PirateTimes

Welcome to the eleventh edition of the Pirate Times newsletter.

Starting with a guest post from the United States about the International Privacy Day, this edition covers an update to our Pirate world map.

We also introduce a project for international partnerships between pirates, cover the Italian elections, and inform you about the process of founding a Pirate Party Europe.

Furthermore the Pirate Party Sweden has been threatened with a law suit because they still support The Pirate Bay; and the EU is intending to privatise the basis of all life, our water.

However, we also have reasons to celebrate - the Pirate Times has been up and running for half a year now and we are reviewing this period.

We hope you enjoy these news and we\'re always happy for feedback, ideas or tips at contact@piratetimes.net

The Pirates Times Team

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Today we bring you an open letter from the chair of the Pirate Party Ohio to the people of the USA on the occasion International day for Privacy 23 February 2013. Around the world Pirates and allied organisations marked the day in various ways.

The Letter

My fellow countryman, today the peoples of the world mobilize in the defense of Privacy. Yet, I expect little outcry from my homeland. My homeland: Ravished and tarnished by the claws of tyranny, and yet the little boy who is suppose to cry wolf remains silent ? too busy with the puppet show. And when the day comes when drone squadrons fly overhead, and there?s a CCTV camera on every street corner, the little boy who will cry wolf will be taken in the night.

In the wake of the September eleventh attacks, our government stepped out of the realm of the Constitution by enacting the USA PATRIOT Act. The PATRIOT Act was signed into law by (former) President George W. Bush and was extended by (current) President Barack Obama. The USA Patriot Act amends the Foreign Surveillance Act (FISA) of 1978. The amendment allows the government, in particular, the National Security Agency (NSA), to conduct warrantless wiretaps and collect information on Americans via warrantless surveillance. To this day, the Justice Department acknowledges that the NSA ?over collects? information on Americans.

Also created in the wake of the September eleventh attacks was the Transport Security Administration (TSA). They are stationed in every airport across America, and they are moving. They are moving into subway stations and tollbooths. And they are trying to move overseas, so we can bring our ills to our foreign brethren. Disregarding the 4th Amendment of the Bill of Rights, the TSA will search you and seize any blacklisted item without a warrant; and their justified cause is that you, an American citizen, might be a terrorist. How insulting.

In addition, by the year 2017, our Government expects 10,000 ?mini-drones? to fly across the blackened sky?s of America. These drones will record your day-to-lives, and take pictures of you and your family. And heaven forbid you want to go inside for some Privacy. These drones have thermal imaging technology. This means that they?ll see your mass of body heat shuffling about in your own home. And I was worried that our dystopian future would never come.

Furthermore, these encroachments on our privacy are unconstitutional. Aside from the blatant disregard for the 4th Amendment, the US Supreme Court has found in several cases that the Right to Privacy does exist, even though it is not defined in the Constitution. The 9th Amendment states: ?The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people? ? in layman's terms: Just because a Right isn't defined in the Constitution, doesn't mean it doesn't exist.

In conclusion, in an effort to fight against terrorism, our government has coerced it's citizens by treading on their Constitutional Rights. The blind will rally around the cries that ?we won't let the terrorists? win ? and yet, they have. No armies march on American soil. No city lays in rubble after a terrorist attack; rather, tyranny has come under the guise of a foreign enemy via a war with an intangible enemy that, therefore, we will never defeat.

Dale Craft

Ohio Pirate Party Chairman

The Ohio Pirate Party is one of the newest in a growing number of US states that have formed their own Pirate Parties.

Ways to contact the Ohio Pirate Party

Email: OhioPirateParty{at}gmail{dot}com

Twitter: https://twitter.com/OHPirateParty

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/OHPirateParty

IRC:

Server: http://irc.pirateirc.net:6667/

Room: #OHPP

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This is a guest article and does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Pirate Times or Pirate Parties International.

The Pirate World 2013

The Pirate Movement as updated since the last version. Latest count of Pirate Parties in the world = 64 Pirate Parties (registered 23, active 27, low activity 11, conflicting parties 3).

