



Rolling out the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2017: The Youth Academy and an example of support for innovation and quality development of youth work

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The Youth Academy Launch ...



Different ways to launch : traditional v modern



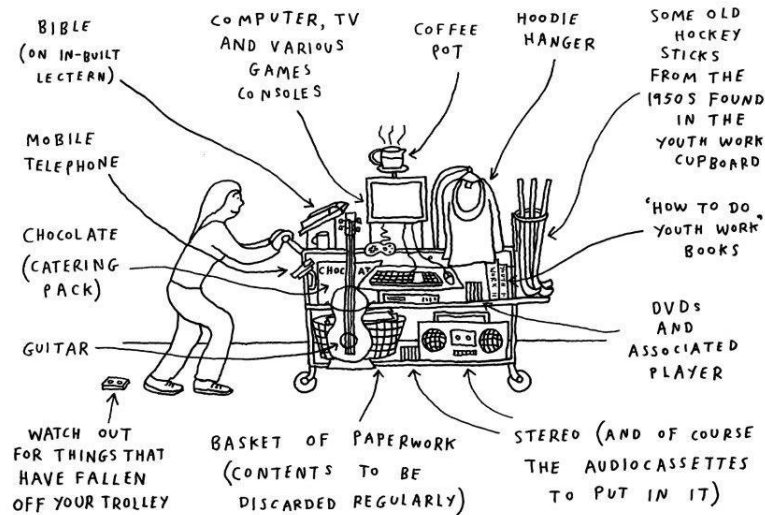
Different ways to launch : youthful v middle-aged



Now to youth work ...

THE YOUTH WORK TROLLEY

THESE DAYS YOUTH WORK REQUIRES A VAST ARRAY OF EQUIPMENT.
HAVING A SPECIAL TROLLEY IS A GOOD WAY TO CARRY IT ALL AROUND:



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From the 2018 Commission Communication ...

- Commission Communication, Engaging, Connecting and Empowering young people: a new EU Youth Strategy – 22.5.2018 COM(2018) 269 final
- Staff Working Document (2018) 168 on the results of the open method of coordination in the youth field 2010-2018
- Staff Working Document (2018) 169 on the situation of young people in the European Union: Part 1 – 7
- Factsheet: Empowering young people and building their resilience: A new EU Youth Strategy



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- Resolution of the Council of the European Union and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on a framework for European cooperation in the youth field: The European Union Youth Strategy 2019-2027. OJ C 456, 18.12.2018, p. 1–22

*"Relevant stakeholders are, amongst others, the EU Member States, the relevant European Union institutions and other international organisations, such as the Council of Europe, local and regional authorities, youth councils, youth organisations, organisations working with young people, **youth workers**, youth researchers and civil society actors as well as structures of the programmes Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps and their successor programmes."* (p. 2, sec. 2)

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*"(...) **youth work** in all its forms can serve as a catalyst for empowerment: Youth work brings unique benefits to young people in their transition to adulthood, providing a safe environment for them to gain self-confidence, and learn in a non-formal way. Youth work is known for equipping youth with key personal, professional and entrepreneurial competences and skills such as teamwork, leadership, intercultural competences, project management, problem solving and critical thinking. In some cases, youth work is the bridge into education, training or work, thus preventing exclusion."* (p. 5)

*"To reap these benefits, there is a greater need for recognition of non-formal and informal learning through **youth work**, especially beneficial to those with little formal qualifications, as a way to improve employability. Recognition can be improved by a more systematic use of quality tools."* (p. 5)

Tackling core areas of the youth sector, Reinforcing cross sector cooperation





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ENGAGE

*"— Actively engage young people, youth organisations and other organisers of **youth work** in the development, implementation and evaluation of policies affecting the lives of young people on local, regional, national and European level," (p. 4)*

CONNECT

"INVITE MEMBER STATES AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION, WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS OF COMPETENCE, TO:

*— Enable access for all young people, as well as for **youth workers**, to cross-border mobility opportunities, including volunteering in the civil society sector, by eliminating obstacles and implementing support measures with special attention to young people with fewer opportunities," (p. 4)*

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EMPOWER

"INVITE MEMBER STATES AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION, WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS OF COMPETENCE, TO:

- Develop and implement a European Youth Work Agenda for quality, innovation and recognition of **youth work**. In order to unleash the full potential, it is necessary to integrate the expertise of youth representations, youth organisations, **youth workers** and researchers. Further synergies with the work carried out by the Council of Europe in this area should be encouraged,*
- Support quality **youth work** development on local, regional, national and European level, including policy development in the field, training for **youth workers**, the establishment of legal frameworks and sufficient allocation of resources,*
- Support **youth work** activities on all levels, including grassroots, and recognise youth organisations as providers of competences development and social inclusion through **youth work** and non-formal education activities, while respecting national, regional and local activities in this field," (p. 5)*



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"ACCORDINGLY INVITE MEMBER STATES AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION, WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS OF COMPETENCE, TO:

3. Cooperate on the Basis of Instruments and Governance

(...)

