



Open Youth Work for Open Society

Give A Chance To Informal Youth Centres

YOUTH WORK

Youth Work and Open Youth Work have different quality standards to be respected, each with own measures and indicators. Recognition of Youth Work is an achievement for all EU and Programme and Partner Countries involved in European Programmes for Youth. Youth Workers and/or NGOs have representatives working together in a Council addressing the needs and the trends of Youth Work all around Europe.

YOUTH WORKERS

Youth Workers operating in an Open Youth Centre must be professional, experienced and hired based as working contract.

The professional stability of youth workers is positively reflecting on their approach with both the youth and the job itself. Competences, such as basics of psychology and sociology, Non-Formal Education methodologies and techniques, coaching methods, are needed and, because of that, they are also quantifiable in terms of salary and working hours.

To achieve this, all EU and Programme and Partner Countries involved in European Programmes for Youth must recognise youth work as a profession and not a craft. A Youth Centre has a proper number of staff members in accordance to the amount of young people living in the neighbourhood/area/town.

VOLUNTEERING IN YOUTH CENTRES

Volunteering is a proper mean of engagement so it is regulated and recognised.

Partnerships with educational institutions allow youngsters to have their volunteering recognized as learning process through their involvement in Youth Centres.

The cooperation between educational institutions with Youth Centres is part of a quality standard for schools and universities in order to increase the availability of learning opportunities for youngsters.

Youth Centres have access to resources through different programmes instituted and regulated by local, regional, national and/or international institutions.

RESOURCES

Part of the financial resources are available directly to young people in order to develop initiative, responsibility and accountability. Resources are not just meant to be financial but also in terms of materials, equipment, support and access to decision makers.

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