



Strasbourg, 28 April 2023

# 14th EUROPEAN PLATFORM of YOUTH CENTRES

European Youth Centre Strasbourg  
9-10 May 2023

Programme

## Monday, 8 May

afternoon      Arrival to European Youth Centre Strasbourg

19.00          Dinner and welcome drinks

## Tuesday, 9 May

8.00          Breakfast

9.00          Opening and welcome  
- *Matjaz Gruden, Director of Democratic Participation, Council of Europe*  
- *Georges Metz, Director of the National Youth Service in Luxembourg and member of the QL expert team*  
- *Marie Farigoules, Executive Director EYCS, Council of Europe*

9.30          Latest developments and updates from the QL youth centres  
*State of play - 'tour de table' (4-5 minutes per centre) addressing:*  
- *Recent developments/changes in youth policy and youth work context (national, regional or local)*  
- *Major programme updates and operational developments in the youth centre*  
- *Cooperation with other (QL) youth centres*  
- *Other significant changes/developments*

11.00        Coffee break

11.30        Council of Europe and its youth sector – updates on latest developments followed by an exchange  
*Antje Rothemund, Head of Youth Department, Council of Europe*

12.30        Lunch

14.00        The role of youth in peace building  
- *Peace education in the youth sector of the Council of Europe*  
*Anca-Ruxandra Pandea, Educational Advisor, Training and Education Division, Youth Department*

Exchange on the experiences and realities of implementing peace (education) projects and initiatives in youth centres  
- *FITT Timisoara Youth Centre, Mihai Vilcea, President, National Youth Foundation Romania*

15.30        Coffee break

16.00        Council of Europe's Action Plan for Ukraine "Resilience, Recovery and Reconstruction 2023-2026; the 'Youth for Democracy' project with youth centres in Ukraine  
*Olena Chernykh, Senior Project Officer, Youth Department, Council of Europe Kyiv office*

Cooperation possibilities with the Quality Label network of youth centres  
- *follow up of initiatives taken between youth centres in Ukraine and QL youth centres participating in the Ukrainian study visit to EYCS in December 2022*

17.15 Guided tour of the EYCS  
*Marie Farigoules, Executive Director EYCS, Council of Europe*

19.00 Barbeque dinner

### **Wednesday, 10 May**

8.00 Breakfast

9.00 Studio Star project

9.15 Fair/exhibition of the youth centres in the QL network

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Climate change, human rights and the role of youth  
- *The work of the youth sector of the Council of Europe addressing climate change and the role of youth*  
*Eimear Manning, Youth & Climate Justice Development Officer, National Youth Council of Ireland; Member of the drafting group on a new recommendation on youth and climate change*

Exchange on the experiences of youth centres working on climate change and youth  
- *Max Wagner, Manager, Marienthal Youth Centre, Luxembourg*

12.30 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Links, opportunities and synergies - getting to know the work of other sectors of the Council of Europe

World Café - rotating information sessions with Council of Europe colleagues

- *Youth Campaign Revitalising Democracy, Anca-Ruxandra Pandea, Campaign Coordinator, Youth Department*
- *European Youth Foundation, Mara Georgescu, Senior Educational Support Officer, Youth Department*
- *Partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of Youth & European Youth Work Agenda, Laszlo Milutinovits, Senior Project Officer, EU-CoE Youth Partnership*

- Gender equality, *Cecile Greboval, Programme Manager, Gender Equality Division, Council of Europe*
- Children's rights, *Zaruhi Gasparyan, Head of Cooperation Projects Unit, Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe*
- LGBTI, *Evgenia Giakoumopoulou, Head of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Unit, Council of Europe (tbc)*
- Roma and Travellers, *Eleni Tsetsekou, Head of Division, Council of Europe (tbc)*

- 15.45 Follow up of the Quality Label Platform and forthcoming activities within the network of youth centres (2023-24)
- 16.00 Conclusions, evaluation and closing
- 16.30 Surprise!
- 19.30 Dinner at Brasserie Aux Dauphins  
*Address: 13, Place de la Cathedrale, Strasbourg*

### **Thursday, 11 May**

- 8.00 Breakfast
- Departure