



Our Life. Our Voice. Young people and poverty – Final conference

Thursday 4 May 2017

When: 10:00-16:00

Where: L42 - Rue de la Loi, 42, 1040 Brussels

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Background

YES Forum and its members support vulnerable young people to turn their lives around, working with young people to create a culture of participation to make sure their voices are heard. Thus, we placed young people's views at the heart of our two year project Our life. Our Voice. Young People and Poverty. From 2015-2017 groups of young people in 5 different countries worked together to explore young people's experience of poverty and what it means for them to live in families struggling to make ends meet day to day.

We would like to invite you to the project's final conference, which will give a platform for young people, practitioners, policy and decision makers to discuss the results of the project. The young people of the partners involved will introduce their findings on poverty effects and describe their recommendations for a more inclusive society.



Programme

3 May

- 19:00** **Welcome Party - Dinner**
Celebrating the success of young people's work & Networking
MEP Julie Ward, European Parliament (UK, S&D)

4 May

- 9:00** **Registration**
- 10:00** **Opening and Welcoming**
Annett Wiedermann, Director YES Forum
Karola Becker, Member Board Internationaler Bund
- 10:30** **"Our Life, Our Voice" from the Young Participants' Viewpoint**
Young people from the project consortium
- 11:00** **Key note speeches**
Ending poverty as a political choice - Which way forward?
Martine Reicherts, Director-General for Education and Culture
Rachid Madrane, Ministre de l'Aide à la jeunesse à la Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles
- 11:30** Coffee break
- 11:45** **Panel discussion**
Ending poverty as a political choice - Which way forward?
Damien Burguet, ATD Fourth World, Djynamo Europe Coordination
Amana Ferro, European Anti-Poverty Network, Senior Policy Officer
Valbona Hystuna, ARSIS (Association for the Social Support of Youth, Greece), Youth Support Coordinator
Georgi Karaghiozov, European Commission, Policy Officer (DG Employment)
Margaret Tuite, European Commission, Coordinator on the rights of the child (DG Justice)
2 young people from the project consortium
- 12:30** **Open Debate and Q&A**
- 13:00** Lunch
- 14:00** **Youth's Truth**
Interactive exhibition about the young people's work
- 15:30** Coffee break
- 15:45** **Recognition of Achievement**
Manfred von Hebel, Deputy Head of the German National Agency Erasmus+ Youth
- 16:00** **Closing Remarks**
Edwin de Boevé, Director of Dynamo International
- 16:15** Coffee & Networking
Facilitator: Flavie Singirankabo