The world map of pirate parties was created to give an overview of the pirate movement. This is the first update since the world map was published and therefore it contains several changes. The most important ones being the registration of Pirate Parties in Australia, Norway and Poland . Hungary had had a registered party but this was missed in the last map. Switzerland and Luxembourg have been moved from 'registered' to 'active' because their countries does not consider them registered parties unless they have taken seats (a technicality). Estonia has also been changed from registered because of a mistake made last time.

Currently there are more than 600.000 people following pirate parties around the world. More basic information about different pirate parties (website, fb, twitter, contact) can be found by clicking on the countries in the interactive map. All this information and some other parts will be released in the form of an API on Pirate Times in the near future.

Registered Pirate Parties:

Australia

Austria

Belgium

Bulgaria

Canada

Croatia

Czech Republic

Finland

France

Germany

Greece

Hungary

Israel

Italy

Montenegro

Netherlands

Norway

Poland

Slovenia

Spain

Sweden

Tunisia

United Kingdom

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Active (both on website and on social media in the past month):

Argentina

Belarus

Bosnia & Herzegovina

Brazil

Chile

Colombia

Cyprus

Estonia

Guatemala

Iceland

Japan

Kazakhstan

Lebanon

Luxembourg

Slovakia

Morocco

Norway

New Zealand

Portugal

Romania

Russia

Serbia

Switzerland

Turkey

Ukraine

United States

South Korea

Low Activity (starting up, dying down or active internally):

Albania

China

Denmark

India

Ireland

Latvia

Lithuania

Mexico

Malaysia

Uruguay

Venezuela

Conflicting Parties (more than one claiming to be official one):

Israel

Serbia

Tunisia

For corrections please add them in the comments below and they will be updated in the map.

Pilot project for International Pirate Partnerships Announced

The Concept

Today, Friday 22 February 2013, the Pirates of St. Vith, in Belgium and the Pirates of Düsseldorf are starting the first "grenzenlos Piraten-Partnerschaft" (border-less pirate partnership). The concept of partnerships, also called twinning, between two local Pirate groups in different geographical locations has existed for a few year between the Pirates in Berlin and North-Rhine-Westfalia. At an international workshop, held on the 20 January 2013 in Hanover, the concept was introduced by Markus Bahrenhoff and Paul Bossu and it was decided to take

the well-working concept into an international space. The Pirates in Aachen (Germany) and Maastricht/Heerlen (Netherlands) have such a partnership already. True to the slogan of the Lower Saxon election Campaign "Ideenkopierer" (idea copier), the examples working within Germany and between Aachen and Heerlen/Maastricht are now being copied.

The Pilot Project

The pilot project, as announced today, will involve the pirates from a German-speaking community in Belgium on the one hand, and the Pirates from the North-Rhine Westfalian Capital Düsseldorf on the other hand. Besides some existing personal ties and a convenient travel distance, both regions share a common language. The knowledge gathered from this project will go to help the Pirates living in non-German-speaking Belgium to find suitable partnerships as well, with Liége likely to join Aachen and Maastricht, and Brussels having its eyes set on Frankfurt am Main. There are ties already between Pirates in other countries such as the German city of Hanover and Dutch Groningen, so the hope of the coordinators is that the partnerships turn out to be a good idea and will in turn be copied more and more. There have been positive signals from a number of other parties, ranging as far as Sweden and Croatia, to the project.

The Effect

Next to networking, and fostering the international aspect of the Pirate movement and community, dissemination of knowledge is one of the key motivations to get this project started, and bet on its success. The hope is that international contacts will become even more common in most pirates' lives, and that the international networks extend much further than just involving international coordinators. Sharing ideas and experiences on topics like campaigning, and gaining knowledge of problems experienced in neighbouring countries, has been one of the strengths of the pirate movement right from the beginning, and might be key in its continuing success.

