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ALBANIA	
Dura Santiliana (group leader) Silvia Dervishi Mirel Salaj	Beyond Barriers Association The mission of the association is to promote equal opportunities for all young people, especially for those experiencing social disadvantage and for young people with disabilities, by offering them support to get empowered and participate in community life. In its programmes, the association offers young people the opportunity to learn through non-formal education, to develop their skills, to explore different cultures and to meet and discuss common topics which young people face in everyday life.
Pashie Meçka (group leader) Erigreta Jakupj Lorela Elezi Izet Spahiu	Youth in Free Initiative The mission of the organisation is to inspire individual and collective transformation to create positive social change. The organisation promoted awareness on topics such as youth participation, human rights, gender youth activism. An important part of the organisation's activities is focused on human rights education with young people. The organisation has run youth projects supported by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe.
ARMENIA	
Karine Stepanien (group leader) Zariné Harutyunyan Ruzanna Baloyan Rima Khatchatryan	KASA Foundation The Foundation aims to respond to the specific Armenian society needs, with a focus on educational and training projects which promote social change. The projects are carried out in Yerevan and Gumri. KASA works with young people through discussion and training clubs in order to raise their awareness regarding human rights, discrimination and violence, cultural dialogue, respect of others, self-development and critical mind. All this contributes to the emergence of a participative and democratic society in Armenia. The organisation works also for the integration of families who moved from Syria to Armenia with the help of local youths who "adopt" these new families and who accompany and help them during their first days of cultural adaptation.
AZERBAIJAN	
Turkay Gasimova (group leader) Gunel Ismikhanova Elcin Salmanov	Prison Watch Public Association Founded in 2004, the primary purpose of the "Prison Watch" Public Association is the protection of the rights and legal interests of persons held in detention places, as well as the preparation and implementation of reforms in the penitentiary system of the Azerbaijan Republic. Basic directions of the organisation's activity include monitoring of confinement institutions, protection of convicts' rights and freedoms, their social welfare, legal education, international cooperation etc. Moreover, these activities also include developing prisoners' legal knowledge, as well as strengthening their links with the outer world, raising their interest in labour, education, and make their spare time more interesting. The organisation ran a project as part of the Enter! related to preparing young prisoners for the life at the end of their imprisonment, particularly supporting them to access social rights. The project was supported by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe.
BELGIUM	
Sergey Yuliyarov (group leader) Stelivan Nedkov Albert Antimov Kristiyan Hristov Philippe De Bont	Cultureghem The aim the organisation is to bring together young people from different backgrounds and support social change and intercultural dialogue. Through the use of workshops (kitchen workshops and sport activities) the organisation aims at reducing the high level of racism, mostly against Roma and migrants, faced in the neighbourhood of Cureghem, Brussels, inhabited by people coming from 170 different countries. The organisation works in close cooperation with the Roma group of the neighbourhood, enthusiastic to be engaged more and more in the local life and very active in organising local activities involving young people.

