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*Enter!* Long-term Training Course  
for Youth Workers  
2021-2022

Advancing Youth Workers and Projects in  
Disadvantaged Neighbourhoods

**CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS**

**Deadline: 5 July 2021**

## The new *Enter!* LTTC

The 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Enter!* LTTC is set out to be an example of European level youth worker training which contributes to the quality, access and diversity of youth work and its social and political role in addressing violence, discrimination and exclusion faced by young people in disadvantaged neighbourhoods.

The youth workers taking part in the LTTC will be both learners and experts. They will learn and help others learn on approaches and practices of youth work and will implement projects to improve access to social rights of young people in disadvantaged neighbourhoods. They will also be able to add a European perspective to their local experiences, ideas and everyday challenges and connect them to local, national and European youth policies.

The function of the course is to better equip youth workers with knowledge and skills to support their local communities in accessing social rights. More specifically, the course supports better understanding of the links between youth work provided at grassroots level in disadvantaged neighbourhoods and access to services, spaces, support, opportunities for young people.

The course addresses a list of competences for youth workers based on the [Council of Europe's Youth Work Portfolio](#). This recognised Council of Europe training for youth workers will allow the participants to:

- Participation in a recognised training for youth workers and access to spaces and opportunities to learn from and contribute to the youth work development on European level with an accent on social inclusion and social rights for young people in disadvantaged neighbourhoods.
- Have a better understanding of the role of youth work for young people in disadvantaged neighbourhoods and the available approaches, tools, resources and networks from the Council of Europe.
- Closer cooperation with other youth workers from member states and opportunities for networking around the topic of youth work in disadvantaged neighbourhoods.
- Introduction and cooperation with the Council of Europe youth sector's instruments: European Youth Centres, European Youth Foundation, the Partnership and the intergovernmental cooperation.

More information is available at the Concept note for the *Enter!* Long-term training for youth workers 2021-2022.

The LTTC will equip youth workers with knowledge and skills to provide support and develop joint local approaches that improve the access to social rights for young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods. It will support youth workers to engage and work closely with the Council of Europe in developing and implementing specific youth work projects aimed at improving access to social rights (education, housing, health, transport, culture, employment etc.).

The **objectives** of the course are:

1. To motivate participants/youth workers to revise and strengthen local youth work provision through enhanced cooperation between youth work and other service providers in the framework of social rights

2. To enhance the competences of youth workers in their professional practices by providing complementary learning opportunities for rights and value-based quality youth work with a focus on:
  - Human/social rights and human rights education to address discrimination, violence and exclusion
  - Participatory youth work
  - European/international perspectives in combating inequalities and their impact on well-being of young people and their communities
  - Project planning and management based on youth participation and the articulation of youth work and youth policy
3. To empower youth workers to support young people's access to social rights through Council of Europe standards, such as the *Enter!* and the Youth Work Recommendations
4. To promote the further use of the Enter! Recommendation and the results of its review, in youth projects and policies supporting young people to know and access their social rights
5. To innovate in youth work provisions and delivery through local youth projects and local partnerships
6. To collect experiences and information about the relevance of youth work and local youth policies in promoting Council of Europe human rights standards and the European Youth Work agenda
7. To improve the usage and relevance of Council of Europe resources for youth worker training, including the Council of Europe Youth Work Portfolio.

### **Methodology, calendar and features of the course**

The long-term training course comprises two intercultural residential seminars with a practice/project phase in between and supported by an e-learning programme, mentoring and networking opportunities. It will take place from August 2021 to December 2022. The LTTC is composed of several phases which all participants are required to follow:

1. Preparatory phase, August -September 2021
2. Training seminar 1, 7-14 September 2021 (working days), European Youth Centre Strasbourg
3. Distance learning, and mentoring, September 2021 – September 2022
4. Professional practice, September 2021 – September 2022
5. Training seminar 2, Budapest, October 2022
6. Closing phase, October-December 2022

The methodology of the course combines a variety of approaches and resources developed within the youth sector of the Council of Europe, with an emphasis on:

- Experiential learning, recognising youth workers experiences and supporting learning based on these experiences
- Intercultural and dialogical learning whereby the youth workers will play a role in the learning of other participants and enhance cooperation and communication competences by learning and living together in the intercultural environment of the European Youth Centre

- Blended learning opportunities whereby the e-learning complements and consolidates previous learning and the understanding of previous experience and group learning
- Holistic learning based on personal development combined with professional skills and competences and valuing youth work practices combining with reflection and critical think skills.