The Future

Practically. the partnerships could consist of a mix of joint mumble sessions, visiting each other's real world meetings, and travelling together to ongoing elections campaigns elsewhere.
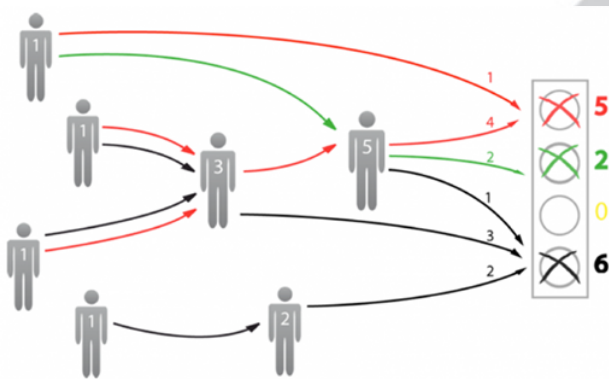
Activities like couchsurfing and getting help for ongoing elections campaigns are likely to be much easier with partnership programmes. Cooperation between Pirate groups from all over Germany has been a key factor in the success the German pirates have had in 2011 and 2012, and it is about time to put it on the next level!

Press Release issued by the Belgian Pirates

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Written by Justus RÃ¶meth published at February 22, 2013

Italian Elections 24?25 February 2013

The Italian Pirates are not able to field leading candidates in the coming elections in Italy. As the elections have been called early PPIT was unable to muster the support needed to be able to run in time. Not wanting to just sit on the side lines and watch, they found a suitable candidate to support in the independent candidate for the newly formed party. the SEL (Sinistra Ecologia Libertà -Left Ecology Freedom) Party - Arturo di Corinto.

Di Corinto is a psychologist journalist and author. He has also been active in digital activism since the 1990s. You can follow him in his Italian language Facebook page and on Twitter. There is also an interview on youtube with him discussing his Pirate Party support.

The Pirates will be no doubt be using this opportunity to gain campaigning experience and to promote the Pirate Party and the Pirate principles amongst the Italian people.

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 Corrections: made 22 February 2013

The dates for the election have been corrected

It has come to our attention that there is a Pirate candidate running in the Lombardy district.

Marco Marsili is a candidate in list 20 for the Pirates. We wish him success.

Thanks to Märt Põder for pointing these out.

We are always grateful for readers pointing out errors.

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Pirate Party Fact Sheet for Italy

Name (English): Pirate Party Italy (PPIT)

Name (Original): Partito Pirata Italiano

Established: 16 September 2006

Party Colour: Orange

Website: http://votopirata.it/

Contact: info@partito-pirata.it

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/partitopirata

Twitter: https://twitter.com/#!/partitopirata

Status: Registered

PPI Member: Yes

Politicians in Office: 2

Comments: The party replaced its board with Liquid Feedback in 2012

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PPEU: Progress in Paris

During the first week-end of February, the Statutes Group of the PPEU project had a meeting in Paris. About thirty pirates from a dozen Pirate Parties were physically present, while others followed the debates remotely from Mumble. There was much to discuss, from the structure of the PPEU and even its own name to the recent contact between the Swedish Pirate Party and the Eurosceptic EUDemocrats. It was also an occasion for the Pirates of Europe to meet and socialize in the French capital.

Original Agenda

This meeting had two main objectives. The first one was to establish the meaning of the PPEU, why it is needed for, what Pirate Parties want of it and who should be members of it. Since the inception of the project for a PPEU, these had already been discussed at length, but this was the time to settle on them. The second objective was to determine the inner organisation of the PPEU: how and by whom should decisions be taken.

Apart from these topics, were a planned explanation from the Swedish Pirate Party on their projects to make an alliance with the Eurosceptic EUDemocrats and a conference with Richard Stallman.

Saturday: the purpose of a PPEU

Apart from PPSE, who seems to want the PPEU to be only a minimal platform to receive and share funding from the EU and stick to the core Pirate principles, all present Parties want the PPEU to be a tool to elaborate and share programs and ideas, though the opinions on the degree of binding it should have are very diverse. Despite those diversities, everybody agreed that the PPEU should help its members in organisational and official matters and inter-PP communication as much as it could.

In the end, the present delegates agreed on a proposal of five purposes for the PPEU that will have to be approved by each Pirate Party before the next conference

Facilitating coordination and cooperation between its members.

Assisting its members to promote the Pirate movement in Europe.

Taking as its principles the Pirate manifesto, as will be annexed to the statutes.

Functioning as a link between European Pirate Parties and Pirate MEPs.

Encouraging and supporting its members in organizing events focused on European topics

This non-exhaustive list of PPEU functions will be the first test of involvement for the currently participating Pirate Parties: only those who ratify these will be accepted to the future conferences.

