



Education and Culture DG

'Youth in Action' Programme

REPORT & IMPACT OF THE YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME 2011 MONITORING SURVEY

Every year the **EU Youth in Action programme** supports over 8,000 projects allowing more than 150,000 young people and youth workers to make valuable experiences in the field of non formal education and youth.

At the beginning of 2011, the Commission launched for a second time a survey aimed at assessing the qualitative outcomes of Youth in Action projects on their participants and promoters.

This survey, carried out among more than 5,000 young people, youth workers and youth organisations, shows that the Youth in Action programme is well on track in fostering active citizenship and promoting the acquisition of skills leading to personal, social and professional development.

The survey was carried out in all Member States and focused on participants in transnational projects.

Among young participants:

- 91% consider that having participated in a YiA project has increased their competences in a foreign language.
- 84% consider that they learned better how to achieve something in the interest of their community or society.
- 75% learned better how to identify opportunities for their personal or professional future.
- 87% say that the projects made them more receptive to multiculturalism in Europe.

- 67% believe that their job chances have increased thanks to the project experience.

Among youth workers:

- 86% of the respondents consider that they will now give more attention to including an international dimension in their work.
- 92% consider that they gained skills and knowledge which they would not be able to gain through projects organised at national level.

Among youth organisations:

- 90% consider as 'very true' or 'somewhat true' that participating in a project supported by Youth in Action increased their project management skills.
- 89% consider as 'very true' or 'somewhat true' that it increased their appreciation of cultural diversity.

Asked if they had been participating in a new international or European initiative since the end of their project or are planning to do so in the future, 80% of the young participants, 90% of the youth workers and 96% of the youth organisations responded positively.

[Impact of the Monitoring Survey](#)

[Report of the Monitoring Survey](#)



FINDING PARTNERS FOR INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS ...

DO YOU WANT TO FIND NEW CONTACTS IN THE WORLD?

OTLAS helps you with the first steps in building your projects and find partners for your international activities:

- ▶ Search the database to find the perfect match for your organisation or project.
- ▶ Add your organisation or informal group to demonstrate your interest in international co-operation.
- ▶ Create project ideas and partner requests to get others to contact you.

<http://www.salto-youth.net/tools/otlas-partner-finding/>

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BRIDGES TO WORK

17-20 October 2011, Antwerp, Belgium



Are you a young job seeker? Do you work on youth employment projects? Are you an employer or employment service looking for new ways of working?

Why not attend 'Bridges to Work'. For the first time at European level, this conference will link youth work, employment, and entrepreneurship. It will offer a space for inspiration, networking, visibility, action, and co-operation.

Good reasons to participate

- Expert inputs on youth employment & entrepreneurship
- Inspiration from great employment practices
- Network with relevant stakeholders
- Visibility for your employment actions
- Info about funding & support programmes
- Feedback on your employment projects
- Influence European approaches to work.

ALSO FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUNG PEOPLE!!

Parallel to the big stakeholder conference, a seminar for (long-term) unemployed young people will take place. The two groups will discuss the same employment issues but from **different perspectives**. At strategic moments in the programme, their respective views will be shared to enrich the discussions and to root the different suggestions in reality.

For more information, please click [here](#)

Apply now - Deadline 1 August 2011

YiA PROGRAMME : ACTION 3.1 - FUNDING COMMITTED FOR 2011

The funding for **Action 3.1** of the **Youth in Action programme** has been committed for 2011. Therefore, this means Action 3.1 will be closed for Round 4 (1 September), with the potential of re-opening in Round 5 (1 November).

If you're still interested in applying for Action 3.1 funding:

- If your project includes a partner from another EU programme country then consider applying to their National Agency for funding in Round 4. You should encourage your partner to check that their National Agency has funding available for Action 3.1; or
- You could consider re-applying in Round 4 (for another type of Youth in Action project, eg. a Youth Exchange with programme country partners; or
- Wait to see if Action 3.1 will re-open in Round 5.

