

EUROPEAN ACADEMY ON YOUTH WORK (EAYW)

First edition: Innovation, Current Trends and Developments in Youth Work

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CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MODULAR PROGRAMME

WHAT IS THE EUROPEAN ACADEMY ON YOUTH WORK (EAYW)?

The **European Academy on Youth Work** is a new initiative of seven National Agencies of the EU Programme Erasmus+: Youth in Action, namely Agenzia Nazionale Per I Giovani - Italy, EDUFI - Finland, JTBA - Lithuania, JINT - Belgium-Flanders, JUGEND für Europa - Germany, Jugend in Aktion, Interkulturelles Zentrum - Austria, MOVIT - Slovenia as well as of SALTO-YOUTH Resource Centres and the Partnership between the European Union and the Council of Europe in the field of youth.

The EAYW aims to support innovation in youth work and youth work policy and to promote the development of quality youth work. It contributes to creating further a common ground on youth work and youth work policy in Europe. In this respect, it works on the demands of the 2nd European Youth Work Convention to *further develop the concepts and practice of youth work, to find strategies to work on the current and emerging challenges faced by young people and to renew its practice and strategies according to the changes and trends in society and politics.*

To this end, the EAYW offers a **regular platform for reflection** on hot European topics with relevance to the youth field, on recent or current developments and future trends. It is a place for exchange and knowledge gathering on creative, transformative and innovative youth work practices, its tools and instruments, and for dissemination and exploitation of results of studies and research as well as youth work policies. Furthermore, it links to political frameworks and developments with an impact on youth work, and it offers space for discussion and exchange on related political strategies, decisions and developments. In this way, the EAYW also encourages cooperation among actors in the youth work field to further support innovation.

The target group of the EAYW are youth workers, paid and/or volunteers, from all levels (local, regional, national, European), professionals in areas with relevance for the youth sector and representatives of youth work policies and public services, National Agencies and other youth work structures, [I]NGOs as well as science and research. Participants come from a wider European context, and where relevant and needed from other parts of the world. The EAYW targets in particular those looking for innovation or who have new ideas and initiatives to offer.

THE FIRST EDITION OF THE EAYW

The **first edition of the European Academy on Youth Work** will be taking place from **21st to 24th May 2019 in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia**, hosted by MOVIT Ljubljana. 140 participants will be invited to discuss "Innovation, Current Trends and Developments in Youth Work".

The **programme architecture of the EAYW** is based on a modular programme with parallel sessions and space for plenary sessions. The methodology of the EAYW will offer different approaches and formats (e.g. lectures, project presentations, panel discussions, workshops, labs, open space sessions, etc.). The contributions to the EAYW should come from youth work practice, youth research and youth policy including other youth-related sectors. Based on a call for contributions interested parties are invited to submit programme proposals.

All relevant sessions will be streamed and inputs given will be collected and published online as well as in printed form. Results will also be published in form of an analytical synthesis report of the event.

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MODULAR PROGRAMME OF EAYW

We are looking for contributions to the EAYW coming from youth work practice, research or policy as well as from other sectors of relevance for youth. This call is for **contributions to the contents of the programme** that help to meet the above mentioned purposes of the EAYW, namely to **support innovation and quality development in youth work and youth work policy and to inform on new trends.**

The contributions can focus on

- Trends and developments in youth work in terms of concepts, strategies and approaches
- Current pilot projects and experimental practices in youth work at all levels
- New educational resources and material, curricula in non-formal learning schemes
- Latest developments with regard to competence-building and in particular in training of trainers or training of youth workers
- New practices in education of youth workers
- Results from latest / current research projects, insights from studies
- New developments within different youth work policy frameworks and measures within such frameworks at all levels (local, regional, national...)
- Easily accessible youth information and communication strategies

In terms of method, the contribution can be a

- speech or lecture intended to present information about a particular subject
- project presentation, meant to inform, persuade, inspire, motivate or to present a new idea or product
- workshop with the function of bringing together smaller groups to work on a given topic with a limited, solid duration in a cooperative and moderated manner
- lab intended to test a specific practice or tool
- other formats of contributions are possible.

Contributions during the modular programme should last for between 60 and 90 minutes, taking into account that each session should also offer some space for interaction with the participants.

A member of the organisation team will contact the contributors after the selection to further fine-tune the method and contents of the contribution and see, if/what further support might be needed. During the preparatory phase it will also be decided in which part of the modular programme the selected contributions will be placed.

Selection criteria and expectations

Contributors are generally expected to have a background in youth work or in youth work policy or in youth research. Experiences in analysing and presenting projects are an asset.

Proposals for contributions should highlight in which context - recent or current developments in youth work - the project stands and how it meets the needs of young people and / or of specific target groups. Aspects of innovation and quality development must also be tackled in terms of creative, transformative and innovative youth work practices, tools and instruments.

A project, as it is used in this context, stands for all possible types of contributions, such as practices, tools, initiatives, outcomes of research, policies etc.

Besides the presentation in the event, contributors should be ready to support the collection of contributions for the overall documentation by providing their input in written form. Concretely, the contributor's tasks include:

- a written summary of the contribution of about half a page, to inform participants of what they can expect from the session before the event, to be submitted by the end of December 2018
- the contribution during the event (possibly including educational tools, e.g. visual presentation, hand-outs, digital tools or apps to be used during the session etc.)
- a written text of 3 -4 pages summarizing the contribution to be submitted within two weeks after the EAWY, which will be published as a part of the report of the EAYW

Payment

Travel costs and full board & lodging of the selected contributors will be covered by the organisers. Selected contributors will also receive a fee of 1.000 EUR upon completion of the above-mentioned tasks.

Submission of proposals for contributions

Deadline for submission of proposals: To express interest in presenting a contribution to the EAYW, please apply online by **30th of October 2018** at this link: <http://onlineform.salto-youth.net/1644>

In the online form, you are asked to briefly describe the content and the background of the project that that would like to present, to summarise your experience in the field, and to indicate the reasons why specifically this project should be presented.

You will be informed if your project proposal has been selected or not by **15 December 2018**.

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