Regarding membership requirements, despite PP-FR's opposition, the decision has been taken to stick to the resolution of the Barcelona conference: ordinary members should be Pirate Parties based in states that are members of the EU, a candidate state for the EU, a state which applied for candidate status,an EFTA state or a state which is within Europe.

Sunday: building the PPEU

After a dinner in Paris, a good night of sleep and some purely organisational decisions, Sunday was spent mainly on two issues.

The first one was a presentation by the Swedish Pirate Party of their negotiations with the EUDemocrats alliance, an European political party composed mainly of eurosceptic national parties. According to delegate Mattias Bjärneman, though the political agendas of the two formations are divergent on many topics, they could agree on a few core principles to make an

alliance to get fundings for the upcoming 2014 European elections. This alliance could potentially be at any level: national or PPEU, though the latter has the favour of PPSE.

This proposal faced strong opposition from the French delegates and the Swedish Pirate Party asked all the Pirate Parties for their opinions on this issue. The final decision on this agreement will be taken by PPSE in April, taking these opinions in consideration.

The second issue was on the formation of a core status group to work permanently on the statutes of the future PPEU between conferences. By vote, PP-DE Martina Pöser, who had been one of the leaders of the PPEU project since the beginning has been nominated to choose the members of this group.

Other decision-taking issues, such as the majority mode for decision making inside PPEU or the use of the Liquid Democracy tool EuroLiquid, have been held over for the next meeting because of the lack of time in Sunday afternoon.

Social event and conference

Besides decision-taking and internal politics issues, this meeting has also been an occasion for the European Pirates to enjoy each other's company and to learn more about each other in the lunches and dinners in Paris restaurants and cafés. Taking advantage of the presence in Europe of the Free Software Foundation president, Richard Stallman, the French Pirate Party dedicated the end of Sunday's afternoon to a conference featuring the free software advocate. Questions and talks between him and the Pirates allowed everybody to refresh their spirits after the debates of the weekend and refocus on the core principles and motivations of the Pirate Parties.

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Sweden Pirate Party Threatened with Law Suit

Today,19 February 2013, the Pirate Party of Sweden reported that it received a letter from the Rights Alliance on account of the party supplying The Pirate Bay with Internet access. In the letter, the Rights Alliance makes it clear that they intend to take legal actions against the Pirate Party and its representatives if the party does not shut down The Pirate Bay's Internet access by February 26.

The Pirate Party's party leader, Anna Troberg, is upset over the threat:

?The Pirate Party's operations are legal, and legal operations should not be subject to such threats. It is not illegal to provide The Pirate Bay with Internet access, says Troberg. There is no list of illegal sites that ISPs cannot provide access to.?

Unfortunately this type of blackmail that the Pirate Party is exposed to is not unusual. Large and small internet-providers are often the victims of similar pressure from the copyright industry's lawyers.

? When they feel that the law isn't enough they take matters into their own hands and turn the thumb screws on individuals and companies that have a hard time fending off the copyright industry's wealthy giants, says Troberg. It is depressing that they are still allowed to continue this way without interference by either politicians or the judicial system.

?Similar cases has been marred by shocking miscarriage of justice, which obviously is something we need to take into consideration when deciding how to proceed with this. These days a legal operation is by no means a guarantee for a fair trial. This is why the Pirate Party exists and is needed, more than ever.? Troberg finishes.

The action by the copyright industry follows similar attacks on the Pirate Parties of The Netherlands and The United Kingdom where the leaders of PP.UK were personally threatened with legal action for hosting Pirate Bay proxies.

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P-review

This is the first of a new feature in the Pirate Times. A regular review of the what the Pirate Times brought you in the previous week from Monday to Sunday plus some things we did not cover and a look at events in the week ahead.

The week in review 11- 17 February 2013

February 11

How to Make a school tour with pirate politics

Bringing the Pirate Message to the next generation in schools. Students are open to our brand of politics. We show you how to go about it.

February 13

We celebrated our 6 month's birthday

We took a look at what we have achieved since our founding, where we are now and where we want to be after the next half year.

