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youngCaritas invites you to the "Eye-Contact Flash Mob" at Bolzano's Walther Square

Can you keep eye contact in silence for one minute? youngCaritas invites you to do just this on Friday 15th June at 12.30 pm at Walther Square. The "Eye Contact" flash mob takes place in collaboration with various youngCaritas groups from all over Europe. The goal is to bring human interaction to the fore and to bring people together.

The experiment is aimed at people of all ages and is quite simple: just sit down or stand still while keeping eye contact with another person – preferably someone you don't know – for a whole minute. Anyone who has the time and the inclination can join in and, through keeping eye contact with a stranger, can overcome their shyness of others. The idea for this initiative and "human experiment" was thought up in Australia and aims to bring people together through non-verbal communication, counteracting the apathy that prevails in society today. In Bolzano, around 60 young people from various youngCaritas groups from all over Europe are expected to visit, for what is being called an "action meeting", from 14th – 17th June. The motto of this interaction is "You are Welcome!" – in an effort to encourage a sense of solidarity and an open society.

"Young people will work together on the issues of solidarity and migration and thus on a better reception culture in Europe," says Nicole Pozzi from the South Tyrolean youngCaritas group.

To this end, the "Eye contact" flash mob mentioned above will be open to all who are interested on Friday 15th June at 12:30 pm to 1 pm at Walther Square. "It's a simple yet effective gesture with a clear message," says Nicole Pozzi, inviting all those interested to join in with the event.

Further information about the flash mob and the youngCaritas exchange meeting can be obtained from the office of the South Tyrolean youngCaritas on tel. +39 (0) 471 304 333 or e-mail info@youngcaritas.bz.it.