Keep checking the British Council Youth in Action website for further information - www.britishcouncil.org/youthinaction

Funding is still available for the remaining Actions:

[Action 1.1 - Youth Exchanges](#)

[Action 1.2 - Youth Initiatives](#)

[Action 1.3 - Youth Democracy projects](#)

[Action 2 - European Voluntary Service](#)

[Action 4.3 - Training and Networking](#)

[Action 5.1- Meetings of Young People and those responsible for Youth Policy](#)



Enhancing Youth Workers Learning Mobility & Youth Work Support to Unemployed Young People

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

There has been a new call launched for applications to Action 4.3 at central level which can now be viewed at: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2011/call_action_4_3_en.php

The call is aimed at the following types of projects:

The purpose of this call for proposals is to support youth workers' mobility and exchanges with a view to promoting the acquisition of new skills and competences in order to enrich their profile as professionals in the youth field.

By promoting long-term transnational learning experiences for youth workers, this new action will also aim at strengthening the capacities of the structures involved in the project, which will benefit from the experience and new perspective brought by a youth worker from a different background.

In doing so, this call will enhance networking among youth structures in Europe and will contribute to the policy priority to support, recognise and professionalize youth work as a cross-cutting policy tool in Europe.

Deadline for submission of applications: **1 September 2011** (date of postmark)

Projects must start between **1 January 2012** and **1 June 2012**

Duration of the project: **Maximum 12 months**

Duration of the mobility: **Minimum 2 months** and **maximum 6 months**

YOUTH IN ACTION (YIA) - TRAINING FAQS

Where can I find information about training opportunities?

Training events are advertised on the Salto-Youth website (<http://www.salto-youth.net/>) in the European Training calendar (<http://www.salto-youth.net/tools/training/>). Each event will have a synopsis and information on who the event is aimed at, as well as contact details for the organisers, dates and location of the event (location country – location details within the country are not always known until closer to the event).

Who can attend a training event?

Most training events are open to youth workers and youth leaders with others also open to young people. Any additional eligibility criteria eg. an age restriction will be advertised with the course information.

The terms youth worker and youth leader are quite broad and applicable to both professional and volunteer workers, and within the UK there are currently no eligibility criteria in addition to those advertised with each event.

Are all events open to all countries?

No. Some events require National Agencies (NA) to book places on them in advance of them being advertised and not all NA's will book places on all courses. Where this is the case there will be a list of countries who have booked places and if the UK is not listed then we do not have reserved spaces. In these cases this almost always means that no UK participants can attend.

Some other events have a specific geographical remit eg. they are only open to Eastern European countries or they are only open to islands etc. This will be clearly advertised in the event info.

What kinds of events are there?

Throughout the year there will be core (network) trainings covering key aspects of Youth in Action and how to apply for all of the actions:

- **Appetiser** - General introduction to YiA
- **BiTriMulti** - Youth Exchanges
- **Get in Net** - Youth Initiatives
- **Get Involved** - Youth Democracy
- **SOHO** - Getting started in EVS as a sending organisation or hosting organisation
- **TicTac** - Action 4.3 Training & Networking Projects
- **ECTC** - Introduction to European Citizenship and its role/application in YiA activities
- **Training of Trainers** - How to become a YiA trainer
- **ATOQ** - Advanced Training on Quality, aimed at improving quality in Youth Exchanges

There will also be other training events that NA's have concluded will be useful to people covering topics like diversity, inclusion, use of media/internet etc., some of which will be Contact Making Seminars.

How do I apply?

Some courses require you to download an application form - either a word document or a pdf and then complete it and email it to your National Agency.

Most courses are applied for on-line by clicking the link at the bottom of the event information and then filling in the on-line form - for these courses you will need to register with the Salto Youth website, which is very quick and easy and can be done on-line through the website (<http://www.salto-youth.net/mysalto/login/?pfad=%2Fmysalto%2F>)

Please be aware that this information will flow through to the application form every time you apply and will be sent to the National Agencies who will use it to contact you - it therefore needs to be kept up to date.

What makes a good application?

A good application will answer all questions clearly and thoroughly providing ample evidence of why attending the course is of benefit to them, their organisation and the young people they work with.