BELARUS	
Anna Gorskaya	<p>SOS Children's Villages Belarus</p> <p>The mission of the organisations is to support orphans and children left without parental care, as well as to provide assistance and support to young people starting their independent adult life.</p> <p>The organisation ran a project within the framework of Enter! which prepared young people aged 14 to 18 to for their personal and vocational development, for having more awareness about their social rights and for acquiring social competencies during the transition to independent life.</p>
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	
Senada Sušić (group leader) Gorana Plančić Dejan Rađjen	<p>PRONI Centre for youth development</p> <p>The mission of this non-governmental organisation is to develop educational initiatives in the field of social work with young people and to develop voluntarism among active citizens. The organisation runs activities on the following themes: protection and promotion of human rights, youth work in the community, social rights, peace-building, and promoting European integration.</p> <p>PRONI is active in the campaign Inclusion Express, of the Youth Express Network.</p>
BULGARIA	
Dilyana Deneva (group leader) Mari Siilsalu Gatis Caunitis Gabriela Laanet	<p>European Network for Independent Living (ENIL)</p> <p>ENIL is a Europe-wide network of people with disabilities with the aim of promoting Independent Living. ENIL represents the disability movement for human rights and social inclusion based on solidarity, peer support, deinstitutionalisation, democracy, self-representation, cross disability and self-determination. ENIL advocates for Independent Living values, principles and practices, namely for barrier-free environment, provision of personal assistance support and adequate technical aids, together making full citizenship of disabled people possible.</p>
Stefka Blagoeva (group leader) Atanas Atanasov Dimitar Lyutskanov Atanas Stoyanov	<p>Centre for Community Development Vrastiri</p> <p>The mission of the organisation is to develop the skills of the Roma community through the training of young Roma in rural areas in citizenship issues. For example, the organisation ran courses of literacy and one course for professional qualification thanks to which 50 Roma women received certificates for elementary education and professional skills. The organisation runs also sport and cultural initiatives for young people. During the active citizenship workshops, the organisation raises awareness on healthcare, social protection and employment.</p>
CROATIA	
Ana Albrecht Čecada (group leader) Marta Tušek Tina Družić Julia Fueh Mihovilović	<p>Ombudsman for Children</p> <p>The Ombudsman for Children is a specialised institution which acts on the basis of complaints received, or on its own initiative, in responding to individual violations of children's rights and interests. The Office of the Ombudsman for Children assesses and evaluates constantly the state of children's rights, children protection and living conditions in Croatia, using a multidisciplinary approach. The Office submits an annual report on the activities of the office to the Croatian Parliament. The Office organises and takes part to public activities aimed at the creation of specific policies for children. The Network of Young Advisors to the Ombudsman for Children is a permanent advisory body - officially established in 2010 - consisting of children and young people aged 12 to 18. They act as associates and advisors to the Ombudsman for Children, but also as his/her ambassadors, as they disseminate information about the organisation's work to their peers and take steps to ensure that children know their rights and the ways to protect them.</p>
CYPRUS	
Hamit Mertka (group leader) Hazal Ozaktan	<p>Youth Power</p> <p>This is a network of 12 Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot organisations, whose mission is support young people in shaping a peaceful and sustainable future, for</p>

	<p>a multicultural Cyprus. The main objective of this network is to provide a powerful platform for young people to voice their needs and concerns regarding the future of Cyprus and to create intercultural bridges through joint initiatives in order to get the young people of Cyprus involved in common issues such as peace-building, the environment and human rights. Youth Power works on the following topics: youth unemployment, the rights of LGBTQI, women and young people at risk of social exclusion. "Youthopia" is a human rights and social entrepreneurship project funded by the European Commission co-organised by Youth Power and Famagusta Youth Centre (MAGEM), that aims to empower young people to gain skills related to social entrepreneurship, to deal with human rights issues and have tools for reconciliation.</p>
FINLAND	
<p>Samiuela Elone (group leader) Fiona Ipu Estella Elone Tran Le Da Huong</p>	<p>City of Helsinki Youth Department The mission of the City of Helsinki Youth Department is to support young people's life choices and their sense of responsibility, and increase their active participation in the society. In the first place this means creating the prerequisites for moral and ideological growth; secondly it means facilitating their skills, motivation and experiences in civic interaction, and thirdly it means shouldering responsibilities for young people's social risks and place in society." The City of Helsinki Youth Department is the biggest provider of youth services in Finland. Vuosaari Youth Work Unit (Vuny) is one of the 12 youth work units of the youth department. Vuny has three youth centres, Kallahti, Merirasti and Kipinä. They organize after school activities, group activities, excursions, camps and youth projects to the young people. They also cooperate with the Social welfare Department of the City of Helsinki, schools and NGOs. More than a hundred young people participate daily to the activities of the centre. Most of our young people belong to ethnic minorities and the centre works to combat discrimination, exclusion and racism.</p>
<p>Riina Rauhamaki (group leader) Aapo Huoponen Sonja Raatikainen Tanja Akerlund Maiju Aholaakko</p>	<p>Lappeenranta Youth Services The mission of the City of Lappeenranta Youth Services is to promote the well-being of young people, support their life management and healthy growth as well as offer versatile hobbies and activities. Youth houses are safe meeting places for young people to meet friends and spend time in a safe environment. There are five youth houses in Lappeenranta. Youth workers co-operate with local schools, libraries, shopping malls etc. The Lappeenranta Youth Council brings together young people aged 13 to 18 to bring out the voice of the young people in the decision-making process of the City.</p>
FRANCE	
<p>Gastan Ranaivoson (group leader) Irvin Violette Olivia Prost</p>	<p>JeunesClubSo The organisation gathers and accompanies young people engaged in arts, culture, solidarity, sustainable development and during the management of their projects. The association promotes active citizenship and tries to fight prejudices that affect young people. Moreover, thanks to its e-platform, "JeunesClubSo" offers young people a space for expression and mutual help in their projects. The association has set up partnerships with young people engaged in Africa and promotes international solidarity.</p>
<p>Corentin Poirier (group leader) Lena Collignon Shirley Cabarrus Mouna De Narkevitch</p>	<p>Union Nationale des Missions Locales (UNML) This network has organised an action called "Stop putting us in your boxes!", which aims to denounce institutional violence and discrimination. In 2013 and 2014, the network organised several local and national actions. Out of this project, there are several ideas for organising of "information day" about human rights and increasing the support from the government towards those experiencing social disadvantage.</p>
<p>Oren Gostiaux (group leader) Tistan Atmania</p>	<p>Lyon Metropole / Villeurbane handball This association supports young people in engaging in sports activities. It also runs activities for leisure time.</p>

