



European Academy on Youth Work

20 students interviewed  
20 participants & contributors

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What do participants think about good ways to prepare students for their work in youth work?

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### What is to do?

Each team should conduct one interview per team member and each team member should document one interview in writing.

Please collect the results in this padlet...

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### Analysing

After this, each team will analyse the material and collect important findings. This will be compared in our session on Thursday at 16:30.

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### Template for general findings!



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### Uplode the report for each interview according to the main questions and suggestions.



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### What do participants think about good ways to prepare students for their work in youth work?

- What do you wish to know before you entered your work?
- What is the most important skillings students should learn, before they enter the field of youth work?
- How can the education of Youth workers complement or reflect the reality of youth work practices?
- What are the missing elements in the education of youth workers?
- What interdisciplinary knowledge is needed students of youth work.

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### What do experts and practitioners in the EAYW think about the future of youth work?

- In which way do you think, youth can be more involved in the future of youth work?
- What changes do you think, will occur in the lives of young people in the future?
- If funding and resources where not limited, what would the future of youth work will look like
- How can societies view on the profession of youth work be changed?
- What actions or activities should we develop for a more positive future?

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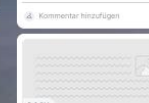
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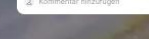
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Something important...

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Youth Work is a right, not a privilege!

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"Youth work is not just playing games, it's a whole methodology, a whole approach to working with young people that does change lives"

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"Societal recognition of youth work comes out of self-recognition"

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"Ofcourse there are challenges but I do think we have very strong young people to get ready".  
"I'm sure that we (and young people, younger, children) have the power in us to cope with all the challenges"

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Whatever crosses youth works path, youth work is always going to be up to date with whatever is happening in society.

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The most important skill youth work student should learn is Confronting people skills. How you confront people without stereotypes - confront them as they are.

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It's not about what young people can't do, it's about what they can do. Focusing on what is great about them.

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"What young people need the most is trust"

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In youth work, fluidity is fundamental. The perception is that today's young people want everything immediately without understanding that sometimes they have to work hard to reach their goals

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There is no youth work without the involvement of young people.

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# Voicing the young people

The voice of young people must be heard!  
To achieve that, a youth worker needs to be  
educated in soft/relational skills.



“Remind the young people to speak up their voices, to demand their rights and to believe that they can change the future”

# Go for an eclectic approach

YW'ers need interdisciplinary knowledge, because youth work brings together many fields like sociology, anthropology, political science, social and cultural work, etc. We need to focus on critical thinking as well.

„Students need the opportunity to learn interdisciplinary theories and skills, and have to bring them into practice as part of their education“



# Create standards in professionalisation

Youth work is a diverse practice which would be strengthened by a standardised quality framework. Connecting to Europe and beyond, we can work towards more recognition.



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# Think about selfcare

It is important to understand your personal & professional boundaries, while empowering young people to develop their own.

We need to keep in mind the boundaries between youth work and other professions who work with young people.

“Youth workers don’t need to be heroes!” “You can’t be everything to everyone”



# Lifelong learning through international cooperation

Lifelong Learning is essential in youth work, because of the fast changes in young peoples' lives. This can be acquired by working together on an international level.



„We have to change and reinvent ourselves with the speed of light.“



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