



YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME

The **2012 YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME GUIDE** is available online -

www.britishcouncil.org/youthinaction

This Guide is a tool for anyone who would like to participate in the YIA programme.

ANNUAL PRIORITIES FOR 2012

The European Commission's Annual Priorities for Youth in Action for 2012 are:

- tackling youth unemployment
- addressing poverty and marginalisation
- stimulating creativity and entrepreneurship
- promoting healthy lifestyles, social inclusion and active participation in society through sport
- raising awareness of and mobilisation for global environmental challenges and climate change.

The British Council especially welcomes applications focusing on **entrepreneurship, sport and youth unemployment**, and will award extra points to applications for projects addressing these themes.

For more information please see [here](#).

SIMPLIFIED FUNDING RULES

The European Commission has significantly simplified the funding rules from 2012 for:

- Youth Exchanges (Action 1.1)
- European Voluntary Service (Action 2)
- Co-operation with the Neighbouring Partner Countries of the EU (Action 3.1)
- Training and Networking (Action 4.3)

These changes make it easier to cost your project, with a smaller number of building blocks (unit costs) needed to build up your

budget. This brings these actions in line with changes previously made to the other actions.

For more detail on this change, please see [here](#).

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP YOUTH WINDOW

In 2012 and 2013, additional funds will be made available by the European Commission to increase the number of Youth in Action projects with Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, under a new mechanism called the **Eastern Partnership Youth Window**. As part of this, there will be extra funding of €743,000 in 2012 to support new Youth in Action projects involving the UK and Eastern Partnership Countries for the following actions:

- European Voluntary Service (Action 2)
- Co-operation with the Neighbouring Partner Countries of the EU (Action 3.1)

The rules and procedures for accessing these funds are the same as for the main Youth in Action Programme, with all of the €743,000 available to UK promoters.

For more information please see p.56, p.80 and p.90 of the 2012 Programme Guide.

The **Eastern Partnership Youth Window** provides an exciting extra source of support for UK promoters to build on existing links with the Eastern Partnership countries.

CALL FOR TRAINING PROVIDERS

Does your organisation have experience in delivering intercultural training and/or training for youth and youth work development? If so, you may wish to consider applying for funding from the British Council to develop and deliver training activities at local, regional and/or national level in the following areas:

- participation and inclusion
- intercultural dialogue through sport
- social cohesion and intergenerational dialogue
- entrepreneurship and employability
- environment.

The training will be funded through the Training and Co-operation Programme (TCP) of Youth in Action, and will aim to help young people and youth workers gain knowledge and skills to exploit the funding opportunities provided by Youth in Action, within the sectoral areas above.

The deadline to apply is **1 March 2012** -

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/youthinaction-news-events.htm>

ERASMUS FOR ALL

In November 2011, the European Commission released its proposals for the successor programme to the Youth in Action, Lifelong Learning and other international programmes. The new programme, provisionally called **Erasmus for All**, will run from 2014 to 2020 and will bring together all of the previously separate programmes into one integrated programme.

[You can read the European Commission's proposals here.](#)

[Source: British Council, Youth in Action News]

THE BRITISH COUNCIL HAS PUBLISHED TWO REPORTS RELEVANT TO INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY AND ENGAGEMENT

UK students not prepared for global demands of British business

Three out of four business chiefs fear that the UK will be left behind by emerging countries unless young people learn to think more globally, according to a recent ICM business poll.

Another new report showed that less than half of the students polled by YouGov (48%) thought that an international outlook benefits their work prospects. The research, commissioned by the British Council and Think Global.

Key findings from Next Generation: UK research with students:

- While almost two-thirds felt they had an 'international outlook', students failed to see the potential career advantages to be gained from international experiences, rating the aspects that might help their future employment prospects behind other benefits like making new friends, culture or altruism.
- Only 18% of young people said they had done, or definitely planned to work, study or volunteer abroad, despite almost 9 out of 10 saying that such experiences were a great opportunity.
- When students who had enjoyed international experience were asked what they felt they had gained, only 12% listed 'work contacts for future employment'.

- Furthermore, Arts students were more than twice as likely to report involvement in international activity than Science students, and only a third of science, technology and engineering students felt that having an international outlook was important for their subject.

Key findings from The Global Skills Gap research with business leaders:

- Three-quarters (74%) of the 500 business leaders polled worried that young people's horizons are not broad enough to operate in a globalised and multicultural economy. Employers agreed that: 'Unless we better support schools to teach young people to think more globally, the UK is in danger of being left behind by emerging economies such as China, India and Brazil'.

