

## **Newsletter no 3 NGO COMMEET**

This is the third COMMEET Newsletter, with two items we would like you to read and comment on if you feel so inclined.

First, you will find an overview of the various tasks we are facing as an NGO. We are extremely grateful for the work all of our volunteers have been putting in to our good cause. However, below you will see that a lot of work still needs to be done, and we would very much like to urge you to consider whether you could lend us a hand.

Second, we introduce the Networking and Research team to you, or rather, its members have been so kind as to write short introductions of themselves for this Newsletter.

Enjoy the issue! We hope you like what you are reading and look forward to any comments you may have.

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### **Overview NGO COMMEET tasks for the near future**

In the scheme on page 2 you can find an overview of the various tasks we would like to see carried out in the next 12 months or so. You will see that we already have a number of people available to help us; more information about nearly all of them can be found on our website. However, we need more people to help us work towards fulfilling our ambitions. We urgently need:

- a website designer
- people to help us with the development of our second Toolkit, for Migrants
- people to help us with the development of our third Toolkit, for Gender Equality
- people to help us with the development of our fourth Toolkit, for Deprived Youth.

This is just the overview; for descriptions and explanations of the various tasks please go to [www.commeet.org](http://www.commeet.org) , and click on the ABOUT US tab.

**Please do not hesitate to contact us if you think you can lend us a hand!**

### COMMEET tasks 2019-2020

PRIORITY	TASK	WHO	SUPERVISION	START	FINISH
permanent	chairing COMMEET	Jos, Peter	board	ongoing	-
permanent	treasury 1a)	Rob	board	ongoing	-
permanent	fund raising 1b, 1c)	Jo, Peter, Fundraising site(s), professionals	board	immediately	-
permanent	secretariat, data management 2)	Maarten + 1 person	board	ongoing	-
permanent	welcome and networking team 3)	Alexandra, Vasiliki, George	board	ongoing	-
high	LinkedIn, Instagram 4)	Joe Culhane	board	in start-up phase	-
permanent	website 5)	Mohosin, Arafat + 1 designer	board	ongoing	-
permanent	toolkit TVET & Entrepreneurship 6)	Siegfried, Jo, Vasiliki, Ali, Rabiul	board	ongoing	-
high	toolkit development Migrants 6)	6 migrants	Jos, Ros + 1 person	in start-up phase	July '20
middle	toolkit development Gender 6)	6 persons	3 persons	1 March '20	Sept. '20
middle	toolkit development Youth 6)	6 persons	3 persons	1 March '20	Sept. '20

## NETWORKING and RESEARCH TEAM

The Networking and Research team wants to offer you a great experience as your partner, an opportunity to cooperate with colleagues from all over the world on creative projects, and an effective problem-solving scheme. It will be their pleasure to contact you, learn about your expertise, questions and ambitions and assist you to find a place in our community.

The team strongly believe in COMMEET's vision on Community Empowerment to achieve Sustainability. Its members are convinced of the potential that regions around the world have to define their own Sustainable Development programmes and improve the quality of life of people by developing solutions, creating collaborative networks and providing advice on policy and decision making.

Are you looking for assistance in your home region to build a Community Empowerment Action Plan? Is it your ambition to demonstrate your expertise for the benefit of others? Please contact one of the team members and they will be happy to cater for your needs.

The team consists of Alexandra Montague, Vasiliki Kioupi and George Giannopoulos; they introduce themselves on pages 3 and 4.



*Alexandra Montague*

Originally from the United States, I currently live in Maastricht, the Netherlands, where I work as a lecturer in intercultural communication and language as well as coordinate Latin American programs at Zuyd University's School of International Business. I hold a PhD from Brown University and have spent more than 20 years teaching in a multitude of higher education institutions, from research universities to community colleges and vocational programs.

I am passionate about education and particularly helping individuals discover their professional calling and build skill sets for life-long learning and community development.

I am happy to lend my expertise and energy to the Commeet project and to our mission of empowering communities through entrepreneurship and TVET access.

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*Vasiliki Kioupi*

I am currently a PhD student at the Centre for Environmental Policy of Imperial College London (ICL), pursuing my research in Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) from a systems-thinking perspective, with special emphasis on the development and assessment of sustainability competences. I received a prestigious President's PhD Scholarship from ICL to fund my research and am also member of the President's PhD Scholars Committee.

I also hold a BSc in Biology and an MSc in Science and Environmental Education from the University of Athens, with my research focus on Environmental Radioactivity, Ecology and Project-based learning. I have published my research in Scientific and Educational Journals and am also a reviewer of publications for conferences and Journals in the field of Education.

I am an experienced Science Teacher with almost ten years' experience teaching in Greek public secondary schools, and was the ESD coordinator and teacher trainer in a large school district in Athens, Greece for three years.

I am a member of NGO COMMEET, where I manage partnerships with various stakeholder groups, as I believe in the power of community-led sustainability.

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*George Giannopoulos*

I am a Nanotechnology Scientist with a focus on materials for energy and environmental applications. I obtained my diploma in Physics from the University of Athens and a Master's degree from the National Technical University of Athens. I hold a PhD in Experimental Physics and have worked in research projects coordinated by the National Center for Scientific Research "Demokritos" for almost ten years. As a Research Associate at the University of Cambridge, I am currently working towards environmental applications.

As a member of NGO Commeet, I aim to assist people worldwide solve local sustainability problems and develop networks between partners who want to transform their communities.

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