Oriane Gostiaux	
Estelle Gardette (group leader) Cloe Renaisson Clement Caps Sebastien Pellier Claire Florimond	I.PEICC Peuple et Culture I.PEICC association promotes solidarity and intercultural dialogue. It bases its actions on non-formal education and works for social change. I.PEICC runs trainings, research and actions in a variety of areas: social, cultural, local for professionals and volunteers.
Theo Chenel	Association Gens Du Voyage Alençon The association offers academic support for the Roma population of Alençon.
Lavinia Ruscigni (Group leader) Andrea Negrea Fatma Aslikibar Karim Djiebli	AMSED Whether through international workcamps for young volunteers, journeys of solidarity, Euro-Mediterranean youth exchanges, public events and even a sponsorship programme for employment, AMSED pursues its vision of a reality where people of different cultures live side by side, a reality in which they meet, interact and enrich one another. AMSED ran a local project aimed to raise awareness about social rights among young people living in disadvantaged neighbourhoods of Strasbourg, through non-formal education activities.
Omar Didi	MAG Jeunes LGBT This is a movement that aims to empower LGBT young people aged 15 to 26. It organises a variety of activities in order to give the chance to its member to share their experiences and to combat isolation in convivial moments and spaces.
Clément Dolisi	Lieu d'Europe / Ville de Strasbourg This is a social space devoted to European citizenship education, open to everyone. Its mission is to promote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • information about European institutions, the history of Europe and its direct link to the history of Strasbourg, • the recognition of a European citizenship with spaces for sharing and debates, • the values of democracy, peace and human rights.
GEORGIA	
Nato Antia (group leader) Luka Chargeishvili Mariam Masiuradze	LEPL Children and Youth National Center The centre aims to promote non-formal education, support vulnerable groups and promote healthy lifestyle among children and young people. The centre offers information and organises initiatives to develop skills that are necessary for young people to become active members of the civil society. One of the main objectives of the centre is to empower young people to be independent and aware about their social rights. The centre implements various projects and programmes, trainings, workshops, seminars, lectures and practical activities for young people.
GREECE	
Maria Roidi (group leader) Eirini-Maria Stamatopoulou Konstantina-Sofia Ramia	The Municipality of Neapolis-Sikies Located on the west side of Thessaloniki, the Municipality has a Strategic and Operational Plan which covers all the fields of social rights with great attention to the access to education, health, culture and social policy for vulnerable groups as well as for young people. The Municipality works in close cooperation with 2 local NGOs, the "Ergani" centre provides counselling services on employment and business issues to the unemployed and to vulnerable social groups and the "Centre for the Prevention of Drug Addiction and for Health Promotion COMPASS" that provides psychosocial support services to young people but also to adults. The Municipality runs a variety of projects related to social rights for young people and for people coming from disadvantaged neighbourhoods.
HUNGARY	
Éva Aranka Illésné Áncsán (group leader) Zsófia Németh Sára Bálint	SOS Children's Villages Hungary The organisation's work focuses on abandoned, destitute and orphaned children requiring family-based child care. In Hungary, SOS Children's Villages operates in 3 different areas, Battonya, Kecskemét and Kőszeg, offering a loving home and family to almost 500 children and youth. The organisation in Hungary has fostered care networks for the kids and youth facilities for the young adults who need to be