- 93% of businesses think it is important for schools to help young people develop the ability to think globally. 80% think schools should do more, only 2% think they should do less.

- In recruiting new employees, more employers (79%) say knowledge and awareness of the wider world is important than those who say the following are important: degree subject and classification(74%), A-level results (68%), or A-level subjects (63%).

Dr. Jo Beall, British Council Director of Education and Society, said:

"This research shows that while British students are extremely keen to gain international experiences, there aren't enough of the right opportunities for them to gain the professional skills that British employers really value. There are great examples of good practice from UK universities where young people can gain professional skills overseas. We would like to work with British business and education sectors to expand these opportunities and develop more. Otherwise the UK economy risks losing global competitiveness".

Roger Clarke, Chair of Think Global, said:

"UK businesses urgently need people with an understanding of the wider world. Yet even those students lucky enough to go University still have a large gap in their awareness. It is crucial that we help children to start thinking globally during their school years. The report Global Skills Gap sets out some of the proven ways to help young people to think globally and broaden their horizons; scaling these up offer significant rewards for young people themselves as well as the UK economy".



Get Involved!

Where NORTHERN IRELAND
When 6-12 April 2012
Deadline 11 February 2012

Participants will explore the concept of youth participation, learn about the Youth in Action programme and learn how to set up their own Youth Democracy project.

The aim is the exploration of the concept of youth participation, the provision of knowledge regarding the Youth in Action programme, and more specifically Action 1.3 and the development of necessary competences for realising a youth democracy project.

Further information at: <http://www.salto-youth.net/rc/participation/YDPdescription/>

RISK 'N' ROLL!



Where NORTHERN IRELAND
When 5-9 June 2012
Deadline 13 April 2012

Risk'n'Roll is the result of previous experiences in the topic of risk management. It aims to increase the quality of international projects in the YiA programme through development of participant's competence in risk assessment and management.

Further information at: <http://www.salto-youth.net/tools/european-training-calendar/training/risk-n-roll-tc.2358/>

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

▶ MULTILATERAL TRAINING COURSE FOR NEWCOMERS IN YiA, ACTION 1.1

Where Netherlands
When 17-21 April 2012

The BiTriMulti training supports voluntary as well as full-time youth workers dealing directly with young people in developing their first international Youth Exchange in the framework of the Youth in Action programme. The aim of the BTM training course is to offer an international learning experience to practitioners active in the youth work field, enabling them to develop their competences in setting up quality Youth Exchange projects under the Youth in Action Programme [...>>> more](#)

▶ INTERNATIONAL LEADER TRAINING SEMINAR

Where Denmark
When 2-8 April 2012

Do you want to learn how to lead youth and volunteers in doing social change? International Leader Training Seminar is a seven day seminar where you develop skills in youth leadership, project management, communication, group dynamics, conflict resolution, motivation and empowerment. Your participation in the seminar will qualify you to lead and management international volunteer groups, international work camps and campaign activities in an NGO settings [...>>> more](#)

▶ EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP IN YOUTH WORK TRAINING COURSE

Where Croatia
When 11-17 June 2012

This TC was developed to encourage the development of a critical, democratic and European Citizenship and in doing so, to support the implementation and quality of the Youth in Action Programme. The training course on European Citizenship aims to support the professional development of youth workers and youth leaders by extending their critical understanding of European Citizenship, exploring and experiencing its potential and by enabling them to recognise and integrate European Citizenship in their youth work [...>>>more](#)

▶ LET'S MEET THE THREE CULTURES

Where Bulgaria
When 11-16 June 2012

The focus is put on increasing the youth workers and youth leaders' skills in EuroMed cultures and enhancing their active participation in bringing both sides of the Mediterranean together. The goal of the training course is to highlight the Euro Mediterranean co-operation and to increase the participants' skills in cultural management and their active participation in the Euro Mediterranean process [...>>>more](#)

▶ **ATOQ ADVANCED TRAINING ON QUALITY FOR YOUTH EXCHANGES**

Where Lithuania
When 24-29 April 2012

ATOQ is a training course to increase quality within youth exchanges. An international group of youth workers will look back to past experience(s), focus on quality aspects and improve management competences in order to raise quality in future exchanges. The aim of the ATOQ is to support experienced youth workers/leaders in increasing the quality of the European youth exchanges they set up within the Youth in Action Programme [...>>>more](#)

