hi European alumni. I'm going to Naestved, Denmark from April 28th to May 11th for an admissions trip. I'll be in Denmark while the cast is in Hamburg and still in Denmark to be with the cast when they arrive to Naestved. I'm definitely going to be searching for a good host family, and admissions opportunities. Arnab is arranging admissions opportunities while I'm there and if you know anyone else I should contact, please connect me. I can also travel to nearby cities/countries if there's an opportunity to speak in classrooms or meet potential students to get more Europeans on the road. Contact me on brasool@upwithpeople.org



Let's connect the Balkan alumni on Facebook



There are many different regional and country Facebook groups, but we didn't have one for the Balkans. So, if you are from these Balkan countries (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Turkey) living in these countries or living abroad coming from these countries, join this FB group. Share this with your friends to get a maximum of local alumni connected so one day soon we might organize an alumni

event back in this region or help UWP bring back a cast for a Balkan tour. With Kosovo this year, some local alumni have already reached out to include other Balkan countries in future tours.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/166522644003192>

Reviving the Euro-Chat



This January we restarted the Euro-Chat, an informal online-meeting of European country representatives, the IAA Euro Rep and the European UWP representatives. We were looking for a way to keep each other every 2-3 months updated and also a possibility to exchange best practices and current issues or to find ways to help each other out. The Euro-Chat was reborn! In January 2018 we had our first chat and the second meeting happened in March. Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland & Denmark were represented. If you have any questions regarding the chat, or you want your country to be represented, please don't hesitate to contact your national association or representative, our Euro Rep Jerko or Filomena from Germany who started the initiative (international@avuwpd.de).

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Be of service @ the BOG of the UWPIAA

Be of service @ the BOG of the UWPIAA. Ready to give a little time and talent? The UWPIAA has two openings on the board of governors (BOG). **Reunion Chair** (to begin this summer with the current chair, transitioning to full role on September 1st). This way you could help define the future locations of reunions, which is currently a hot topic on FB. Also, **Asia Regional Representative** (beginning September 1st, regional representatives must reside in the region represented), so please forward to anyone you know from that region. For more information, please contact the recruitment chair, Doug Hasler, via the UWPIAA contact form. Deadline for Reunion Chair applications is mid-April 2018.



Awards for alumni @ reunion



You want to nominate a cast member or other alumni that have inspired you? This is the way and moment to do it! Award Nominations for the 2018 Reunion are open through April 30, 2018 at 12:00 a.m. EST! Don't put off submitting your nomination any longer! To submit a nomination, please click on <https://upwithpeople.org/alumni/awards-scholarships/annual-awards/>. You'll find all the information you need to nominate individuals for awards to be presented at the Reunion.

For all but the J. Blanton Belk Award, nominees must be from one of the current official reunion years: 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2008, and 2013. The awards presented include:

- One (1) J. Blanton Belk Alumnus/Alumna Award may be presented annually from among all alumni of Up with People.
- The James E. MacLennan Everyday Hero Award may be presented to multiple alumni each year from among the current reunion years.
- One (1) Outstanding Cast Representative Award may be presented annually from among the current reunion years.

If you have any questions about the award nomination process, please contact the UWPIAA Awards Chair by using the [contact form](#) and selecting "Alumni Awards" as your contact.

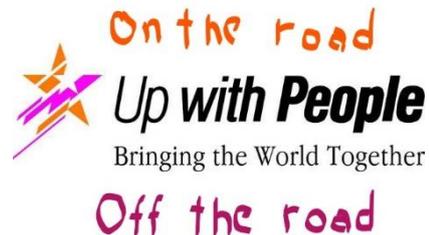
On the road – Off the road

We have 17 Europeans who travelled in '17B. Please welcome them back home in your local alumni associations, clubs, organizations and communities:

- Lena from Belgium
- Ria-Maria from Finland
- Paula, Jasmin, Anna from Germany
- Katie from Ireland
- Hannah from Liechtenstein
- Livia, Hidde from the Netherlands
- Caroline, Isak, Anna, Axel from Sweden
- Ines, Nadine, Tamara, Vincent from Switzerland

There are currently 30 European students traveling in cast '18A (some also already travelled in '17B)

Please say hi when you go see the show on their upcoming European tour.



- Estelle, Kaat, Daphne, Ester, Dimitri, Chloe, Alban, Doriane, Aurélie, Antoinette, Lea, Antoine, Emilie from Belgium
- Victoria Sofia, Emma from Denmark
- Hanna from Finland
- Jakob from Germany
- Sanna, Milan, Rembt from the Netherlands
- Elida Stakston from Norway
- Sofie, Lovisa, Sofie from Sweden
- Liliane, Corinne, Christa, Sabrina, Sira, Annick from Switzerland

European tour cast '18A – 4 countries to go and see the cast

- 1 – 6 May: Hamburg, Germany
 - Show on Sunday 6 May @ Friedrich-Ebert-Halle
- 7 – 13 May: Naestved, Denmark
 - Shows on Wednesday and Thursday 9 & 10 May @ Herlufsholm Hallen
- 14 – 20 May: Bruges, Belgium
 - Show on Sunday 20 May @ Sint-Lodewijkscollege
- 21 – 27 May: Gjakova, Kosovo
 - Shows on Friday and Saturday 25 & 26 May @ Gjakova National Theatre – “Hadi Shehu”
- 28 May – 6 June: Pristina, Kosovo
 - Shows on Saturday 2 June @ Nena Tereza Square
- 5 June: End of Tour



If you'd like to support UWP in any of these cities, or host a member of the Advance Team or Cast, please contact Arnab Dewan at adewan@upwithpeople.org Also, use this link and go directly to venue and ticket information: <http://www.upwithpeople.org/world-tour/index.html>

You can also find specific information via Facebook by, for example, searching on UWP Bruges, where you will be directed to the UWP FB Event page. Every city will also have an alumni reception

Stay in contact – European FB pages

- **Balkan countries**
 - Up with People Balkan countries
- **Belgium**
 - be.UWPaa – Belgian UWP Alumni Association
- **Czech Republic and Slovakia**
 - Up With People Alumni CZ + SK, Czech Republic and Slovakia
- **Denmark**
 - Up with People, Alumni, Denmark
- **Estonia**
 - Chamber of Goodwill
 - www.will.ee
- **Finland**
- **France**
 - FUWPAA – Finnish Up with People Alumni Association
 - www.fuwpa.2ya.com
- **Germany**
 - Alumni Vereinigung Up with People Deutschland e.V.
 - www.avuwpd.de
- **Ireland** (2 FB groups)
 - Up with People alumni Ireland
 - UWP Irish Alumni
- **Italy**
 - UWP Italian Alumni
- **Norway**
 - Up with People Alumni Norge
- **Sweden**
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- SUWPAA – Swedish Up With People Alumni Association
- www.suwpaa.se
- **Switzerland**
 - UWPSAA – Up with People Swiss Alumni Association
 - www.uwpsaa.ch
- **The Netherlands**
 - AlumNet Netherlands



- www.alumnet.nl
- **United Kingdom** (2 FB groups)
 - Up with People alumni UK
 - Up with People UK
- **EAM – European Alumni Meeting**
 - EAM Up with People International Alumni Association
 - www.uwpeam.com

Do you have news to share with your fellow European alumni, go share it on the European Alumni FB page, and see you around at some event, a show, the EAM, Tucson or wherever our paths might cross.

If you want to contact me, use the UWPIAA [contact form](#) and selecting "European representative" as your contact.

Jerko Bozicovic, Belgium, '87A, EMEA Rep UWPIAA