	prepared to a self-sustainable life.
Eszter Deli (group leader) Klaudia Ferencz Sára Rumi Viktor Szalóki	National Youth Council of Hungary The mission of the national youth council is to create a place for debates among young people and their organisations as well as with domestic and international actors and decision makers. The youth council advocates for youth participation and for the development of youth policy.
IRELAND	
Claire O'Brien (group leader) Tanya Shally	Focus Ireland The organisation works to prevent people becoming, remaining or returning to homelessness. Focus Ireland is the leading provider of aftercare accommodation and support services in Ireland. Focus Ireland services work directly to support young people in the most vulnerable situations when they have fallen out of the care system before 18 and also with many others after they leave care at 18. Its vision is that 'everyone has a right to a place they can call home' and the organisation works to make this vision a reality for thousands of people every year. Young people in Ireland do not have a legal right to aftercare. Focus Ireland has highlighted that some young people become homeless after leaving care when aftercare is not in place; this has ultimately increased their vulnerability and also led to more chaotic circumstances for young people who are at most risk. For the past ten years Focus Ireland has lobbied and conducted a long running campaign for a legal right to aftercare, in order to fully protect all vulnerable young people leaving care in Ireland.
ITALY	
Diane (group leader) Ilaria Sola Livia Chiaratti Flavia Sesti	Affabulazione This is a cultural centre established in 1992 in a deprived area in the city of Rome, namely Ostia, a sub-urban metropolitan quarter with over 100.000 inhabitants. The organisation works with vulnerable groups of people through arts and generally by promoting cultural activities and civic participation. The neighbourhood where the centre is based is confronted with several social problems, such as youth unemployment, racism, mafia activity and high levels of school drop-out. The organisation is active in promoting education towards legality for young people.
Laura Mazzanti (group leader) Tomas Alberi Martina Consoloni Matteo Francesconi	Giovanisi This is a project promoted by the Region of Tuscany in order to support young people in the transition to independent life and to autonomy. The project tackles six areas: internships, housing, civil service, entrepreneurship, employment, education and training. In particular, in regard to social rights, Giovanisi finances regional Civil Service projects in various fields for young people, promotes internships in private and public sectors, and promotes a pilot programme for young people to re-engage in education, employment and training.
MALTA	
Samantha Pace Gasan (group leader) Cheryl Bilocca Gabrielle Meli	Malta Girl Guides This is an association that enables girls and young women to develop sound character, discover their potential through an interactive programme, giving them a positive sense of direction and opportunities as responsible citizens. The organisation addresses social issues which are mainly related to girls, women and education. Together with its mother organisation, the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), the organisation adopts its informal educational programme to cater for the needs of its members' development and therefore encourage them to access social rights. Amongst its projects, the organisation runs a "Stop the Violence" project aiming at promoting gender equality and ending violence against girls and young women through awareness raising, informal education, research and policy-making, advocating and action plans.

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	
Mariana Morari (group leader) Ludmila Iachim Iuliana Tabacaru Gheorghe Chiriac	Association MOTIVATIE Moldova The mission of the organisation is to improve the quality of life of people with physical disabilities, through the creation of alternative services, involvement of beneficiaries in these services and in the promotion of their rights. One very important aim of the activities is to facilitate the process of social integration of children and young people with disabilities and train them in order to become active citizens in their community. The organisation also works to promote the participation of children and young people with disabilities in social life and in decision making processes, to provide high quality rehabilitation services and to provide support in employment for young people with disabilities in terms of their rights.
THE NETHERLANDS	
Sylwia Mulaba (group leader) Jonathan Lijster Sandy Cijnte	Jeugdwelzijnsberaad This is a network of youth councils of the different regions of the Netherlands. The organisation works as coordinator of their activities and runs a meeting of all the youth councils once a year. It organises trainings for young people in order to encourage them to be active participants in the civil society. It works as an advisory body as well, mainly for local and national policies. The members of the body are young people who can share experiences and express actual needs about youth policies.
Henk Van Tilberg (group leader) Gabriel Gomes Barros	The Exchangeables The organisation believes that every youngster is a hero with their own skills and powers. When these heroes want to make the world a better place, they need to be admired for their brave deeds and noble qualities. The Exchangeables organises projects at national and international level, on the topics of personal development and promotion of young people's talents. The organization works with young people who experience social disadvantage.
POLAND	
Jaroslav Sikorski (group leader) Patryk Szczepanski Jedrzey Tadrzak	Stowarzyszenie Morena The association is a non-profit non-governmental organization that organises non-formal education activities, such as meetings in schools and trainings, in order to promote youth participation in society and to develop young people's creativity. The organisation is also involved in providing youth information services to young people. The organisation provides funding and support to young people's initiatives.
PORTUGAL	
Sofia Martins (group leader) Adriana Martins Sandra Vaz	ECOS ECOS's main mission is to contribute to development of a more human, sustainable, fair, inclusive, participative, democratic, equitable, supportive, cooperative, dialogical, diverse and integrated society. One of the projects of the organisation was "Algarve 2020: a Youth Contract", a project with the mission of creating a Regional Action Plan for the Youth in Algarve (16 municipalities in the South of Portugal) that can be constructed through a participatory, cross-sectorial and collective process. The organisation ran the consultation process with young people in view of this plan.
Ana Silva (group leader) Liliana Costa Carlos Felix Mariana Santos Ana Carla Costa	Association for the Promotion of Health and Community Development (APSDC) The main goals of the organisation are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to develop studies/research in community intervention, health and education; • to design and implement programmes, methodologies, tools and training • to promote activities aimed at reducing the incidence of risk factors in mental health, addiction and social exclusion • to develop leisure programmes concerning the adoption of healthy lifestyles and encourage creativity, participation and communication. One project of the organisation "Have you got an hour to share?" was developed