February 14

Flattr Appreciation during January

How much you donated to us in January and some ideas on how we can use the money improve our service to you.

February 16

Looking forward to International Privacy Day 23rd February 2013

What is it? What can I do? Where can I join an action? What is a paper storm? Read and find out

February 17

The EU intends to privatise "the Basis of all Life".

For some of our readers this might seem a bit strange but Europeans have been used to holding essential resources as a common good and not being sold off to the highest bidder.

Some other events that we have noted in the last week

The Czech Pirate Party is taking President Vaclav Klaus to court over the keeping of information about his New Year amnesty secret. Never let it be said that Pirates are afraid of people in high office.

300,000 US citizens send a petition to Congress against the reintroduced CISPA act. And we thought we had seen the last of it. We must be vigilant - the politicians might be asleep but the spooks never rest in their attempts to invade our privacy.

Wikileaks and the Pirate Party of Australia look set to contest the same senate seat in this year's elections. Australia's preferential election system means they both can cooperate.

It is an expensive business in Australia to field a senate candidate

You can donate to the PPAU effort on their site

You can support Wikileaks as well

Swedish Pirate Party MEP, Christian Engström talks about child safety online.

The Pirate Bay announced it is 'planning' to sue CIAPC an anti-piracy group in Finland

Some events that should be interesting for Pirates in the coming week

The Pirate Party of Switzerland will be holding its Winter Congress 22.-24. February in Aarau

Keynote speakers will be Richard Stallman, Birgitta Jónsdóttir and Gerd Leonhard

The Italian elections will be held on 24?25 February 2013 but the Pirates are not running as they have not had time to organise. However, they will support another candidate. The journalist, writer,and psychologist Arturo di Corinto who has some very Pirate oriented policies.

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Written by Andrew Reitemeyer published at February 19, 2013

Pirate Party of Poland Registered as a Political Party

On Monday 18 February 2013 The Polish Pirate Party announced that is has gained official registration as a political party and can contest in elections. It was a long and difficult road to registration but now it has been done. The Party was founded on 7 July 2006, and registered on 11 November 2007. Due to formal error, the party was de-registered in 2008. On 21 January 2012 the Court made a decision to re-enter the Pirates in the register of political parties under the number 328 and PP.PL was informed last week.

They have also revamped their website to make it more in line with the needs of an official party. They have introduced an events calendar and a forum to make it easier for curious Polish people to learn about the newly emerged Pirates in their midst. They will now be aiming for the European elections in 2014 and the Presidential election in 2015. We know that the Pirates of Europe and the world will unite in congratulating them.

Some further information:

Website: http://partiapiratow.org.pl/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/PolskaPartiaPiratow

Twitter: https://twitter.com/PartiaPiratow

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EU Intends to Privatise the ?Basis of all Life?

As with all raw materials is water is also not indefinitely available. If water becomes a commodity in the conventional sense, it means: increasing demand will decrease the quantity available and prices will rise.

This results in opportunities for the 'market' to achieve high rates of return. In Germany we are on the way to becoming less dependent on oil and developing alternatives for a stable energy supply. This is existentially necessary for a modern society. Analysts therefore classify the raw material ?water", in the long run, as being more lucrative as investments in the energy market. Hidden in a directive, the European Commission wanted to put through a project for "water privatization" almost unnoticed. The innocuous-sounding title: ?Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on Concessions? but there is something more to it.

It is about nothing less than the promotion of the privatization of water resources. Already, the EU promotes the privatization of water utilities in the indebted countries. The supposed saviors (Troika) are forcing Portugal and Greece to sell their drinking water utilities. The first water works in Greece (Athens and Thessaloniki) are to be sold. Portugal will be forced to sell the water operation "Aquas". The citizens in Portugal already are feeling the first effects with price increases up to 400% and a loss of quality. Should the Commission persist with their plans, the common property 'water' ? other than in a decision of the UN - will become the subject of

speculation.

This process is advanced and supported by a huge big business lobbyist machine, Nestlé. The global corporation is on the starting blocks and putting on the pressure. The German TV program 'Monitor' has already reported about it on 13.12.2012. On the home page 'Water is a human right', everyone can support the planned European Citizens Initiative, ?Water and Basic Sanitation is a Human Right! Water is a public good and not a commodity! Support it. An example of where privatization can lead can be seen in Berlin. After the water supply was privatized in Berlin significant price increases were seen which, in 2012, led the Berlin Senate to buy the shares of the private supplier back again.