The process is competitive and the total training/hosting and travel costs per participant, can be significant, so the application needs to clearly demonstrate the value of attending the course, to the applicant, their organisation and the young people they work with. This doesn't necessarily mean writing very long answers but it does mean giving clear and thorough answers.

How often can I attend a training event?

Currently, there is no fixed rule around this but the UK NA may choose to prioritise those applicants who have not attended a course before.

How do I know who my National Agency is?

Your National Agency is the one from the country in which you reside, so the British Council is the National Agency for all UK based applicants. www.britishcouncil.org/youthinaction

How much do training events cost?

The cost of a training event is split between the hosting NA and the sending NA. The hosting NA will pay for all the accommodation, food and training costs while the event is on, and the sending NA will cover the travel costs through reimbursing for these after the event. Currently, all travel costs except insurance are covered by the UK NA, including visas for those who need them. Some events require a small monetary contribution but this is clearly advertised and sometimes covered by the sending National Agency.

Who makes the travel arrangements?

All participants must make and pay for their own travel arrangements. They will be reimbursed for this after the event and upon submission of a completed claim supported with receipts.

How do I get the reimbursement?

Once you are selected for a course the UK National Agency will contact you with the information that you need for this. Reimbursements take around month to be processed.

What happens once I've applied?

Applications go to the sending National Agency, so all UK applications go to the British Council who make a selection based on the quality of the applications and the appropriateness of the applicant. This selection is sent to the host NA who will make a final selection using this information which will be circulated to all sending NA's. Hosting NA's always inform successful applicants that they have been selected and some also inform the unsuccessful ones.

Once a participant has been informed that they have been successful in their application to attend a training event they are advised to contact their sending National Agency who will then give them more information about the travel reimbursement.

Sending NA's will inform all applicants whether they are successful, unsuccessful or on a waiting list and, at this point, send out a registration form to the successful applicants which they must complete and return by post to the British Council in Cardiff in order to confirm their plan to attend the event.

Once this has been received, the British Council will send out all the forms and information needed for claiming a reimbursement for the travel expenses.

In the meantime the hosting National Agency will also have been in touch with logistical information around the venue and event.

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YOUTHFUL EUROPE - METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING

23-27 October 2011, Macedonia

The German and Austrian National Agencies of the Youth in Action Programme are offering, in collaboration with SALTO South East Europe Resource Centre, a methodological training for (potential) applicants of YiA projects on the subject of Europe. The [Call for participants](#) and [application form](#) are available online.

MULTILATERAL TRAINING COURSE FOR NEWCOMERS IN YOUTH IN ACTION, ACTION 1.1

16-20 November 2011, France

Newcomer training on Youth Exchanges by the network of National Agencies. The training supports voluntary as well as full-time youth workers dealing directly with young people in developing their first youth exchange. The [Call for applications](#) and [application form](#) are available online.

TRAINING 'VALUE THE DIFFERENCE'

18-23 October 2011, France

Are you a youth workers or a youth leader interested in Cultural Diversity issues such as cross-community work, fighting racism, or looking at young people's identity in today's work? This training will provide tools and reflection on cultural diversity topics linked to international youth work with a special focus on identity.

[Further info available online.](#)

Check out the recent publication '**UNDERSTANDING YOU(TH)**' to explore identity and its role in international youth work. [Download it here](#)



UK childhood wellbeing ranks behind much of Europe

UK children's wellbeing lags behind many other European countries, including France, Germany, Slovenia and Estonia, recent [research](#) by Save The Children has found.



ARK: Young Life and Times Survey

Every year the Young Life and Times (YLT) survey invites 16-year olds from all parts of Northern Ireland to tell us about their experiences of school, and their views on politics, sectarianism and other social issues. In 2010, 786 young people responded. This leaflet provides a [summary](#) of key findings of the 2010 YLT survey.



Governance Fit for Children

This [report](#) by Save The Children assesses how far the general measures of implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) have been realised in the UK.



DEL: Kennedy launches consultation to help those not in education, employment or training

The purpose of this consultation document is to seek your views on the draft framework for a [cross Departmental strategy](#) for reducing the numbers of young people most at risk of entering or remaining in the NEET category.



