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Last night, almost everybody danced !

Main event: Open ceremony



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Yesterday, the official opening ceremony of the YPAC took place at the highest floor of the Alpina Hotel : the Vista restaurant. All the teenagers and the teachers arrived and enjoyed the panoramic view of the mountain range.

The speeches time came and everyone sat at the tables of the reserved room of the restaurant. The first person who spoke was the mayor of Chamonix, Eric Fournier. He said he was really happy to welcome the YPAC in the town and to see how all the members were involved into this project.

The second speech was given by Micahel Costantino, one of the three presidents of the last year's YPAC. He made everyone understand how his experience of the youth parliament had been important for him.

Then came the long awaited moment of the french president's speech. Jade

Porthault, with all her conviction, managed to transmit to all the audience her enthusiasm and her delight of chairing the event. She let know that the influence of the YPAC was not a chimera and tried to motivate the teenagers for this week.

After that, the turn of the french editor in chief Thomas Betend arrived. He reminded the importance of the roles of the press, film and platform future groups in the project. Eventually, to end this speech session, he said he wished this week to be fantastic for everyone here in Chamonix.

The audience was hungry and the dinner began. The restaurant's buffet was composed of typical french delicatessen, salads, meat and pies.

Before the dessert, the music group named "the Old Lucky's" began its concert with some rock and folk songs. The french delegation started to dance first but all the other ones joined it and the atmosphere quickly reached its peak. The ceremony ended at 10.30 p.m.

What's up with the teachers ?

What the delegates think

Teachers eat the whole day, they are chilling, look at the Mont Blanc, go to the hotel bar, dance crazy and enjoy their wellnes programm at the hotel spa

What the press group thinks

Teachers have just one really important task: how to make the best coffee, doing nothing, debating about which delegation is the best

What the film group thinks

teachers drink coffee, they thinking about how to finance the YPAC the next years and how to improve it if it's necessary, they make fun of the pupils, drink wine, they enjoy their wonderful bathrooms, they flirt with each other while they are dancing



World News

Earthquake in South America

On Tuesday evening, January, 2014 there was a big earthquake by the intensity of M 8.2 offshore Chile. The north of the country was affected by it and afterwards there were waves of over 2 metres hitting the coast and they had to bemoan the death of five people. All the people in the disaster area were evacuated, because of the hazard of a tsunami. There are other affected countries, like Peru, Honduras and Ecuador. Now they think the risk is banned, but they are all on the alert.

What is that new group all about?



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Some of you were wondering what Film group actually is, what are their members doing all day and if there will be some results that we could see in the end. Therefore, Press group decided to speak with mentor - Florent Labre and members about their activities during this week. They are working on special theme – borders. Cultural, political, physical... all kinds of borders and their job is to find connection between them and then create an idea about their films. Each one will shoot a short film (about 1 minute long) with help of other members. Films will be based on haikus that they will have to write before shooting. Before filming even starts, they have to get some basic knowledge about shooting films. There is a lot of interesting equipment in the room of Film group and members need to learn how to use it. At the beginning they were learning about sound and started using microphones. Participants will also learn how to shoot a film with professional camera and how to edit films. Their work will be uploaded on web and maybe represented at the end of week.

Do you have any experience with film making?

Yes I have. I have participated in the shooting of the film for the school.

I don't have much. Sometimes I make clip at home, but only for my selves or family members. I'm glad I can be here to learn something new.

What do you think is the most interesting in Film group?

In any case, I get a lot of new experiences and meet new people. I'm amazed at all the professional equipment. At first I was afraid of holding what a huge camera. Yes, it is a very interesting experience

Do you think Film group is right decision and say something about the atmosphere?

Yes, the Film group is right decision. It's really good atmosphere. The group is always in contact and we have fine time. I actually think that the good atmosphere is the most important thing for working together.



Train trip to the ice cave



by *Saguez Emma*
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This morning we went in the mountains in a train, because the high heels and suits were not so convenient to go by feet!

So we took the famous red train of Chamonix to arrive in a fabulous landscape. The museum, and the exposition allowed for everyone to understand the environment around us. Each group had a private lesson on glaciers given by a guide of Chamonix Valley, it was very interesting!

After lunch, we had be able to go to the ice cave! Then, just before the come back the sun arrived! Some people had trouble with the hour of the train and they missed it, but finally everybody arrived in Chamonix safe and sound!



Mr. Mahmoud is coaching the delegates

Pursuing dreams and not being dreamers



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This morning the delegates had a training with a coaching expert to learn how to communicate with the politicians coming tomorrow .

The meeting took place in the coffee room at eight where the delegates listened to the coach seated in a circle. Karim Mahmoud, a geopolitics professor at university, who also works for the association Young Movement of Non-Formal Education, is the expert coach for this year's YPAC.

His job consists in leading a coaching workshop both for committees and politicians, so that the dialogue between them can be productive.

The aim of this workshop is to identify what the delegates expect from the meeting tomorrow and how the meeting should be set.

Therefore the delegates had to work on both the material and the formal dimension: the proposals and the rules for the debate, in the name of reciprocity and equality.

"Pursuing dreams and not being dreamers": the coach told the students to talk about their expectations and to list their dreams and fears together with the criteria of achievement.





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Fortune cookies

Teachers : Be a good friend and a fair enemy.

Presidents : Keep your plans secret for now.

Press Group : Your dream will come true when you least expect it.

Stuff : It's all right to have butterflies in your stomach. Just get them to fly in formation.

Committees : Be direct, usually you can accomplish more that way.

Film Group : You will discover your hidden talents.

Platform Future : Change your thoughts and you change the world.

Did you know

Did you know the Hawaiian alphabet has 12 letters

Did you know 'Topolino' is the name for Mickey Mouse Italy

Did you know the croissant was invented in Austria

Did you know a 1 minute kiss burns 26 calories

Did you know Switzerland eats the most chocolate equating to 10 kilos per person per year