During the course each participant is expected to develop a local youth work project based on active participation of young people and addressing specific challenges that young people face in their access to social rights. This local youth work project should logically be based on active participation of young people and addressing specific challenges that they face in their access to social rights. The projects should be an example in implementing the *Enter!* Recommendation through youth work and provide a practical basis for learning about promoting the social rights of young people and how best to link specific policies with youth work. They should be implemented in co-operation with local authorities so as better impact at the local community level.

The Council of Europe will not provide funding for projects; this is the responsibility of the youth worker/participant, the sending organisation and the local authority. However, information about potential funding opportunities or in exceptional cases some funding support will be provided, in addition to project management competences.

The [European Youth Foundation](#) as an instrument of the Council of Europe's youth sector will be presented and closely associated with the Enter! Long-term training course for youth workers. The EYF supports actions which address young people's needs or challenges at a local level through the pilot activity grants.



## **Profile of participants**

The course is designed for youth workers (regardless of the academic or professional status, and including volunteers) who:

1. Are directly working with young people in disadvantaged neighbourhoods likely to face exclusion, discrimination and violence or difficulties in accessing social rights (such as education, health, housing, employment, transport, culture and leisure, participation spaces, information)
2. Carry out their activities within a non-governmental entity (for example, a youth or community organisation) or in a local authority (for example, local community centres, youth centres, information office of a Municipality, school communities, etc.)
3. Are motivated to further develop their professional and personal competences for quality youth work
4. intend to remain active and apply their learning in their organisation/institution for the next 2 years
5. Are aged between 18 and 35 years, with exceptions possible
6. Are resident in a country signatory of the European Cultural Convention

7. Are able to work in English or in French
8. Are available for the full participation in all the phases of the course
9. Are supported by their organisation for the full duration of the course. This implies that:
  - The organisation provides a support letter in the application phase
  - The sending organisation makes it possible for the youth workers to attend the two training seminars and supports the development and implementation of the project during the practice phase within the framework/programme of the organisation
  - The organisation will provide input and visibility to the project(s) developed by the participants (in turn, the Council of Europe will acknowledge and provide institutional visibility to the sending organisations).

The Council of Europe will select up to 35 participants - youth workers and other professionals with a variety of profiles reflecting thematic areas linked to social rights.

### ***Application procedure and selection of participants***

All candidates must apply online, completing the application at <https://youthapplications.coe.int/>

When applying, each candidate youth worker should prepare:

- a) an outline of the project idea (Maximum 300 words in English or in French) that the candidate intends to develop during the project development phase
- b) a support letter from their organisation, stating their interest in being partners in the course and the support to the participant throughout the process. The letters should explain the need and the value for the organisation and for the candidate to attend the course. Applicants without support letters will not be accepted.

All candidates must apply online and send their recommendation letters by **5 July 2021**. Support letters should be uploaded on the platform or sent separately by e-mail to [eyc.programme@coe.int](mailto:eyc.programme@coe.int) by the same deadline.

A group of pre-selected participants will be announced by mid-July 2021.

The selection will be done respecting the candidates' organisations' priorities, but also ensuring a balance between sexes, geographical regions, different types of experiences, backgrounds and organisations, institutions or projects. A waiting list may be drawn up.

The Council of Europe welcomes applications from all candidates who fulfil the specific profile of the activities, irrespective of gender, disability, marital or parental status, racial, ethnic or social origin, age, colour, religion, belief or sexual orientation.

### **Practical and financial information**

#### *Venue and accommodation*

The residential seminars will be held at the European Youth Centres. The first seminar will take place in Strasbourg, where accommodation and meals will be provided by the Council of Europe.

#### *Travel and subsistence expenses*

Travel expenses to and from Strasbourg will be reimbursed according to the rules of the Council of Europe. Selected candidates will be informed in due time regarding travel procedures. A participation fee will be deducted from the travel reimbursement.

### *Working languages*

The course will be held in English and French, with simultaneous interpretation during seminars.

### *Visas*

Visa costs will be reimbursed by the Council of Europe. The Council of Europe secretariat will issue invitation letter that should facilitate the delivery of visas to attend the seminars.

### **Other Courses of the Youth Department**

If you are interested in a training course in international youth work, but your profile does not fully correspond with the requirements of this course, you can seek information about other courses of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe at <http://www.coe.int/youth>

### **Further information and contact**

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