

GOOD PRACTICE ON INTEGRATION VS ALIENATION



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INTRODUCING THE PARTIAL AGREEMENT

- Since **1991** CoE member states and EYCA member organisations have been working together to develop **better mobility solutions and youth policies**
- **21 Council of Europe member states** currently part of the PA
- **2 PA Board of Coordination meetings per year** where PA members and EYCA members come together to set the strategic directions of the PA and develop the yearly work programme
- Each year, the work programme includes **seminars and events** sharing good practice and ideas

EUROPEAN YOUTH CARD ASSOCIATION - EYCA

Since
1987

38
members

36
countries

> 6 MIL
cardholders

Our vision: A Europe where **all** young people are mobile and active

Our mission: Member organisations work together to stimulate more young people to be **socially, culturally, educationally and economically mobile** by:

- Delivering quality European Youth Card services
- Contributing to better policy on youth mobility and active citizenship

EUROPEAN YOUTH CARD

Connecting with hard-to-reach young people in order to:

- Support them by providing **mobility opportunities** through discounts and programmes
- **Boost their employability and entrepreneurship** through dedicated projects and trainings
- Make education and many other services and products **more accessible**
- Encourage them to get **involved in their communities** and volunteer
- Provide them with **quality youth information** on topics relevant to them
- Involve **non-organised young people in public consultations**
- Help to **integrate excluded groups** such as young people with disabilities, from disadvantaged backgrounds, asylum seekers, etc.
- **Celebrate their achievements** to encourage them to persevere.

GOOD PRACTICE EXAMPLES FROM EYCA

YOUNG SCOT – SCOTLAND, UK

Youth Card for all young refugees coming to Scotland

- Young Scot has succeeded in building partnerships across the country so that **all young refugees receive the Young Scot card** as part of their welcome to Scotland.
- The **new Young Scots** are able to access a host of benefits, discounts, rewards, public transport discounts; access services such as libraries and leisure facilities in their local authority; prove their age to access other goods and services such as a bank account.
- On another level, it's a small sign to these young people that they are part of the community, with access to the **same benefits and services as over 620,000 other young people living in Scotland.**

YOUNG SCOT – SCOTLAND, UK

Working with young offenders and those at risk of offending

- By partnering up with a Young Offenders Institution and with Police Scotland, Young Scot works to prevent young people from offending and to help young offenders create better futures for themselves.
- Key actions:

INFORM - Young Scot provides information on topics such as arrest, detention and sentencing.

ACCESS - Card offered for free to all young people leaving the Young Offenders Institution. This gives them access to discounts and opportunities but also to banking services, as the card is legally recognised as of proof of age.

ENGAGE - Young Scot has also developed several projects to engage young offenders, to support their financial capabilities, and help them to co-design their learning environment together with prison staff.

YOUNG SCOT – SCOTLAND, UK

Working with young offenders and those at risk of offending

- To help **prevent** young people from offending, Young Scot is working with Police Scotland to develop the Youth Volunteers programme which helps to brake down the barriers between young people at risk of offending and the Police.
- Young Scot also offers ex-offenders **job placements** to help them integrate into society and live fuller lives.

CARNET JOVE – BALEARIC ISLANDS, SPAIN

Carnet Jove Scholarships

- In 2016, the Carnet Jove of the Balearic Islands launched a scholarship programme to help cardholders start their careers. Each scholarship includes 880 hours of practical experience and 5,000 EUR.
- The **Social Action Scholarship** is dedicated to connecting young people to careers in education and social inclusion, with a specific aim of giving them the opportunity to work for the integration of their peers at risk of exclusion. The scholarship is offered in partnership with and in the framework of El GREC Street Educators Group – a renowned organisation working in the Balearic Islands.

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Carnet Jove Scholarships

- The winner of the 2016 Social Action Scholarship is **Amet Ndiaye**, a 23-year-old from Senegal who arrived to Spain by boat, as a refugee, 7 years ago.
- Amet benefited from the social services offered by the Spanish government, learning the language and becoming an electrician. Amet also volunteers his time as a monitor in a school canteen and works with young people in sports centres. His aim is to get a degree in social education.
- As a cardholder, Amet was able to apply for the Social Action Scholarship with a project entitled **Believe in yourself**. The project is aimed at young people aged 16 to 22 living in Amet's neighbourhood and features sports and games as ways to connect and integrate young people.

