AN EVENT ENDORSED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION

« I believe in the importance of bringing the citizens of Europe closer together. Getting to know the people who live next door is a very good start. Therefore I am happy to lend my patronage to the Neighbours Day. I fully support its objective to develop a network of partners willing to promote a ‘better living together’. I hope that this year’s Neighbours Day events shall enhance people’s interest in contributing to a society founded on common values, such as solidarity, tolerance, mutual respect and the fight against discrimination. Europe begins next door! »

Herman VAN ROMPUY
President of the European Council

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ABOUT US

Neighbours’ Day is an initiative of the European Federation of Local Solidarity. Created in 2005, the E.F.L.S. is a non-profitable organization based in Paris (France). Its main objective is to develop a network of partners willing to promote a “better living together”.

THE FIRST CITIZEN MEETING IN EUROPE
16 MILLION PARTICIPANTS ALL OVER THE WORLD
1 400 CITIES AND HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS PARTNERS

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Neighbours’ Day encourages people to get to know and talk to each other. It creates better conditions for living together and fosters community cohesion and solidarity. By meeting each other once a year at an informal celebratory event, Neighbours’ Day improves the way people live together and helps instil community cohesion.

Although the event is supported by city councils and housing associations, the main aim is to get local residents to take on lead roles and organise a neighbours’ party themselves. Throughout Europe, the day features various activities enriched by the local culture and creates networks for neighbourly and community practices.

**What’s Next?**

- It has developed a system for encouraging people to help out their neighbours.
- An action plan for councils and housing associations with seasonal events (summer kits, back-to-school kits, etc.)

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**The First Neighbours’ Meeting for a “Better Living Together”**

- **Encourage people to get together, to meet each other and enjoy themselves.**
- **Organise a neighbours’ party, everybody brings something along.**

**When:** Friday, May 23, 2014

**Who:** Neighbours together.

**Where:** It could be in the street, in the garden, in the hall, or in the building courtyard.

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**Communication Tools**

- A CD ROM containing all the communication tools in high definition format of the leaflet, invitation, postcard and poster (in different formats) which can be personalised with the logo and the name of the city.
- A promotional video.
- An operational guide, a timetable and tips to optimize the mobilization of the inhabitants.
- A press kit containing one press file and one press release.

**Support and Networking**

- Permanent support and advice from the Association to help you organize “Neighbours’ Day”
- European award of “Friendly and Cohesive City” to mayors, housing associations and other organizers.
- Press Conference for the launch of the event.
- Annual seminar and extranet site to exchange best practices with other partners.

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**An Ever-Growing Media Coverage**

- 185 TV news items
- 5860 press articles and quotes
- 471 radio stories*

**Our Website**

www.world-neighbours-day.org

Our site gives you access to all National Neighbours’ Day sites around the world.

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**Reasons to Join in?**

- You benefit from a citizen movement to get the inhabitants support a same project.
- You bring together local decision makers around a positive project.

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**History**

- **1999:** Creation of Neighbours’ Day in Paris and launch of the event throughout France in 2000.
- **2004:** Creation of European Neighbours’ Day.
- **2009:** Neighbours’ Day is celebrated in 1,400 cities of 36 countries (22 EU countries), 16 million inhabitants around the world joined in.

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**What’s Next?**

**Neighbours Together**

The good side of living side by side

**GO FURTHER WITH NEIGHBOURS TOGETHER**

To be “sustainable”, solidarity must be founded on reciprocity

3. There is great untapped potential for generosity among inhabitants; we must help them find it

**Join us to:** www.localsolidarity.com

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**The Wonderful Success of Neighbours’ Day has stimulated us to go even further and make the dynamics of friendship and solidarity last all year! The Neighbours’ Together programme offers people the opportunity to join a positive movement, creator of social value.**

Alainmeur PERIFAN President of the E.F.L.S, Neighbours’ Day Founder