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Youth and European Social Work

Dear Patricia Duensing,

Welcome to the April issue of YES Forum News, examining the latest developments in youth policy and reporting about news in our network.

Our annual event on “Detached, outreach and street-based work – how to reach and involve young marginalised people in their communities” is getting closer. If you are interested in taking part in this event, you can still [register](#).

Best wishes and Happy Easter,
Annett

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Focus: European Developments

EU Youth Conference: Youth empowerment for political participation

Organised by the Latvian Presidency of the EU, the European Youth Forum and the Latvian Youth Council young delegates and policy-makers from across Europe met from 23rd to 26th March in Riga. The EU Youth Conference in Riga aimed to discuss youth empowerment for political participation, a thematic priority of three presidencies (Italy, Latvia, and Luxembourg). Latest statistics show young voters abstain more than the general population in all European states. Also the gap between the democratic institutions in Europe, representatives and political parties and young citizens is growing.

To read the Joint Conclusions on “Youth empowerment for political participation”, please click [here](#).

New ERASMUS+ Inclusion and Diversity Strategy

In September 2014, YES Forum was invited by the SALTO Inclusion and SALTO Cultural Diversity Resource Centres to take part in a roundtable consultation in London for the development of an integrated “Inclusion & Diversity Strategy” for the new Erasmus+ programme. The strategy has been recently made [available](#).

YES Forum will be present at the [official launch](#) of the Strategy, during the 2015 European Youth Week, on the 7th of May. To read more about the Strategy, click [here](#).

High-level Conference on Social Dialogue

A new start for Social Dialogue in the European Union was marked by a high level conference which took place in Brussels on 5 March. With the support of the European Commission, represented at the event by Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, the event featured workshops directed towards key parts of the multi-lateral framework to promote Social dialogue in the EU. Social dialogue is envisioned as a way to support Europe’s social market economy “with EU cross-industry social partners and their national affiliates from all Member States, as well as EU sector social partner organisations”.

For more details, click [here](#).

European Youth Work Convention between 27-30 April

The Belgian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (November 2014 - May 2015) organizes between 27 and 30 April the 2015 European Youth Work Convention. The convention comes five years after the 1st Convention (Ghent, 7-10 July 2010), and will draw together stakeholders from all over Europe for a political and institutional debate around youth work in Europe. The themes that will be tackled include: 1) aims and anticipated outcomes of youth work; 2) patterns and practices of youth work; 3) connections between youth work and wider work with young people (formal education, training and employment, entrepreneurship and more) etc. Expected participants number 400 policymakers, researchers and practitioners.

For more details, visit the official website of the Convention [here](#).

2015 Tripartite Social Summit

At the first Tripartite Social Summit since the new EU Commission took office last year, jobs, growth and investment priorities were at the forefront of discussions. The event, which took place on 19 March, offered cross-industry social partners European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC); BUSINESSEUROPE; the European Centre of Employers and Enterprises providing Public services (CEEP); and the European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (UEAPME) the opportunity to discuss with the European Commission, EU Heads of State or Government, and Employment and Social Affairs Ministers from the countries holding the current and future EU Council Presidencies.

For more details, click [here](#).

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YES Forum's activities and members' activities

2015 Annual Event in Bordeaux

Comité National de Liaison des Acteurs de Prévention Spécialisée (CNLAPS), and its regional affiliate Action Jeunesse Pessac, we will organize our 2015 Annual Event in Bordeaux, France, between 19 and 21 May. The topic of this year's event is "**Detached, outreach and street-based work - how to reach and involve young marginalised people in their communities**".

Our [annual event](#) is open and everybody is free to engage in discussions. We welcome your ideas and experiences to contribute to the debate on effective approaches in street-based work. To register please click [here](#). **Registration**

is open until 15 April 2015.

2014 YES Forum Annual Report

2014 was an eventful year, both for the YES Forum and for the wider European field of Youth work and policy. The YES Forum Secretariat in Stuttgart is proud to introduce the Annual Report which details its activities and initiatives with young people and European partners during the last year.

To read the report, click [here](#).

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Calls for Proposals, Conferences and Training

ERASMUS+ KA2 DL: 3 April 2015 12:00 (noon) CET

The next deadline for submission of projects under the Key Action 2: Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices - Capacity Building in the field of youth call is fast approaching. Projects under this call must aim to foster cooperation and exchanges in the field of youth between Erasmus+ Programme Countries and Partner Countries; improve the quality and recognition of youth work, non-formal learning and volunteering in Partner Countries; foster the development, testing and launching of schemes and programmes of non-formal learning mobility at regional level; and to promote transnational non-formal learning mobility between Programme and Partner Countries, with an emphasis on young people with fewer opportunities.

For more details, click [here](#).

Daphne call for Proposals DL: 3 June 2015 12:00 (noon) CET

This Daphne call targets violence against women, young people and children linked to harmful practices. Projects should aim to combat and prevent violence linked to harmful practices, such as female genital mutilation, forced or early marriage or forced sexual relationships, and so-called "honour crimes" committed against women, young people and children. The total budget for projects in this call is EUR 4.500.000.

For more details, click [here](#).

Call for Tenders DL: 30 April 2015 12:00 (noon) CET

The European Commission has launched a call for tenders titled "Framework

Service Contract to Carry out Studies Supporting European Cooperation in Education and Youth". The main objective is to enhance evidence-based policy making and support the Commission's work with reliable knowledge, evidence, analysis and policy guidance on specific topics in this field covering education, training, youth, research and innovation.

For more details, click [here](#).

**ENTER! Youth Meeting on Access to Social Rights
DL: 27 April 2015**

The Youth Department of the Council of Europe is looking for participants for the Enter! Youth Meeting, a gathering of 200 young people, youth workers and local and regional authorities on the topic of improving the access of young people to social rights.

To read the call for participants, click [here](#).

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