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COMING OF AGE DURING WAR YOUTH WORK IN UKRAINE TODAY HOW CAN EUROPEAN YOUTH POLICY ADAPT?

A seminar for practitioners supporting the well-being of young people coming of age in times of war through human right based youth work and youth policy approaches

30 September - 4 October 2024

[European Youth Centre in Strasbourg](#)

(30 rue Pierre de Coubertin, Strasbourg, France)

0.1 room

PROGRAMME LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

This seminar is organised within the [Framework Programme](#) for cooperation in the field of Youth Policy between the Council of Europe Youth Department and the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine for 2021-2025

PROGRAMME

Sunday, 29 September 2024

09:30 Preparatory meeting (team members)

Arrival of participants

19:00 Dinner

20:30 Welcome evening

Monday, 30 September 2024

09:00 Registration

09:30 Welcoming by the Council of Europe and the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine, with

- Rui GOMES, Head of Education, Training and Cooperation, Youth Department
- Clementina BARBARO, Head of Youth Policy, Youth Department
- Andriy CHESNOKOV, Deputy Minister
- Anna ARANZHII, Programme Manager, Youth Department

10:00 Getting to know each other. Situating participants in the theme of the seminar

11:00 Break

11:30 Setting the ground for working together. Introduction to the programme and expectations for the seminar

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Building a common understanding of basic concepts for the seminar

16:00 Break

16:30 Coming of age during war: experiences of participants from their specific contexts

18:00 Debriefing of the day

19:00 Dinner

Tuesday, 1 October 2024

09:30 Introduction to the standards and practices of the Council of Europe in human rights informed youth policy.

11:00 Walk and talk: What questions do we have about the connection between the standards of the Council of Europe and my work?

11:30 *Arrival to the Council of Europe Palace of Europe*

Introduction to the mission of the Council of Europe

12:00 Attendance of the Parliamentary Assembly [fourth part of the 2024 Ordinary Session](#)
Address by Alain Berset, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

13:00 *Departure to the European Youth Centre, Strasbourg*

13:30 *Lunch*

14:30 Debriefing on the visit to the Palais: Council of Europe standards for multipliers working with young people coming of age during the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine

15:00 Exchange with Yevheniia KRAVCHUK, Chairperson of the PACE Sub-Committee on Youth and the Society of the Future and the Permanent Representation of Ukraine to the Council of Europe

16:00 *Break*

16:30 Situations and realities of the young people that participants work with

18:00 Debriefing of the day

19:00 *Dinner*

Wednesday, 2 October 2024

09:30 Testimonies about the situation, needs and challenges faced by young people coming of age during times of war in various contexts, with

Oleksandr SANCHENKO, Member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
Hakim El HADOUCHI, Co-Founder, NGO [TessLab](#)

11:00 *Break*

11:30 Practices of youth work in addressing the well-being challenges of young people coming of age during war

13:00 *Lunch*

14:30 Conceptualising youth policy and youth work to address the key needs of young people experiencing war and its consequences with Robert Thomson

16:00 *Break*

16:30 Preparation for public event

17:00 Public event "Coming of age during war – Youth work in Ukraine today: How can European youth policy adapt?" with various stakeholders and participants of the seminar

19:00 Reception with participants and guests at the European Youth Centre

Thursday, 3 October 2024

09:30 Opening of the day by Tobias FLESSENKEMPER, Head of the Youth Department

Resources and instruments of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe and other to support participants in ensuring the young people participation, inclusion, social cohesion, and well-being of young people living in the context of war

- Youth policy and advocacy measures with members of Joint Council on Youth: Yevheniia FEDOTOVA, Juozas MELDZIUKAS and Jan VANHEE
- Youth Partnership's work on well-being and mental health, Lana PASIC, Youth Research and Policy Manager (online)

11:00 Break

11:30 Resources and instruments of the Youth Department (cont.)

- Special call of the European Youth Foundation to support young people from Ukraine, Mara GEORGESCU, Programme Manager for Youth Organisations and Participation in Democratic Life
- Youth for Democracy in Ukraine project, Maja MICIC-LAZOVIC and Olena CHERNYKH, Senior Project Officers
- International project "Youth work for rehabilitation of young people affected by war" (online)
- Other ..

13:00 Lunch

13:30 Meeting of the Management Committee on cooperation with Ukraine with the members

14:00 Free afternoon for the participants of the seminar

Informal evening in the city of Strasbourg (self organised by the participants of the seminar)

Friday, 4 October 2024

09:00 Working groups

Strategies for improving and sustaining youth policy and youth work responding to the well-being needs of young people affected by war in general, and the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine

11:00 Break

11:30 Working groups (cont.), presentation and discussion

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Evaluation of the seminar

16:00 Closing of the seminar, by

- Andriy CHESNOKOV, Deputy Minister

- Yevheniia FEDOTOVA, Juozas MELDZIUKAS and Jan VANHEE, members of Joint Council on Youth

Saturday, 5 October 2024

Departure of participants

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The seminar will bring together up to 30 professional practitioners and volunteer working with young people of Ukraine to develop their understanding of a human rights-based approach to youth work in supporting the well-being of young people coming of age in war conditions. The outcomes of this seminar will be reflected in the 4th [European Youth Work Convention](#) in May 2025 and the [Conference of Ministers](#) responsible for Youth in October 2025.

Objectives of the seminar:

- To analyse and develop participating stakeholders' understanding of the challenges and needs of young people coming of age in war conditions, notably young people of Ukraine.
- To map practices of human rights-based youth work that can ensure the participation, inclusion and well-being of young people of Ukraine displaced by the war within their country or other Council of Europe [member states](#).
- To familiarise participating stakeholders with the various instruments of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe that can support them in ensuring the participation, inclusion, social cohesion, and well-being of young people living in the context of war.
- To explore the role of youth policies in Europe in supporting young people experiencing war and its consequence, and in addressing their key needs and challenges, also in the context of the EU accession process of Ukraine.
- To develop ideas and recommendations for sustaining and improving youth work and youth policy responses to the negative consequences of the Russian war of aggression on the well-being of young people of Ukraine and of war on young people, more broadly.

Participants of the seminar

This seminar is addressed to youth sector stakeholders concerned with addressing the consequences of the Russian war of aggression in Ukraine on the lives of young people, including but not limited to:

1. Youth workers and representatives of youth centres:
 - a) working with young people in Ukraine, including but not limited to internally displaced young people.
 - b) working with young people living outside of Ukraine in other Council of Europe member states.
2. Youth policy makers in Ukraine concerned with addressing the consequences of war on young people's lives through policy and programme development.
3. Practitioners and policy makers with specialised experience and competences of working with young people affected by war from other member states of the Council of Europe.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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