*f. Communicating the EU Youth Strategy: Keeping in mind the different stakeholders involved in policy-making for young people, it is important to communicate the purpose and the content of the EU Youth Strategy in a comprehensive way and youth-friendly language. The EU Youth Strategy together with the European Youth Goals can provide orientation for people closely involved in shaping youth policy as well as to actors outside of that field, creating a new and positive narrative on EU youth policy and **Youth Work** in Europe." (p. 6)*

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Youth Goal #9 SPACE AND PARTICIPATION FOR ALL

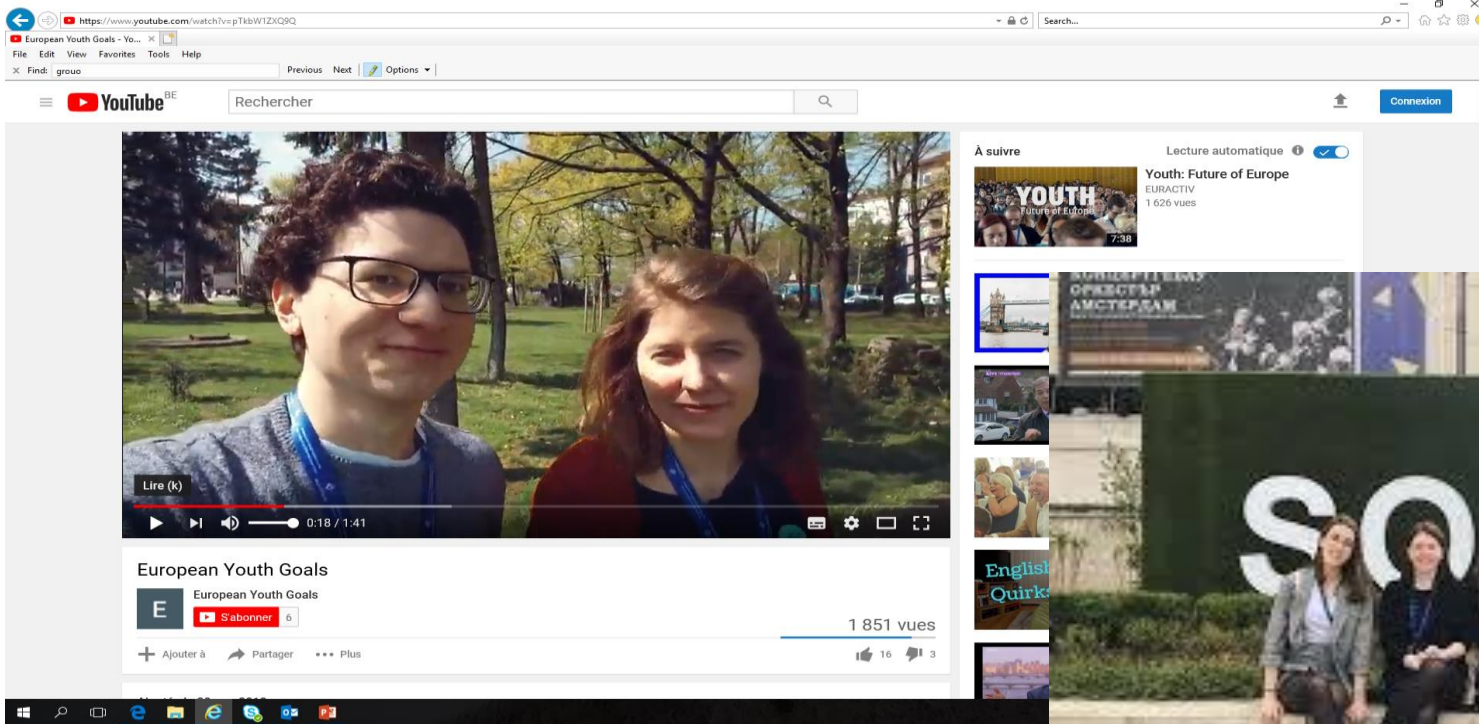
"Background: Young people are underrepresented in decision-making processes which affect them although their engagement is crucial to democracy. They need access to physical spaces in their communities to support their personal, cultural and political development.

(...)

— Ensure sustainable funding, common recognition and development of quality youth work in order to strengthen youth organisations and their role in inclusion, participation and non-formal education." (p. 16)



Remember Sofia?