OFMDFM: Junior Ministers welcome report into child poverty

Junior Ministers Martina Anderson and Jonathan Bell

have welcomed a [report](#) by the Prince's Trust into the affects of poverty on children and young people.



Children's Commissioner for Wales publishes plans to undertake first review

The Children's Commissioner for Wales has announced [plans](#) to use his statutory powers to review the provision of independent professional advocacy for looked-after children and young people, care leavers and children in need.



£13m to Pre-VENT NEETS in South Wales

Young people across South Wales who are at risk of dropping out of school or their further education studies are set to benefit from a new £13 million scheme to improve their chances of success Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes, Alun Davies AM, has [announced](#).



Gaelic Education review

A [review](#) of Gaelic education by HMIE has found that Scotland has the potential to be an international model of best practice in the promotion of a minority language education. Gaelic Education: Building on the Successes, Addressing the Barriers also states that Curriculum for Excellence presents new and exciting opportunities for Gaelic education, as well as highlighting some areas for improvement.



Telling it like it is

This [report](#) by Save The Children sets out the views and voices of children and young people experiencing poverty and disadvantage.



Growing up in Scotland

The latest [findings](#) of the Growing up in Scotland study have been published. Launched in 2005, the Growing Up in Scotland study (GUS), gathers the experiences of 14,000 children and their families including attitudes towards children's services, parenting, childcare, healthcare and education.



DRD: Kennedy launches Travel Safe Guide for people with learning disabilities

Transport Minister Danny Kennedy launched a new [Travel Safe Guide](#) for people with learning disabilities in Lisburn today.



Northern Ireland Assembly Commission: Public consultation on the Youth Panel's proposals for a youth assembly,

The Northern Ireland Assembly Commission is seeking views on proposals for the establishment of a youth assembly for Northern Ireland. The [proposals](#) have been developed by a panel of young people working with the Assembly since March 2010. The proposals are based on research, visits to other youth parliaments, the results of an online survey, and meetings with young people and other stakeholders.





PARTNER SEARCH & OPPORTUNITIES

MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE INTERNSHIP IN WASHINGTON

Internships at the Middle East Institute (MEI) are designed to provide students or recent graduates considering a career in a Middle East related field with hands-on experience in a Washington-based, non-for-profit organisation that focuses exclusively on the Middle East. The Fellowship is funded under the Japanese Funds-in-Trust for the capacity-building of Human Resources will aim, in particular, to impact on capacity-building and research activities in the following areas: Environment (with particular attention to Water Sciences); Intercultural Dialogue; Information and Communication Technologies; and Peaceful conflict resolution.

Visit the website for further info:

<http://goyouth.ps/internships-/122-middle-east-institute-internship-in-washington.html>

KINDERGARTEN VOLUNTEER WANTED Vienna, Austria

The Kindergruppe Gatschhüpfer is a kindergarten close to nature where children are out of doors, playing. The kinder group Gatschhüpfer was founded by parents who got sick of the conventional kindergarten, where children spend a good deal of the time indoors and the groups of children are far too big. The Gatschhüpfer group consists of 14 children between 2-6 years old, with 2 educators - the learning of social skills is more beneficial in a small group.

The volunteer should respect children's' needs and enjoy being outdoors regardless of weather conditions. She or he should also be a good team player.

Send your Volunteers Motivation letter together with your CV to: austria@grenzenlos.or.at

Contact: Barbara Eglitis
<http://www.experience-austria.org>

'TURKISH IMPRESSIONS IN EUROPE'

This project aims to create the young peoples consciousness about their own history and culture and at the same time create awareness about another culture.

There are thousands of works of art about Turkish people in the museums of Europe. This Turkish group's purpose is to sight the masterpieces created by their ancestors, analyse them and create awareness among the local community in Europe.

This is a one-way project with the Turkish group seeking a partner group to host them. They will cover all their own costs.

Contact: gruptuna@yahoo.com.tr

'EATING AND DANCING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN' WORKSHOP

October 2011, Turkey

Isparta is in the Aegean part of Turkey and the Isparta Region is famous with cuisines and folk dances.

