



## YouWIN Manifesto for the future of youth work

The partnership of YouWIN - Youth Workers International Networks developed a Manifesto that contains 10 fundamental points that have to be persecuted for improving and promoting the role of Youth Work at local, European and international levels. So, the partnership will commit to promote the following ten points, as organisations and as network.

1. Youth Work is a fundamental tool for contributing to improve young people at local, European and international levels. Youth Work permits to non-profit organisations, NGOs, public institutions to realise effective actions that benefit the education of young people in all sectors of society. The organisations of the network are committed in promoting the role of Youth Work through all the ways: European projects, local projects, relationship with local institutions, actions of communications.
2. Youth Work contribute to improve communities. At local levels, the youth workers committed in the non-profit organisations contribute every day in educating young people, helping them in acquiring skills, experience, awareness, and other values that help local communities to grow up and improve the social contexts. The organisations involved in the network are committed in supporting the local role of youth workers.
3. Youth Work is a key element for European opportunities to young people. All actions reserved to the youth field in Erasmus Plus comprehend an essential role for the youth workers as educator and leaders. Creating youth activities without them is basically not possible. So, the organisations involved in the network are committed in creating projects aimed to exploit Youth Work and to improve quality of youth workers.
4. As consequence, the role of youth workers in reinforcing the European space is fundamental, with particular focus on developing a common sense of EU citizenship through young people. The organisations involved in the network are committed in promoting the recognising of this role by public institutions.
5. Moreover, the role of youth workers is essential for developing good cooperation policies and virtuous relationships with all non-EU countries, making young people aware about the power of dialogue and

- friendship across cultures and countries. The organisations involved in the network are committed in promoting the recognising of this role by public institutions.
6. Through Youth Work and the role of youth workers is possible to make easier the dialogue, the connection, the exchange of ideas and opinions of young people with different backgrounds, with different origins and with different cultures. So, the organisations involved in the network are committed in promoting projects that will exploit the role of youth worker and will support them.
  7. The Youth Work has the potential to be a professional career, or at least part of it. The more the youth workers are skilled, the more NGOs and non-profit organisation have the power to make strong impact on communities and the society. So, even recognising the importance of volunteering, the organisations involved in the network are committed in promoting the professionalization of youth workers through their projects.
  8. Creating youth activities with high quality level is important for creating good projects and to make good impact on young people. The commitment of the organisations involved in the network is to involve youth workers with good levels of skills and experience for ensuring the quality of their projects.
  9. For reinforcing the strength of the action of NGOs and non-profit organisations, it is important to involve young people in understanding what youth work means and how much it is important in the youth activities. The organisations involved in the network are committed in creating moments of explanation and promotion of awareness in all youth projects.
  10. As consequence, it is important to involve young people in paths that overcome the simple participation in youth and mobility activities and that give them the opportunities to experience the youth work as key actors. SOS Europa and its partners are committed in proposing and promoting these experience to young people involved in their projects.

