

Program training 1: What is and what is not youth work

The purpose of the training is for participants to understand the common European ground of youth work. They will get to know about and discuss the definitions of youth work and youth worker as well as the scope and purpose of youth work. They will be able to recognize the core principles of youth work, as well as the differences between youth work and social work, leisure work and cultural work.

To be done by the participants before taking part in the training:

- Read the Council of Europe recommendation on youth work, Scope and purpose, Principles (Attached)
- Read the European Charter on youth work, the core principles. (Attached)
- Read the Council Conclusion on youth work 2013, short version. (Attached)
- Fill in and return participants presentation form, including three examples where formal or informal expectations on youth work are in conflict with the participants idea of what youth work should be and do. (Attached)
- Read and bring relevant local policy documents to the training

Day 1: Monday 6 September

15.00 – 19.00 First session: (Including coffee break)

- Welcome and presentation of participants and their respective organisations. (Based on form for presentation.)
- Presentation of expectations on the training.
- Presentation of the whole concept (four trainings): Background, aims, organizers, etc.
- Presentation of the purpose, content and design of the training and the role of the participants.

19.30 Dinner

Day 2: Tuesday 7 September

09.00 – 10.30 Second session

- Questions from yesterday
- Presentation 1: "From diversity to common ground". On the European policy development process, why it was/is needed, what it has looked like, and the outcomes in terms of documents.

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.00 Third session

- Reflections and discussion on presentation 1: Do we recognise the scenery? Looking at our local policy documents; Do we see the need for similar processes on local level?

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15.00 Forth session

- Presentation 2: The EU Council Conclusion on youth work 2013 and the report from the EU expert group on youth work quality systems. On proposed definitions of youth work and youth worker
- Reflections and discussion on presentation 2: Do we share the ideas on youth work stated in these documents? How to they match the formulations in our local policy documents?

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 17.00 Fifth session

- Reflections and discussion on presentation 2 continued
- Evaluation of the sessions
- Summoning up the day

18.30 Dinner

Day 3: Wednesday 8 September

09.00 – 10.30 Sixth session

- Questions from yesterday
- Presentation 3: The Council of Europe recommendation on youth work. On the scope and purpose of youth work.
- Reflections and discussion on presentation 3: Do we share the ideas on youth work stated in the recommendation. How to they match the formulations in our local policy documents? How do they match our everyday practice?

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.00 Seventh session

- Presentation 4: The European Charter on Local Youth Work, introduction and the core principles of youth work.
- Reflections and discussion on presentation 4: Do we share the ideas on youth work stated in the core principles. Are there important principles that are missing? How to they match the formulations in our local policy documents? How do they match our everyday practice?

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15.00 Eight session

- Presentation 5: Summoning up on youth work policy. Drawing some conclusions from presentations and discussions. What is youth work and how to talk about it with others? The difference between youth work and social work, leisure work and cultural work? Promotion or prevention? Rights based or problem solving? Or all and both, in the right order and perspective? How to use European policy documents to strengthen local youth work policy.
- Reflections and discussions on presentation 5: Do we have a common ground?

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 17.00 Ninth session

- Reflections and discussions on presentation 5 continued
- Evaluation of the sessions
- Summoning up the day

18.30 Dinner

Day four: Thursday 9 September

09.00 – 10.30 Tenth session

- Questions from yesterday
- Exercise 1: Is this really youth work? Discussions on some dilemmas regarding tasks that youth worker might be appointed to but are in contradiction to our idea of youth work, and how these dilemmas might be solved. Discussions and presentations in small mixed groups + 'plenary' discussions

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.00 Eleventh session

- Presentation 6: Turning policy into practice. Presentation of The European Charter on Local Youth Work Change Makers Kit.
- Exercise 2:
 - a) Working with different sections of the kit in small groups (2 – 3 participants), answering the question; Could this help us to turn policy into practice? How could it be further improved?
 - b) Presenting the respective elements for the rest of the group and giving feedback for the further development of the change makers kit.

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15.00 Twelfth session

- Exercise 2 continued
- Evaluation of the sessions

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 17.00 Thirteenth session

- Presentation 7: Youth work policy and practice in Slovenia

18.30 Dinner



Day 5: Friday 10 September

09.00 – 10.30 Fourteenth session

- Summoning up our ideas and conclusions together. From blah, blah, blah youth work to youth work!

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.00 Fifteenth session

- Evaluation of the training

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15.00

- Thoughts regarding the upcoming trainings
- Eventual presentation of 'home work' to be done until the next training.

15.00 Coffee and see you next time!