



BE YOUTH WORKER TODAY (BYWT)

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Barcelona Meeting, 25-27 November 2015 European Network FUTURE PROPOSALS

The network

- Creating a network, but with an informal and light touch, based on a memorandum of understanding
- Should the network be formal, if not how will the network be made
- The network is bigger than a conference
- To:
 - Share practices, and opportunities for young people
 - Exchange good practices and define common goals
 - Exchange good practices especially for new and emerging topics, like radicalization and understanding the role of the youth worker in this process
 - Lobby the EU to recognize the profession of Youth Work
 - Lobby national governments to recognize the importance of HEIs to teach Youth Work as an academic subject, to degree or masters level
 - Develop a common European methodology on Youth Work
 - Recognize that we have differences among ourselves, and we live in different contexts (pornography, drugs, refugees)
- Sharing the knowledge of existing networks
- Involving more young people, and to get participation
- Being more creative, using all five senses, less theory, more abstraction

Communication

- Creating a Facebook group for communication, to exchange ideas and propose innovative ideas, make communication more straightforward, and also an interactive forum for exchange
- Direct communication, Skype, for example
- Translating tools and documents into English for better communication
- Improving, communication needs to be clear
- Defining the types of communication, what are the possible tools to assist joint working

Outputs

- Publishing a report to share and evaluate this BYWT Barcelona event



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Projects

Research

- To research about youth work, define the needs of youth workers, as they need to be redefined every year

Visits

- To exchange visits between partner organization to see good practices but equally to exchange ideas and develop youth work skills
- To visit institutions, but being the young people who introduce us to the centre, less safari, more interaction
- The bus project, take a bus through Europe and young people can visit different projects, meeting with young people needs to be informal

Meetings, conferences, events

- Another conference based on a topic, common goals, another topic could be to find the necessary skills to be good youth work skills. Specific topics; first topic needs to be decided upon at least one or two more.
- Having a meeting annually, or bi annually to talk about aims, but also to evaluate how successful the network is
- Every year we should try and meet and collaborate
- European Youth Work Forum, to invite European youth workers to gather to develop concepts, knowledge and skills
- Erasmus plus, exchanges, strategic partnerships
- Understanding contexts and sharing expertise and resources, meeting virtually but also face to face since it is vital to develop ideas
- Improving, more open spaces, white spaces, imagining concepts, what we would want to discuss
- Open methodology required
- Prior to the conference we need more information to arrive better prepared
- It would be interesting to have interactive workshops; for example how to do street work, how to start a conversation with a young person

Training

- Training to help
- Organizing a training course on conflict resolution
- Creating a formal educational program for youth workers
- Baby steps translation of street working tools in particular