



## Press Release – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2011

### DAIN Project selected to take part in the European Year of Volunteering 2011 Relay



**EYV2011 Reporter, Jure Rejec, filming two volunteer Digital Activists, Matthew McVeagh and Janet Jones, during a DAIN outreach session.**

The DAIN project is pleased to be hosting Jure Rejec , the European Year of Volunteering 2011 (EYV2011) relay journalist who will be interviewing and filming DAIN participants during Volunteer week as part of the EYV2011 Relay.

The relay team, made up of 27 European volunteers, one from each Member State and with a background in journalism, will cover each stage of the EYV 2011 Tour. The team will share stories from volunteers living in other Member States and will produce a series of video and audio clips and articles that will be broadcast and published in the media and on the Web.

DAIN has been selected as one of 2 volunteer projects to represent the UK in the relay. Andria Birch, DAIN Manager said today: 'We are delighted to be taking part in the relay and to have been given this opportunity to showcase the excellent work of volunteers in the DAIN project alongside that of other WEA volunteers within the East Midlands Region. Volunteers are an essential part of

the WEA and we welcome any opportunity to celebrate and share their experiences and achievements with our European neighbours’.

The Digital Activist Inclusion Network (DAIN) is an exciting volunteer project, part-funded by the European Social Fund, and aims to support some of the 4 million people in the UK currently experiencing digital and social exclusion to begin to use digital technology. Its particular aim is to engage with those who have not used ICT before, ultimately helping to widen participation in employment and learning.

Jure will be working with the DAIN project between 30th May and 2nd June and will be visiting a range of DAIN volunteer activities. The UK leg of the relay will conclude with an event to celebrate the diversity of women involved in the DAIN project named ‘WE CAN DO IT’. This event will run from 1.30pm until 4pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at the [Nottingham Contemporary](http://www.nottinghamcontemporary.com).

For further information on the project or how to become a volunteer with DAIN please contact Andria Birch, DAIN project manager on 0115 9339022, [abirch@wea.org.uk](mailto:abirch@wea.org.uk) or visit our website on [www.dainproject.org.uk](http://www.dainproject.org.uk) End

#### Notes for editors:

#### Workers' Educational Association ([www.wea.org.uk](http://www.wea.org.uk))

The Workers' Educational Association (WEA) is a charity and the largest voluntary sector provider of adult education in Britain. It provides learning opportunities for over 95,000 people each year across all nine English Regions and in Scotland.

The WEA creates and delivers around 12,000 courses each year in response to local need across England and Scotland. The Association believes that education is life-long and should continue beyond school, college and university in order to help people develop their full human potential in society. WEA courses are created and delivered in response to local need, often in partnership with local community groups and organisations, including trade unions.

For more information on EYV2011 Please see <http://europa.eu/volunteering/en/relay/22/>

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