

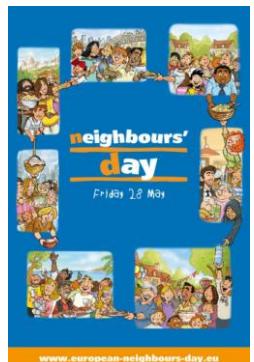
## 10 YEARS AFTER ITS CREATION, NEIGHBOURS DAY HAS GONE AROUND THE WORLD!

**2010 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Neighbours' Day, since it was launched in Paris, in 2000.**

**Celebrated on 28<sup>th</sup> May in many European countries, Neighbours' Day will then continue its world tour.  
This year, there will be over 30 participating countries!**



Over the last ten years, Neighbours' Day has emerged as a major event: whatever country it is celebrated in, it has become an event where everyone, at their own level, can contribute to creating a rich and unique moment of social interaction, togetherness, and sharing of human values (listening, dialogue, sharing, discussion, mutual aid, etc.)



### *Around the world with Neighbours' Day:*

**Australia** will become the 1<sup>st</sup> country to celebrate Neighbours' Day 2010, on 28<sup>th</sup> March. Then comes **Asia**, where the party continues to grow in **Taiwan** and particularly in **Japan**; parties are organised throughout the year, with, as a grand finale, a huge event in Tokyo between 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May.

In **Europe**, the party will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> May. These festivities have become a major social event. Whether it is in **Germany**, **Austria**, **Belgium**, **Bulgaria**, **the Czech Republic**, **Finland**, **Greece**, **Italy**, **Ireland**, **Luxembourg**, **the Netherlands**, **Norway**, **Poland**, **Portugal**, **Romania**, **Slovakia**, **Slovenia**, **Spain**, **Switzerland**, or the **United Kingdom**... it always inspires the same enthusiasm, friendliness, and generosity in people!

In **France**, Neighbours' Day is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary! A feature-length film is coming out to mark the event. "Neighbours' Day, the film" will also be previewed in partner towns and town halls.

This year, it is Eastern Europe, with **Russia** and the Balkans in particular, that has the place of honour! As **2010 European Capital of Culture**, the town of **Pécs** in **Hungary** will launch the festivities! Neighbours' Day will also be

celebrated for the first time in **Serbia**, **Macedonia**, and in **Montenegro**. In **Turkey**, the theme of Neighbours' Day will be voluntary work and youth.

And finally, in North America, in **Quebec**, many citizens will get together to celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> edition, which takes place on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

- ***Creation of [www.world-neighbours-day.org](http://www.world-neighbours-day.org)***

To find out everything you need to know about Neighbours' Day around the world, a new website has just been launched.



Whatever continent you live on, whether you are in Canada, Bulgaria, Ireland, Italy, Japan, or Australia... in one click you can obtain all the information you need to organise the Neighbours' Day that you want! 28 national satellite sites have also been created, thereby enabling individuals to download the invitations and posters in their language, to organise their own party.

**2000:** 1<sup>st</sup> Neighbours' Day, in Paris.

**2004:** Neighbours' Day spreads to the rest of Europe, under the name of "European Neighbours' Day". Over 2.8 million people get together to share a moment of conviviality in 170 towns around France and the rest of Europe.

**Objective 2010:** Over 10 million participants and 1300 towns and partner housing associations around the world!

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