



CONFRONTO 2017

Agents of Don Bosco's VISION, PASSION & MISSION

WHAT?

CONFRONTO: an Italian word which means... to meet other young people engaged in the Salesian Youth Movement from all over Europe and the Middle East; to find time for personal prayer and reflection; to share our common Salesian Youth Spirituality in international working groups; to come back home with a renewed heart eager to witness Don Bosco's vision, passion and mission with and for the young.

THEME: Agents of Don Bosco's VISION, PASSION & MISSION

We want to go back to the roots of our Movement, before setting sail for the places where our **mission** calls us. Don Bosco's **vision** started with a dream sent by God. Let's go back where all this started, where Don Bosco's and Mother Mazzarello's **passion** burned for the love of God and the young.

In doing this, we put ourselves on the same path along which the whole Church is walking too. After two important Synods of the Bishops, Pope Francis recently gave the Church this great exhortation Amoris Laetitia, which is dedicated to love in the family. Rector Major's Strenna 2017 to the Salesian Family is entitled "WE ARE A FAMILY! Every home, a school of Life and Love".

The places where Confronto 2017 will take place introduce us to the story of Don Bosco's family. They also talk us about why and how both Don Bosco and Madre Mazzarello recreated a family around many young people in need.

Within their own families, as well as in the service for the young and their families, SYM members can be **agents of Don Bosco's vision, passion and mission** today.

WHO?

PARTICIPANTS:

Age: 18-30

Profile: English speaking*; to be involved in the national SYM; those who are going to continue the work

Participation fee: around 200€ per person

Number of participants per country

25 participants from Italy, Poland and Spain

15 participants from all the other countries & Middle East

- SDBs and FMAs - Bigger countries (max. 2 SDB & 2 FMA) - Italy, Poland, Spain.
Other countries (max. 1 SDB & 1 FMA) - exceptions can be done!
- 25 Animators
- 20 Logistics Volunteers

*be able to follow the program in English; communicate with the others

ANIMATORS:

Amount: 25 in total (max. 3 animators from one country)

Age: 20+ years

Profile: English speaking; with some experience in national/international animation; to be involved in the national SYM

WHEN?

DATE OF CONFRONTO: 11th -16th of August in Colle Don Bosco

ARRIVALS:

Participants: August 11

Volunteers / Animators /: August 8 (evening), they will stay for one day in Turin and visit Chieri on the way to Colle Don Bosco

Small team: August 7 (evening)

DEPARTURE: Sunday 16, after the Holy Mass and the lunch.

WHERE?

VENUE: Colle Don Bosco (Capriglio, Torino, Mornese, Morialdo, Castelnuovo).

WHY?

Continuity. Last SYM Europe's Confronto was celebrated in 2009. It was the second meeting at this regional level, after the first European Confronto of 2004, which opened the way to the SYM Europe General Assemblies that we celebrate each year since then. Afterwards, SYM all over the world entered into the process of preparation of the Bicentenary of the birth of Don Bosco, which we celebrated in the global SYM Don Bosco 2015. In the meanwhile, we met again with our friends from all over the world in Madrid (2011) and then in Krakow (2016) for the WYD. We want to propose again the experience of a European gathering to confirm the good fruits of this path.

Strengthening national/provincial structures. In some European countries, SYM has already set an organizational structure with shared responsibilities among SDBs, FMAs and young people, who animate together a pastoral and educative proposal for the SYM groups of their Province/Country. In others countries this process has to be started yet. Confronto can be an opportunity to find the inspiration needed to start such a process, through the exchange of good practices.

Offering a quality proposal of Salesian Youth Spirituality. Confronto offers the opportunity to visit the places where Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello lived and received God's call. Gathering young animators engaged in national/provincial SYM from all over Europe, Confronto wants to propose them a quality paradigm of daily practice of the Salesian Youth Spirituality, in an atmosphere of joy, prayer and fraternal sharing.