CARNET JOVE – BALEARIC ISLANDS, SPAIN



In Amet's words, **Believe in yourself** "is a way to send a message to young people that they should believe in themselves and that they have the opportunity to see beyond the day-to-day life in their neighbourhood and overcome social exclusion."

YOUTH WORK IRELAND

Equality 17 programme

- Youth Card to be launched in Ireland in 2017 and to be connected to all projects included in the Equality 17 programme. All young people of Equality 2017 will receive the card for free.
- Equality 17 includes projects on the following topics:
 - Engaging with young people aged 10 to 19 living in **Refugee Reception and Orientation Centres** since November 2016. The project aims to help young refugees to understand what it's like to be a teenager in Ireland and help them integrate in their new home. The project includes workshops, fun and creative activities and informal conversations.
 - Supporting **peace and reconciliation** and peaceful communities in the Border counties and Northern Ireland. This involves building multiple networks for young people from different (and conflicting) backgrounds and communities to meet and explore a range of topics as well as building lasting peaceful relationships, thus building stronger more sustainable communities for the future.

YOUTH WORK IRELAND

Equality 17 programme

- **Disadvantaged young people** are the focus of many projects developed and implemented by Youth Work Ireland. These projects seek to address the needs of young people who are disadvantaged, due to a combination of all or some of the following factors: youth unemployment; dependence on social welfare/unemployment assistance; social isolation; drug/substance misuse; homelessness; juvenile crime, vandalism and truancy; failure or non-existence of mainline youth services or inadequate take-up of ordinary educational opportunities.
- Youth Work Ireland operates 37 **Garda Youth Diversion Projects** in Ireland. Garda Youth Diversion Projects are community based, multi-agency crime prevention initiatives which seek to **divert young people from becoming involved or further involved in anti-social and/or criminal behaviour** by providing suitable activities to facilitate personal development and promote civic responsibility. The projects work with young people aged between 12-18 years who participate in the project voluntarily.

EUROPEAN YOUTH CARD GREECE

Special price for young people with disabilities

Young people with a disability aged between 13 and 30 can get the European Youth Card for 2 EUR in Greece.

Cooperation with Doctors of the World

Each December, for every Youth Card bought, 1 EUR is donated to Doctors of the World. An extensive campaign is implemented to promote the organisation among young people and raise their awareness on the importance of providing humanitarian aid to those in need.

Christmas campaigns

Each Christmas, youth cards are provided for free to all children and young people in state care. The Youth Card also supports organisations that work with children and young people in need.

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Youth multcentres

- Operational in Cyprus for 9 years and run by the Youth Board of Cyprus. They are premises where children and young people aged 6-35 can spend their leisure time creatively. They are spaces of free expression and creativeness, that enhance social commitment and participation. There are 3 Youth Multicenters: in Nicosia, Limassol and Paphos. Another one in Larnaca is expected to operate by 2018.
- The Youth Multicenters host various workshops/classes of music, dance, art, gymnastics, theater, photography, computers, AutoCAD, Photoshop, Social Media etc., where children, teenagers, young people, persons with special needs can participate, regardless of their origins, culture, national or religious background.
- The goal is to get people together, to make them familiar with other customs, habits, religions or social origins and to create a culture of mutual respect and peaceful co-existence.

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Youth multcentres

- During the school year 2015-2016 more than 2.000 people participated in the 3 Youth Multicenters' workshops. 60% of the participants were Cypriots and 40% of them were people of other nationality or people with one Cypriot parent.
- 20% of the seats were given to people who were under the "special criteria" category (single parent families, unemployed people, people of lower economic status, people with special needs etc.) and were excluded of paying tuition fees.
- All European Youth Cardholders have a 25% discount on the tuition fees, in an effort to encourage and give more incentives to young people to participate in the Youth Multicenters' activities.

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