

What you can do

The Y.E.S. Forum believes that ALL stakeholders need to be actively involved in devising, promoting and adopting policies to ensure social inclusion.

We ask you to come and support us in campaigning for positive change for young people in Europe.

We hope that you will join us in our partnerships, networks and projects.

More participation of young people for better social inclusion!



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Who we are

The Y.E.S. Forum is a network of organisations that work for and with young people facing difficulty and disadvantage.

That may include young people who are:

- unemployed
- homeless
- affected by substance abuse or violence or
- with difficulty at school or with training.

The Y.E.S. Forum currently has members from organisations right across Europe. Its members are local, regional, national (non)-governmental organisations active in the fields of social work, youth work and community work.

The Y.E.S. Forum also involves academics, researchers and those with responsibilities in social policy.

What we want

The Y.E.S. Forum aims to foster a sustainable dialogue about the needs and interests of young people with fewer opportunities amongst the various stakeholders including young people themselves, youth and social workers, as well as decision makers.

The Y.E.S. Forum regards young people as a positive driving force in the process of shaping Europe. Participation of young people with fewer opportunities and their direct involvement in network activities has been a key priority in the Y.E.S. Forum since its foundation.

Young people need opportunities for obtaining education and training and for participating fully in all aspects of society.

The Y.E.S. Forum seeks:

- to encourage professional networking and exchange of good practice among youth workers, social workers and other professionals,
- to support peer-to-peer contact and greater mobility between young people from different European countries,
- to develop and promote new ways of thinking in youth social work and
- to make positive contributions to European political debates on youth and social affairs.

What we do

The Y.E.S. Forum organises training, seminars and conferences that provide space for exchange of good practice and critical thinking. Using web community tools, the Y.E.S. Forum facilitates forums for discussion and consultations. It also strongly encourages the involvement of the members in transnational project cooperation involving young people and practitioners.

Our activities and services for you include:

- providing regular European news service
- organising seminars, conferences and training for practitioners
- developing and supporting transnational projects
- facilitating exchange and contributing to policy developments
- realising activities with and for young people: youth exchange, youth conferences, voluntary service...