Bernd Schreiner, candidate for the Bundestag and environmental speaker from Thuringia, says on the subject: ?Water and the municipal supply are basic elements of the basic services humans need. We firmly reject a commercialization by means of a European-wide tendering of the drinking waters supply. The local citizen is dependent on the local water supply and thus bound to a drinking water supply. It is more important to design citizen-oriented local utility companies provide by municipal regulations. The water supply and management must be crystal-clearly there for the local citizens on a not-for-profit basis. The grasping for the element of life by large corporations increases the cost of supply while simultaneously degrading the quality. Investments are made according to quarterly reports, and not according to the requirements of a high quality water supply. At the end of the privatization process only the companies, whose profits the public have to provide, benefit. ?

So it is appropriate that the United Nations General Assembly has declared the year 2013 as the ?International Year of Water Cooperation?. Various working groups of the Pirate Party Germany, for example the WG Agriculture and the Brandenburg WG Environment and Energy Policy, are planning a day of action on World Water Day. The various branches are invited to participate actively with information booths or other actions. The deadline for this is the 22.03.2013. In the ?Bochum Resolutions? the formal positions of the German Pirates on the topic of "Privatization of water" can be found.

You can get more information about the subject at the right2water.eu website.

This article was tranlsated from a post in our sister publication The Flaschenpost which is affiliated with the Pirate Party of Germany written by Manfred Liedtke.

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Written by Andrew Reitemeyer published at February 17, 2013

International Privacy Day 23rd February 2013

Next weekend, Saturday 23 February 2013, the world's citizens are being called to action in the defence of privacy. There is barely a country left in the world where the rights of the individual are not under attack from unwarranted surveillance by the state and the business sector. Politicians are beset by lobbyists and foreign and domestic governments clamouring for more and more intrusions into the private sphere. In Europe the focus is on INDECT but the attacks

are many and varied by nation. You will find a long but incomplete list in the protestwiki page.

Events are being organised worldwide by Pirates and our friends such as Anonymous. Check the Riseup pad for an action near to you and if there is not one in your town or city then you know what to do. Yes - organise a protest or paperstorm yourself. You can get ideas for stickers and flyers from this German wiki to adapt to your own land and language - don't forget to add contact details for your local Pirate Party to the flyers. It would be helpful if you post your work back to the wiki so others can benefit from your work.

If you are bilingual in German and English then there is a need to translate wiki pages ? your help would be very appreciated.

For the international day for privacy you can keep up-to-date by following the Twitter handle @idp2013 and using the hashtag #IDP13 .

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6 Months of Pirate Times (Aug 13-Feb 12)

Today we celebrate six months of being a pirate news service. During our first 183 days of activity we have managed to publish 120 articles, creating an average of 470 words per day. We

have attracted 45 966 visitors where 79.6% of them came from Europe.

The pirate movement has been an international force right from the start. In August last year there were more than 50 countries with their own Pirate Party, each in a different stage of development. Although there existed opportunities to interact between countries - for example within Pirate Parties International - there had been little exchange of information. There was a need for the interchange of information, news and tips between the parties and through setting up an international news service for Pirates the goal was to improve the communication both outwards and inside the Pirate Movement. We wanted to inform Pirates and everyone interested in Pirate politics about topics that are relevant for most of us from an international perspective.

Pirate Times

We currently have 41 team-members from many different Pirate Parties in various countries around the globe. We make use of internet technologies to communicate, share ideas and collaborate on articles. We also take the time to meet up in real life with each other and our readers when we can. The main goal remains to create more international awareness between different Pirate Parties, spread news internationally and share the best practices regardless of borders. International topics can be brought to attention in several countries and more coordination between pirate parties can take place which will strengthen the Pirate Movement. We are loosely bonded to the PPI and accepted their kind offer to use PPI infrastructure.