This is a workshop about representing Turkish cuisine with its culture such as traditional folk dances. During the workshop the participants will be able to learn to cook traditional Turkish cuisine from professional chefs and teachers and will also learn some basic folk dances. The expected number of participants is 15 from EU countries and 5 from Turkey.

[Further Info](#) [Application Form](#)

CASA BETANIA, ROME**15 November 2011 - 15 June 2012**

3 EVS positions in Cooperative L'Accoglienza in Rome. The project has a long experience in hosting EVS volunteers, with really successful results in term of friendship, commitment and positive involvement of the young volunteers. Three motivated volunteers are sought, ready to share the daily life with kids and teens in need. The project calls for the volunteers living together with the women and children (also disabled) at Casa Betania, and female volunteers are preferable. This is a choice informed by practical and logistical concerns; and not be viewed as discrimination. No particular skills or experience are required - only a willingness and enthusiasm to get involved. It is important that volunteers at Casa Betania be people that are attentive to the individual needs of our guests, that they are tactful but friendly. It is necessary that they like children and do not have problems relating to them.

To apply: Send CV and Motivation Letter to: sve@gondwanasud.org before 31 July. Further information at:

http://ec.europa.eu/youth/evs/aod/hei_form_en.cfm?EID=42000733501

ASOCIATION EUROANET**Iasi, Romania****1 August 2011 - 31 January 2012**

The aim of the project is to develop 'Social - Entrepreneurial competences' for EVS and EUROANET Association volunteers through non-formal activities for a self-integration into the labour market. Methods used in this project are: 'Learning by Doing' and 'Drama in Education'. Tasks will include an After School Class 'Italian through fun' (can be also in English); Develop a curriculum for the chosen group; Develop a 'social entrepreneurship' plan for having this project done; Establishing non-formal activity plan for each session of work in after-school class; Plan, organise, and implement a common event into the community for spreading the knowledge of what an EVS volunteer is ...

To apply, please send your CV and Motivational letter to: neteuropa@ymail.com

Contact person: Lucian Sandoiu
<http://www.europenet.ro>

**TURKISH HANDCRAFTS :
RICHNESS OF COLOURS
September 2011, Turkey**

This is a workshop about representing Turkish handicrafts, carpet making and Ebru with its culture. The participants will be able to learn to make traditional Turkish handicrafts from professional trainers and teachers. The expected number of participants is 15 from EU countries and 5 from Turkey.

Send an email to apply:

musatokmak3@yahoo.com

you will then be sent an application form.

**ALJARAQUE MUNICIPALITY, SPAIN
January 2012 (for 8 months)**

The European volunteers (x3) will have the opportunity of learning about the culture of Andalusia: customs, gastronomy and traditions in an Andalusian village, as well as living habits, fun, and training of local young people. Example of typical activities for volunteers : Information, Participation and Mobility. Volunteers will support staff in youth activities and with organisations; cooperate, with the staff members on developing EU projects and training activities. The Learning aims relate to the key competences established in YouthPass: Interpersonal, intercultural, social and civic skills, communication in the mother tongue and foreign languages, new technologies skills and training initiatives.

To apply, send: Motivation Letter and Youth Work experience Letter (in Spanish is welcomed); CV; Photo, to: tecnico.juventud@ayuntamientodealjaraque.es



AN EMPLOYMENT UPGRADE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG IMMIGRANTS:

Pathways to Work is a transnational, EU-funded project which aims to help young migrants to maximise their career potential in their new home countries and to enable them to compete with other job seekers on a 'level playing field'. The project is funded by the EC via the Leonardo da Vinci – Transfer of Innovation Programme. It brings together seven organisations with expertise in

employment and training, education, advocacy on behalf of migrants and communications to develop a training module that can be used across the EU Member States.