Looking forward. In 2018 all national/provincial SYM will be asked to reflect on the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the first time in history for the Assembly of the Synod of Bishops: "Youth, faith and vocational discernment". In 2019 WYD in Panama could be celebrated in January, making it very difficult for SYM Europe's members to join it. Next world SYM gathering could be scheduled in 2024 (for the Bicentenary of Don Bosco's dream) or in 2025 for the Holy Jubilee. Before that, we plan to propose a new SYM Europe Confronto, based on the evaluation of the 2017 edition, which we will share during next SYM Europe's GA (17-19 November 2017).

HOW?

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE: English

ORGANIZATION:

Logistic people: team from Turin

Coordination of Confronto: Small Team SYM Europe

Liturgy: Blazka Merkac (Small Team) and Fr. Marco Panero (Turin) + one young person and one SDB/FMA (decide on GA)

Music: Carina Baumgartner (Small Team) and SDB-FMA (from Turin).

Animation: Anne-Florence Peras (Small Team)

Each National/Provincial SYM will be invited to prepare something. ☺

SUBTHEMES OF THE DAY / TIMETABLE:

August 11, Friday: *Getting to know Don Bosco and his dream*

From 14:00 Arrival, Registration

Welcome (informal moment)

15:30 Tour of Colle Don Bosco (getting to know Don Bosco and his origin according to the countries - free)

18.00 Welcome gathering under the Tent

18:30 Celebration of the Eucharist

20:00 Dinner

21:00 Official opening of Confronto

Prayer and Good Night – The dream of Don Bosco

22:00 *Meeting of the Animators*

00:00 Lights off

August 12, Saturday: *Colle Don Bosco, Capriglio, The family of Don Bosco*

08:00 Breakfast

09:00 Welcome Message

09:15 Introduction of group leaders & Formation of groups

Morning prayer

Presentation of the theme / input session

10:30 Group session (Getting to know each other, games, entering into the theme...)

12.00 *we are going to Capriglio, the birth place of Mamma Margareta*

13:00 Lunch

15:00 General Assembly (input session)

16:00 Group session

17:15 Back to Colle

18:30 Celebration of the Eucharist

19:30 Dinner

20:30 Regional time (getting to know each other in the way they plan at GA)

22:00 Evening prayer & Good night

22:30 *Meeting of the Animators*

00:00 Lights off

August 13, Sunday: *Turin & Valdocco - day of reconciliation*

07:30 Breakfast

08:30 Departure for Turin

09:30 Input session

Visit different places in Valdocco

13:00 Lunch

Recreation (games...)

16:00 Preparation of Confession

Confession / Adoration

18:30 Celebration of the Eucharist

20:00 Dinner

21:00 Return to Colle

22:00 Evening prayer & Good night

22:30 *Meeting of the Animators*

00:00 Lights off

August 14, Monday: *Mornese*

07:30 Breakfast

08:30 Departure for Mornese

10:00 Valponasca: input & personal reflection

12:30 Lunch
14:00 Pilgrimage to Mazzarelli, Collegio, Parish church
18:30 Celebration of the Eucharist at the Tempio
20:00 Dinner
21:00 Return to Colle (in the bus: evening prayer & Good night)
22:30 Time for Group reflections
00:00 *Meeting of the Animators*
00:00 Lights off

August 15, Tuesday: *Colle Don Bosco – Assumption of Mary*

7:30 Celebration of the Eucharist (country wise)
8:15 Breakfast
9:00 Leaving for Castelnuovo
10:15 Input session
11:00 Group session (concrete questions)
13:00 Lunch
 Back to Colle don Bosco, visiting also Morialdo
15:30 General Assembly (presentation of the group work)
 Break
17:00 Session of questions for Rector Major and Mother General
18:30 Marian procession on Colle don Bosco
20:00 Dinner
21:30 Cultural Feast
23:30 Evening prayer & Good night
 Adoration (whole night)
00:00 *Meeting of the Animators*
00:00 Lights off

August 16, Wednesday: *Birthday of Don Bosco*

07:30 Breakfast
08:30 Morning prayer
09:00 Evaluation (personal & in the groups)
10:00 Presentation of the common message
10:30 Celebration of the Eucharist
12:00 Lunch
 Take home message
 Departure