Voices about Pirate Times

Her is what some of our readers said about the Pirate Times:

"I found some interesting news about UK, Austria and Russia for example. Sometimes, I spread the news but I didn't got much feedback about. About Germany, it was less helpful for me since I read their posts in G+. I hope that the Pirate Times will go on, because I enjoy it very much and we need all to keep international awareness." - Kenneth Peiruza, PP.CAT Spokesperson

"I enjoy Pirate Times! We frequently quote and use PT's information on our website and social networks (both national and local networks).

Every Lundi (Monday) evening we have a mumble meeting called "Lundis Opinions" (Opinion

Lundays) where we often refer to Pirate Times. And you are kind of fast since we were wondering about PP-UK position on their prime-minister declaration about the 2017 European referendum and it was already written and available for all on your site." - Yohan AGLAE "MindHack" PPFR Spokesperson

"The Pirate Times is the best thing happening to the pirate movement since Johnny Depp" - Jonas, PP-BE

Future (plans to reach for end of 2013)

We want to grow our team by at least six more regularly contributing members so we can achieve the goal of one article per day (If you are interested please apply by joining the mailing list and introducing yourself).

1000 readers per day

500 newsletter subscribers

2500 Facebook Page likes

2500 Twitter followers

Translate Pirate Times to French and Spanish

To start a podcasting service

To get ourselves quoted more by the main stream media

Statistics

For those of you who are numerically minded here are some statistics about the Pirate Times during our first six months. We started publishing articles on August 13th 2012 and these are the statistics up until today 13 February 2013. This is a period of 6 months =183 days (Aug 13-Feb 12). During this time we managed to achieve a Google page rank of 5 (a measurement of how effective your website is) and received 119.28 Euros in donations through Flattr from readers appreciating our work.

Visitors

Unique visits = 45 966

Average visitors per day = 251

Pageviews = 67 861

Average pageviews per day = 371

Record day = 3091 visitors (Jan 25th)

Record week = 5913 visitors (21-27 Jan)

Record month = 10163 visitors (Jan)

How people found us

Visitors per continent

Social and traditional web media

Facebook likes = 808

Twitter followers = 875

Google+ fans = 147

RSS subscribers = 104

Newsletter subscribers = 286

Top 10 visitor countries

Wordpress Stats

Authors = 25

Posts = 120

Words in posts = 84159

Average words per day = 460

Posts per month = 20

Average words per post = 701

Comments = 207

Words in comments = 13185

Trackbacks = 272

Months blogging = 6

Top five author stats

Top 10 articles (unique pageviews)

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Written by Josef Ohlsson Collentine published at February 13, 2013

How To: Make a School Tour With Pirate Politics

Students are generally interested in the type of politics that the Pirate Party has and thus make a good audience. Talking in a school gives you an opportunity to inform about your important

political issues. It also gives an opportunity to attract new voters or members for your party.

"My experience from visiting schools in Sweden is that young people understand and agree with our politics fundamentally, even teachers. The Pirate party is about knowledge and what better place is there to express that than schools? The Pirate party should love schools and work to make schools love us." - Erik Lönroth, PPSE

1. Contact someone you know who works in a School

Almost everyone knows someone working in a school, lower grades, high-school or University. Ask if you can come and talk about one of the subjects you love talking about. If you are unsure about what subject to choose you can brain-storm with some friends or pick one of the following:

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When you ask about coming and talking at the school mention other examples of schools who were happy with your visit (or someone else's). Be nice and stay positive even if they say 'no' (ask to come back again once they have thought about it some more). See the talk as a "fun" interaction.

2. Start NOW instead of waiting for the right time

We need to get out in society and talk about our politics, put our topics to a general discussion and put them on the agenda. Once the election campaigning starts it will be too late for this. With the practice you receive from talking you will be better prepared to take to political discussion in election times. Hopefully the students will ask about some of those same topics come election time.

3. Contact representatives from other political parties

Once the election campaign starts and the other political parties start visiting schools we want to be there and have political debates with them. Call or mail the other representatives and ask when their party will be debating at the schools. See the talks you did earlier as a preparation for

these debates and as a priming of the students and the questions they will bring up.

4. Take photos and talk about your school tour

Make sure to document your talks. It will inspire others as well as help you improve for next time. Spread the knowledge and convince others that school talks are a good idea. One tool you can use to spread your presentation is Slideshare.

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