The overall aim is to assist young immigrants to upgrade their employment level by facilitating access to training, better jobs and a career plan. It is hoped to achieve this by:

- fostering greater understanding of labour market trends and employment rights;
- equipping participants with improved workplace communication and teamwork skills;
- increasing participants' capacity to compete for jobs with similarly skilled nationals by assisting them to build an electronic career portfolio and to use online career marketing tools effectively;
- promoting greater awareness and use of host country vocational education and training structures and other training opportunities;
- gaining an in-depth understanding of barriers faced by young migrants in partner countries and the practical ways they can be overcome;
- transferring and adapting existing training resources by creating a new training resource combining classroom teaching and online content, which will be thoroughly tested with the participation of the target group to ensure quality;
- promoting the widespread uptake and use of the training course, focusing on social actors with access to immigrant populations, vocational education and training institutions and other training bodies with potential to mainstream the course;
- creating greater awareness in the workplace of the positive aspects of cultural diversity, improving societal relations and community integration by facilitating young migrants to gain access to more diverse employment opportunities.

Research has shown immigrants face specific barriers in the labour market, including: prejudice and xenophobia, discrimination by employers, difficulties obtaining recognition of qualifications and prior learning, cultural differences in working practices and communication skills, and lack of awareness of national support structures relating to employment and training. These barriers place migrants at a significant disadvantage in comparison with local workers, meaning that they can end up in jobs below their skills level; are more vulnerable to job instability and experience many difficulties in terms of mobility in the labour market.

The Pathways to Work project focuses on young immigrants' needs and aims to enable them to compete with other job seekers by equipping them with practical tools in terms of job search and transition skills. It involves undertaking a detailed training needs analysis and customising existing training materials to suit the needs of young immigrants, aged between 18 and 30. By increasing this group of

young people's skills and adaptability and enabling them to obtain jobs which recognise and utilise those skills, they will be better placed to fulfil their potential in the labour market and enjoy greater personal growth and social integration.

Belfast-based **Springboard Opportunities Limited** is the Pathways to Work project lead agency. Core partners on the project are: Conform Consorzio Formazione Manageriale (Italy); the Immigrant Council of Ireland (Ireland); Fundacion Laboral del Metal (Spain); Uniwersytet Szczecinski – The University of Szczecin (Poland), and Canice Consulting (UK). iRED Institute for Rights Equality and Diversity based in Athens (Greece) is an associate partner on the project.

The website www.pathwaystowork.eu is available in the different languages.

Contact: Springboard Opportunities Ltd.
Tel: 02890.315111
www.springboard-opps.org



ENTERING THE MIGRATION DEBATE IN LONDON by Jason Paul Grant

On a crisp sunny morning 10 young journalists from across the European Union descend on Westminster to try to find out whether London is diverse or divided. The European Youth Press gives young journalists the opportunity to report in countries around the EU...>>>

CULTURAL STATISTICS


Culture plays a significant role in the daily life of European citizens, and statistics can help to illustrate cultural behaviour in the EU as well as cross-cultural contacts. How many students in the EU study arts? How many writers and artists are there in the EU?.. >>>

NORDIC BALTIC CULTURAL TWINS by Charles De Chassiron

Over 25 years ago the project creating annual European Capitals of Culture began, with the objective of opening up different aspects of Europe's diverse culture to its citizens. Many cities large and small have held this title for a year each, and have always leapt at the chance helped by generous funding from Brussels - to project themselves and to attract more visitors...>>>

EUROPEAN THEATRE FESTIVALS by Caroline Brooke Johnson


Building on the rich traditions of classical Greece, theatre and storytelling continue to play a vital role in the health of our continent. Festivals give us an intense burst of seeing life from many perspectives and open our minds to fresh ways of viewing and communicating... >>>



Issue 4 of **Volunteer Champions Online** is full of information about London 2012, Volunteering in Northern Ireland, Opportunities for volunteers and much more!



Please [Click here](#) to view.

The **Ocean Youth Trust Ireland** programmes have started rolling out.



if you wish to book a Sailing in the City Session or take part in the Adventure Summer Camps, contact: info@oyti.org; T: 02890.453062

See the recent [newsletter](#) from OYTI

Andrew Mitchell, the Development Secretary defended higher government spending or aid saying that Britain's help for the world's poor is morally right and in the national interest. He continued to say that "the coalition's development strategy provided good value for money, was targeted at countries in most need and was the best way to protect UK security and prosperity".

With this in mind Inside Government have organised the International Development Forum : Improving Transparency and Enhancing Innovation through Partnership, being held on 27 September 2011 in London. [Further details on the website.](#)