

## Our objectives are to:

- promote participation and active citizenship of young people in Europe
- prevent and combat social exclusion
- combat racism, xenophobia and discrimination
- be an active influence in shaping youth, social, education and labour market policies and programmes on a European level
- link up people and organisations in Europe
- develop and exchange innovative strategies in Youth, Social and Community Work



## Youth and European Social Work is for:

- young people facing difficult issues at school or with training
- young people not in employment
- young people from refugee or Black and Minority Ethnic communities
- homeless young people
- young people affected by substance abuse and violence

taking into account diversity of gender, ethnic origin, ability, sexual orientation and cultural heritage

## Our activities and what we offer

- a European News Service
- facilitated exchange and discussion forums
- contacts and support in finding transnational partners/opportunities
- seminars, conferences, training
- project development and consultancy
- expertise in lobbying and analysis of policy positions
- activities with, and for young people: youth exchange, youth conferences, voluntary service, online-magazines, chat meetings, multi media projects

## Youth and European Social Work

Y.E.S. FORUM was created in 2001 as a preparatory measure within the EU Action Programme to combat and prevent social exclusion. The founding assembly of the Y.E.S. EEIG as the legal backbone of Y.E.S. FORUM took place on July 10<sup>th</sup> 2002 in Stuttgart. Currently Y.E.S. FORUM has members in over 12 countries in Europe. Its long term goal is to have a presence in all member countries of the European Union.

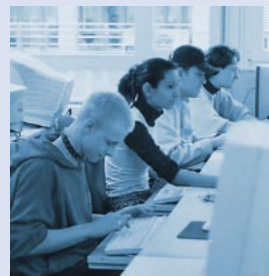


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### Youth, Social and Community Work in Europe

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## Information, Exchange and Networking

### Meeting point Europe: the virtual forum for Youth, Social and Community Work in Europe

Y.E.S. FORUM created with the virtual community yes-forum.org a general network and market place for Youth, Social and Community Work in Europe involving young people, social workers, educators, professionals, opinion formers and decision makers. The Y.E.S. Community serves as a permanent discussion forum. Information, discussions and project results are archived and accessible. A multi-lingual interface and facilitated communication processes stimulate transnational and cross-sectoral networking.

To promote exchange and transparency within the Y.E.S. Community each individual member and each organisation are represented through an information card which can be individually edited.

Contact for Community Membership: [yes-info@yes-forum.org](mailto:yes-info@yes-forum.org)

Please provide the following information: your name, organisation, email-address

➔ [www.yes-forum.org/community](http://www.yes-forum.org/community)

## Innovation and Entrepreneurship

### A dynamic Europe: promote initiatives – cross-border cooperation – sustainable working relationships

The Y.E.S. EEIG – European Economic Interest Group for the development of human resources is the legal and management backbone of the Y.E.S. FORUM and has not-for-profit status.

Choosing this legal form, the only one which exists on a European level, symbolises Y.E.S. FORUM's aspiration to play an active part in the European integration process. Y.E.S. EEIG member organisations are committed to intensive and sustainable forms of cooperation. Strategic projects are set up to develop and exchange innovative strategies of Youth, Social and Community Work. Reliable communication and decision-making procedures ensure effective cooperations. Linguistic and cultural diversity enriches our collaboration and creates learning opportunities.

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## Knowledge and Project management

### A knowledge Europe: Making use of online means of communication and strategies to deal with linguistic and cultural diversity in transnational projects

The choice of communication tools, planning and management is particularly important in transnational projects and the key for success.

Y.E.S. FORUM offers the use of on-line 'meeting rooms' for knowledge and project management and for public project presentation along with strategies to deal with linguistic and cultural diversity.

Results and experiences of carrying out transnational projects are collected and are accessible for all. The high degree of publicity of the Y.E.S. FORUM will help the

public presentations of projects to be available to a large number of visitors – only two mouse clicks away.

Contact for on-line project management: [yes-info@yes-forum.org](mailto:yes-info@yes-forum.org)

Please provide the following information: Short description of the project, duration of the project, number of person in the project team

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## E.S. Projects

### Participation and Inclusion of young people

#### Living in Europe: young people as a positive and driving force of the European integration process

Young people send us a clear message: they want to shape their environment and society actively. This is why we are aiming at offering young people professional forms of support in order to enable them to act as active and responsible citizens.

We regard non-formal learning measures and projects as important means for competence building of young people and to promote social inclusion.

In our work we particularly focus on enhancing equal opportunities, tolerance and democracy in a global information and knowledge society.

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