

2012-2013 Programme of the Council of Europe's Youth Sector (provisional version)

"Developing European youth co-operation through youth policy, youth work and non-formal education/learning"

This document presents a provisional version of the programme of the Council of Europe's youth sector for the period 2012-2013.

Project N° 1:

"Human rights and democracy: youth policy and youth work promoting the core values of the Council of Europe"

Project N° 2:

"Living together in diverse societies: youth policy and youth work promoting intercultural dialogue"

Project N° 3:

"Social inclusion of young people"

Project N° 4:

"Policy approaches and instruments benefiting young people and children"

At its meeting in January 2011, the Bureau of the Joint Council on Youth defined the following priorities for each project which should be applied in 2012. These will be validated by the **Joint Council on Youth in March 2011**, but youth NGOs should already take them into account when applying for financial support for activities taking place in 2012 (grants from the European Youth Foundation and study sessions in co-operation with the European Youth Centres).

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Project N° 1: "Human rights and democracy: youth policy and youth work promoting the core values of the Council of Europe"

- 1.1 To further develop and disseminate existing tools and resources on human rights education with young people and children¹, with a view to supporting the role of youth work and youth NGOs in this area and promoting the Council of Europe Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education.
- 1.2 To promote the participation of young people and children at local, regional and national levels, on the basis of the Council of Europe values and standards in this regard.
- 1.3 To consolidate and support the development and the role of nongovernmental youth organisations in all the states signatories of the European Cultural Convention.
- 1.4 To develop youth policy and youth work approaches and methodologies for combating gender-based discrimination and violence.

Project N° 2: "Living together in diverse societies: youth policy and youth work promoting intercultural dialogue"

- 2.1 To develop tools and resources with a view to supporting intercultural youth work in multicultural environments, involving in particular young migrants, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons.
- 2.2 To support youth work in combating discrimination, racism, xenophobia, hate speech and hate crimes.
- 2.3 To support youth work for peace-building, conflict prevention and transformation, as well as the development of the network of Youth Ambassadors for Peace.
- 2.4 To support the role of youth work and youth NGOs in addressing situations of exclusion and discrimination of Roma young people.

Project N° 3: "Social inclusion of young people"

- 3.1 To support the role of youth work and youth NGOs in addressing the exclusion and marginalisation of young people and in promoting their access to rights.
- 3.2 To promote the access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights, notably through youth work at local level.
- 3.3 To mainstream the participation of young people with disabilities in European youth activities.

Project N° 4: "Policy approaches and instruments benefiting young people and children"²

- 4.1 To support youth and child policy development at national level, particularly through policy reviews and advisory missions.
- 4.2 To strengthen the contribution of youth policy to young people's access to the labour market, namely through the recognition of competencies and skills acquired in non-formal education and youth work.
- 4.3 To support innovation and quality of non-formal education in youth policy and youth work.
- 4.4 To support quality youth information and counselling.

1 Council of Europe youth policy addresses children and young people from the age of 10/12, not below.

2 This project concerns mainly intergovernmental co-operation