Youth

Youth Goals: a vision from youth for Europe



1. Connecting EU with Youth



2. Equality of all genders



3. Inclusive societies



4. Information and constructive dialogue



5. Mental health and wellbeing



6. Moving rural youth forward



7. Quality employment for all



8. Quality learning



9. Space and participation for all








10. Sustainable green Europe








11. Youth organisations and European programmes

EU Youth Strategy : deliverables

- 2019 (2nd half) Council Conclusions on the education and training of youth workers (FI PRES) 
- 2019 (2nd half) Council Conclusions on digital youth work (FI PRES) 
- 2020 Development of an online course on youth work (COM) 
- 2020 Peer-learning activity on cross-sectoral approaches in youth work (COM) 
- 2020 (1st half) (poss.) Council Conclusions on Youth work in rural areas and promotion of intergenerational solidarity (HR PRES) 

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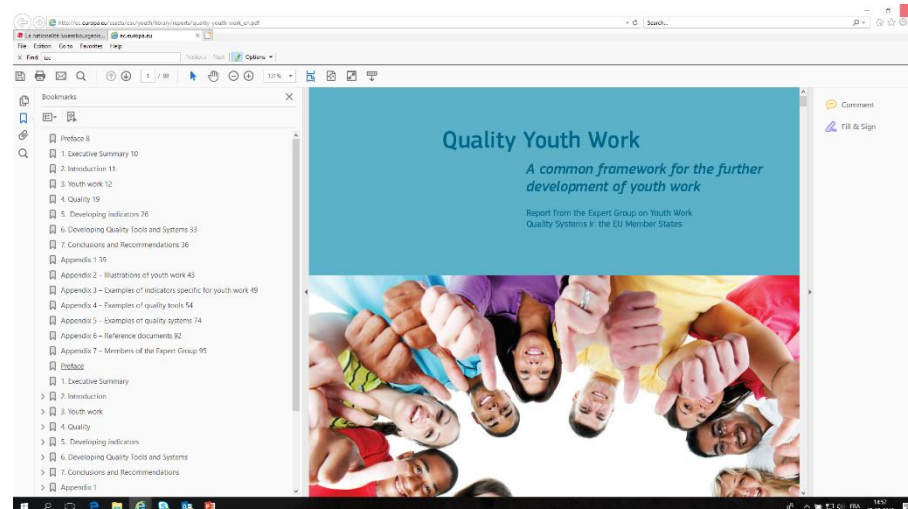
- 2020 (1st half) (poss.) Council Conclusions on Promotion of youth work by raising awareness of the youth sector through information and strengthening of the resources (HR PRES) 
- 2020 (2nd half) Council Resolution ‘Agenda on Youth Work’ (term in line with final EU-YS) (DE PRES) 
- Dec. 2020 3rd European Youth Work Convention (DE PRES) 
- 2020 or 2021 (poss.) Peer-learning exercise on digital youth work (FI PRES) 
- 2021 Peer-learning activity on innovative ways of financing youth work (COM) 

Achievements to build on

Report from the Expert Group on Expert Group on Youth Work
Quality Systems in the EU Member:

“Quality Youth Work” (2015)

http://ec.europa.eu/assets/eac/youth/library/reports/quality-youth-work_en.pdf



Achievements to build on

Youth work quality systems and frameworks in the European Union: Handbook for implementation (2017)

<https://publications.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/47840260-28b3-11e7-ab65-01aa75ed71a1>



Achievements to build on

“Taking the future into their own hands : Youth work and entrepreneurial learning : final report”

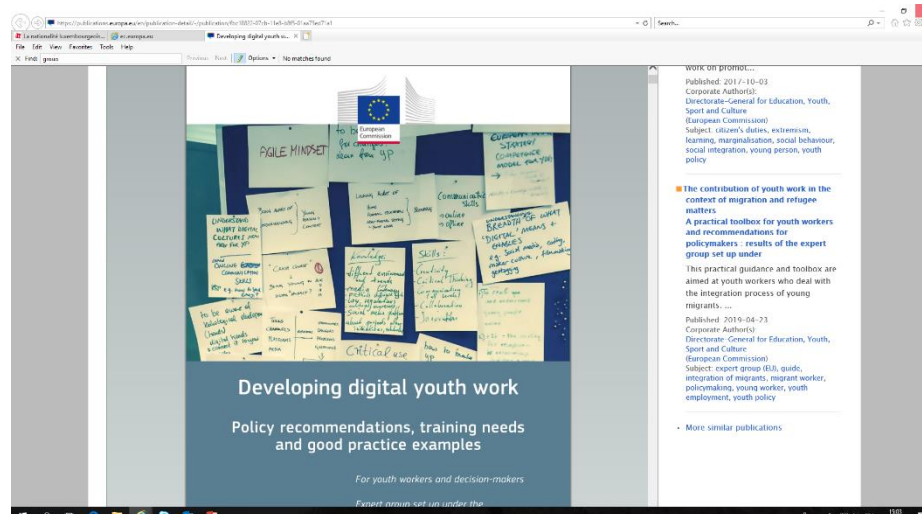
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Achievements to build on

Report from the Expert Group on Digital Youth Work:
“Developing digital youth work” (2018)

<https://publications.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/fbc18822-07cb-11e8-b8f5-01aa75ed71a1>





Happy Youth Academy Launch!



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