	as part of Enter! and aimed at improving the integration of young people from 'Povos' neighbourhood, often exposed to exclusion and marginalisation, violence, low levels of education, unemployment and family problems. The project involved 30 young people aged 15-25, facing social exclusion, that volunteered for local organisations in order to develop their social skills, self-awareness and awareness of the social context. Through volunteering and non-formal education activities, these young people started to be seen in a positive way, becoming role models for the other young people of the community.
Miguel Lamas (group leader) Carlos Antunes Bruno Barros Ines Lampreia	Street Soccer Association The Padre Cruz neighbourhood is socially disadvantaged environment where young people are facing poverty, social exclusion, absenteeism and school dropout. One of the projects developed by the organisation makes use of street soccer methodology in order to start discussing with young people and informing them about their social rights.
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	
Natalia Skorik (group leader) Alexandra Popova Alexandra Malceva	Falcongrou - Scientific Advisory Centre «Consciousness» The main focus of this organisation is to develop youth initiatives and intercultural dialogue and implement innovative projects within the framework of non-formal education. It is a grass-roots organisation that works for the empowerment of the local youth community. Through non-formal education activities and human rights education, it aims at strengthening the youth movements in the Russian Federation, and developing a European consciousness.
SERBIA	
Jelena Kaplanovic (group leader) Tanja Sadiki Katarina Ibric	AGENDA, Centre for Family Support The organisation works with young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods on supporting their access to education, to a better quality of life and organises activities also against discrimination. The organisation uses non-formal education activities, particularly the technique of the 'Theatre of the oppressed' in order to raise young people's awareness about their rights and behaviours which are respectful of human rights.
SPAIN	
Yesenia Margarita Jiménez González (group leader) Daniel Hernandez Tejada Cira Esther Ortega Rodriguez	La Casa de la Juventud La Casa de la Juventud is based in San Andrés y Sauces, in the North-East side of the island of La Palma, in the Canaries. The organisation works on several topics, among which gender equality, fighting discrimination and encouraging the creation of an intercultural environment. "Rompiendo Barreras" (Removing Barriers) is a project dealing with youth and access to social rights that included workshops about the Millennium Development Goals, mostly dealing with the issues of poverty and discrimination.
"THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA"	
Deniz Memedi (group leader) Tamara Lazarevska Stefan Manevski Zorica Stamenkovska	Centre for Intercultural Dialogue (CID) The mission of the organisation is to promote and support intercultural understanding and cooperation, as well as youth participation by providing educational and volunteering opportunities and events within youth work. The organisation ran a project in Kumanovo on raising awareness about social rights and human rights education in general. The organisation has run youth projects supported by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe.
Biljana Vasilevska Trajkoska (group leader) Ile Kuzmanoski Ivana Atanasovska Elena Trajchevska	Youth Social Rights Network This is an informal network of individuals and public and private entities (local and public authorities, business sector representatives and media) working on the improvement of the access to social rights for young people, in particular those living in disadvantaged neighbourhoods. The networking idea was born within the Enter! project of the Youth Department of Council of Europe on access to social rights for young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods (2009 – 2012).