▶ **INTRODUCTION TO FILM-MAKING**

Where Finland
When 3-7 September 2012

Film-making activities in formal and non-formal education context can engage and motivate learners of all ages. This course provides participants with the skills and knowledge to make, and facilitate the making of, fiction and non-fiction films [...>>>more](#)

▶ **APPETISER - AN INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL YOUTH WORK**

Where Norway
When 2-6 May 2012

Appetiser aims to give a strong positive first experience of international youth work and motivate participants to use the Youth in Action Programme. This aim summarises the entire idea of the seminar – to give a feeling and what it means to work with young people in an international setting. Leaving all explanations and knowledge aside, it is about giving a space for participants to explore the advantage of 'internationality' themselves [...>>>more](#)

▶ **EUROPEAN TRAINING COURSE FOR EVS SUPPORT PEOPLE**

Where Germany
When 13-17 June 2012

The training course is designed for those who are directly involved in the support system around the EVS volunteer (mentors and task-related support persons) on the hosting, sending and co-ordinating side. The participants from Sending and Hosting organisations should already have some experience in EVS [...>>>more](#)

▶ **INTERFAITH DIALOGUE & YOUNG PEOPLE**

Where France
When April 2012

Open for youth workers/youth leaders who wish to discuss how to engage young people in interfaith dialogue (especially through YiA projects).

If you are interested in this course, please email: yiatraining@britishcouncil.org

INCLUSION
Training with a difference ...

3 days to share how your organisation addresses inclusion, and to learn from and network with others across the country in the Momentum Inclusion TV Studio, Sheffield

The training will take place around a working TV studio run by young people : You become the audience - and the stars - of the programmes!!

The purpose is to bring together people with Youth in Action project experience who want to share best practice about inclusion, and specialists in inclusion who want to explore international youth projects; to encourage fresh thinking; to create new progressional partnerships, and to provide a development opportunity for young people.

[More Information](#)
[Apply](#)

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LIVE INCLUSION TV 21st-23rd March 2012

For professionals (teachers, youth workers and voluntary sector) who want to explore inclusion in a creative environment

All inclusive price £100 per person* includes all activities, training & 4 star accommodation. We will also refund travel costs up to £65 per person.

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TRAINING WITH A DIFFERENCE

Over three days you will explore what inclusion means to you & your organisation, share examples of good practice and hear from others. The aim is to generate a number of new Youth in Action projects and create long term networks with others across the country.

* if you wish to bring a young person bursaries may be available on request (young people need to be 16+)



Are you passionate about improving your community?
Do you do voluntary work?
Do you want to leverage entrepreneurship for good?
Do you have a passion for Africa or work on Africa-related issues?

Apply for the
**GLOBAL CHANGEMAKER'S EURO-
AFRICA YOUTH SUMMIT**

The Euro-Africa Youth Summit will select and bring together 60 young social entrepreneurs, community activists and volunteers from Africa and Europe for a 5-day summit.

Candidates should be aged 18-24; have a proven track record of social entrepreneurship, community activism or volunteer work; have a strong Africa connection when from Europe and vice versa; possess good spoken command of English.

Global Changemakers is a British Council funded global youth network of social entrepreneurs and community activists.

Go to www.global-changemakers.net

The event will take place in June in Brussels and will consist of five full days of training, workshops and capacity building.

Contact:
globalchangemakers@britishcouncil.org



The title of the **Centre for Global Education's Annual Conference 2012** is *Rising to the Challenge: Development Education in a Changing Local and Global Landscape*.

When : Thursday, 23 February 2012
Where : The Exchange, 50 Gardner Street, Dublin
Keynote Speaker : Bobby McCormack, Development Perspectives
Fees : Waged £20 / €25 Unwaged £10/€15

info@centreforglobaleducation.com

To help Europe's youth seize the best job opportunities generated through digital technology, the European Commission will deliver an e-Skills Week awareness raising campaign from 26-30 March 2012. As part of this campaign, the Commission has launched an opportunity for young people, named **Project Passion Competition**.

Communications, journalism and audio visual students or recent graduates from universities across the EU are invited to participate in the project.

<http://www.digitaleurope.org/ESkillsWeek2012.aspx>.

Brochure on EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies

A new brochure which explains the EU Framework to regional and local decision makers has been produced. Available soon in 22 EU languages, the publication presents the key elements of the EU Framework and highlights existing good practices and tools that can provide support and help orientate policymaking at national, regional and local levels. The national Roma integration strategies and the role different stakeholders can play in their development, was on the agenda of the sixth meeting of the European Platform for Roma Inclusion held on 17-18 November 2011 in Brussels.