TURKEY	
<p>Cevik Seda (group leader) Meltem Dincer Esin Karakulak Recep Kucuk</p>	<p>Toplum Gönüllüleri Vakfı (TOG - Community Volunteers Foundation) The Foundation contributes to the personal development of young people by encouraging them to participate in social responsibility projects as volunteers. Every year the Foundation supports the realisation of more than 980 projects and activities implemented by young people in over 120 university clubs. TOG brings young people together so they learn by experience and contribute to the development of a democratic society. The project developed within the framework of Enter! is named “Capacity Building Program of Human Rights Framework” and its main objectives are to develop the current human rights training programmes and tools and to support young people in volunteering. The project has been implemented at both national and local level, with local human rights trainings have been implemented in eighteen different cities.</p>
UKRAINE	
<p>Aleksey Murashkevych (group leader) Ihor Orlov Kyrylo Dubrovin Valentyna Varvyanska</p>	<p>Lugansk Regional Centre for Youth Initiatives The mission of the organisation is to offer young people different perspectives on social rights and lifestyles and to improve their opportunities to communicate and participate in local life, to engage them into non-formal education activities and cooperation. The organisation runs activities such as cinema discussion clubs, workshops on personal identity, relationships in society, improvement of learning and employability skills of young people, and leisure time activities about healthy lifestyles and other social issues. Responding to the urgent needs of young people from Lugansk region in Ukraine, the organisation supported several activities for internally displaced young people, offering them information about social rights of IDPs, humanitarian aid distribution, useful contacts and consultative phone lines.</p>
<p>Igor Nosach (group leader) Dmytro Vasyliev Kateryna Mukha Iuliia Nosach Iryna Dogoida</p>	<p>Charity Partnership for Every Child The organisation aims to bring long-lasting and positive change into the lives of children and their families through innovation, community-based approach and strategic partnerships. The mission is to professionally help families, communities and the government to ensure the right of every child to grow up and develop in a safe and supporting family environment. The organisation’s activities are focused on: children without parental care or at risk of losing parental care, vulnerable young people, families and children in difficult life circumstances, social sector practitioners, youth workers and governmental decision-makers. The project developed in the framework of Enter! ‘Youth 4 Youth: promoting rights, transforming lives’ started in 2014 with the goal to empower disadvantaged youth to serve as the agents of social change for their peers and communities by enhancing awareness of civil and social rights. Y4Y project has 2 main objectives: developing capacity of vulnerable young people from 12 regions of Ukraine in fulfilling their civil and social rights and promoting active citizenship and ensuring active participation of disadvantaged youth in implementing their civil and social rights, representing their and their peers’ interests and advocating for change.</p>
<p>Zemfira Kondur (group leader) Yana Bondarenko Mykola Zhemchuhov</p>	<p>Roma women fund “Chiricli” The main goals of the organisation are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • creating of good conditions for the saving of historical traditions and developing of Roma culture; • improving social-economic and political position of Roma; • combating racial and ethnic discrimination and intolerance; • promoting tolerance among different nations and religious confessions; • protecting cultural, social, education and medical rights of Roma people. <p>During the last three years, the main priorities were: education, health care and social issues and generally human rights. The fund successfully implemented more than 36 projects during the last 7 years. These projects covered a variety of issues such as: Roma local participation, cooperation between NGOs and state bodies, access of Roma children to education, gender issues in the Roma community, access to health care and medical rights and Roma human rights.</p> </p>

UNITED KINGDOM

Fionn Greig (group leader)
Claire Wallis
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Rochell Rowe

Voice of youth

This is a small youth workers cooperative in Hackney / East London that runs regular youth clubs, holiday activities, residential seminars, trips and projects for young people. The cooperative works according to the following principles of youth work and cooperation:

1. Young people choose whether/how to become involved with our groups and work.
2. The work of the cooperative starts from the needs and wishes of young people in Hackney and all funding bids will reflect this.
3. The cooperative involve young people in taking action to improve their own lives and the lives of their communities.
4. The cooperative promotes equality and challenges oppressive structures in society, institutions, groups and individuals.
5. The cooperative promotes co-operative decision making in its own work, in the youth groups and in the communities where the cooperative works.

For the last two years the organisation has been working on a project called 'Human rights in our schools', which looks at how the practices of some schools or particular behaviour policies violate the young people's rights.

Jean Case (group leader)
Ami Ancliffe
Kara Powell
Evie Scott
Starr Wattam

Bulwell Riverside Centre

This centre is part of the youth services of the City of Nottingham. It works with young people from one of the most deprived areas of Nottingham. The young people involved in the Centre have completed many projects and recently they have been on a residential seminar to plan an event that includes local politicians. The project involved a consultation with young people of their peer group, from the consultation they formulated questions for the politicians and held a formal meeting challenging the leaders of the city in which they live. This enabled them to:

- really to become confident when speaking to people in authority
- have a greater understanding/awareness of social rights and human rights
- they learned to listen to other young people outside of the normal peer group
- entering/ed other arena's that enable/encourage change and involve young people in making decisions such as school councils and youth forums.