[Working together for Roma inclusion: The EU Framework Platform for Roma Inclusion](#)

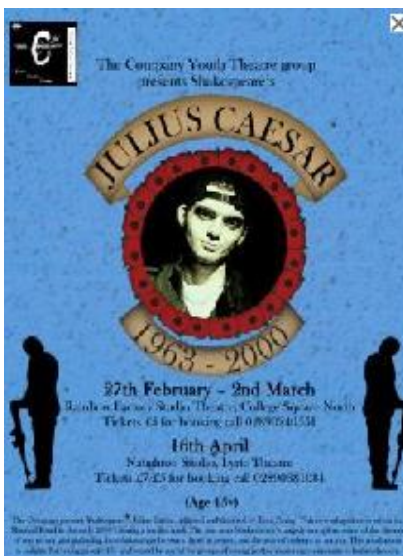
Stop Discrimination Newsletter

The winter 2011 edition of the Stop Discrimination Newsletter is [now online](#). This latest edition focuses on the Fifth Equality Summit which took place on 14-15 November 2011 in Poznan, Poland and its theme - how equality policy is being implemented at regional and local levels across the EU. The newsletter features an interview with Lina Papamichalopoulou, head of the team working on non-discrimination policies at the European Commission, Directorate-General for Justice, as well details of the latest activities, publications and other events taking place across the EU to fight discrimination and promote diversity.

Meeting between Heads of National Equality Bodies & European Institutions

Equinet, the European Network of Equality Bodies, organised on 29 November its second high level meeting in Brussels. The objective was to discuss with key European stakeholders the most pertinent questions related to the promotion of equality and the effective role of equality bodies including those important developments in the legal and policy sphere that influence and provide a background to the work of national equality bodies. The European Commission was represented by Ms Lina Papamichalopoulou, Head of the Non-discrimination and Roma coordination unit at DG Justice.

<http://www.equineteurope.org/1905.html>



JULIUS CAESAR

This new adaption of Julius Caesar is set on the Shankill Road in the early 2000's during a loyalist feud. The play uses Shakespeare's tragedy to explore some of the themes of our recent past including the relationships between those in power and the role of violence in society.

This production is suitable for young people 15+ and would be useful for groups of young people exploring community relations themes.

The show will be performed by The Company Youth Theatre from 27 February - 2 March in the Rainbow Factory Studio, College Square North.

Tickets are £5 each and are available from Diane - diane@youthaction.org or T: 02890.240551.





Live UnLtd

Are you 11-21? Do you have an idea that could help change your community for the better? Then **Live UnLtd** could offer you up to £5,000 to make a difference to your community.

Live UnLtd provides young people aged 11-21 with exciting opportunities to develop an idea which could change their community for the better. Awards of up to £5,000 are available to start up social ventures; from sports teams and recreational groups to hosting events, which is then coupled with non-financial support from a designated Live UnLtd Development Manager in their region. The programme also gives young people the opportunity to erase the negative stereotypes associated with 'youth culture' in the media today, and show that with the right financial and non-financial support, young people can become catalysts for positive social change within their community.

Applications to Live UnLtd must meet the following criteria:

- ▶ Have a positive social impact on your community.
- ▶ Demonstrate that you have identified a problem and can explain how your project would tackle the problem.
- ▶ Explain what specific activities your project includes and what you hope to achieve.
- ▶ Provide a learning experience or opportunity for you.

Visit the website: www.liveunltd.com

O₂ **THINK BIG** **think big**

THINK BIG is for 13-25 year olds who want to create, change or start a project - it's to help make things better in your local community. Grants of £300 are given to get your project running and, if successful, a Think Bigger award of £2,500 may be available.

Get Involved - Start Small - Think Big

www.o2thinkbig.co.uk

The **LLOYDS TSB FOUNDATIONS** are committed to supporting underfunded, grassroots charities in Northern Ireland that enable people, especially disabled and disadvantaged people, to play a fuller role in society. The **Standard Grant Programme** remains the main focus of the Foundation and it has two main target areas to which it seeks to allocate funds:

- ▶ Social and Community needs
- ▶ Education and Training

2012 deadlines: 13 April; 6 July; 12 October

Visit the website for further information: www.lloydtsbfoundationni.org/

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