

# Young people's needs in post-pandemic Europe: The role of youth information and counselling

Webinar

14 April 2021, 15:00 – 17:00 CET

The pandemic has certainly marked our lives. In a way or another, we have all been affected by it. However, research has demonstrated that young people have experienced the consequences in a tougher way and are impacted more profoundly.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, youth information has proved to be more important than ever; its role and format changed and adapted to an increasingly online environment. Once all of this has come to an end, what will be young people's needs? What youth information will look like, and what its role will be?

This webinar aims to offer an overview of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on young people, whose generation can be defined as the "viral generation". The term refers to an age group that experiences a double vital circumstance: on the one hand, exposure to the coronavirus as a generational brand; and on the other hand, the speed of the transmission of information over the internet.

The role of youth information during the pandemic will be analysed, starting from its function during the lockdown, including some good practice examples from ERYICA members. We will try to understand how the role of youth information can change in post-pandemic Europe.

## Speakers:

**Carles Feixa** is a social anthropology professor at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Catalonia, Spain). He has investigated youth cultures and has conducted fieldwork in Spain and Latin America. He is the author or co-author of several books like *De jóvenes, bandas y tribus* (1998), *Global Youth?* (2006), *Youth, Space and Time* (2016) and *Adolescentes confinad@s* (2020). He has been an advisor for youth policies of the United Nations and Vice President of the International Sociological Association Research Committee "Sociology of Youth".

**Lauren Pluss** is Digital Information Manager at ERYICA Member Young Scot and has worked with the Content Team and young people over the pandemic to provide up to date, quality-assured information about COVID-19. Lauren has previously worked in the third sector for over ten years, working for a range of organisations with experience in digital marketing, digital evolution, digital youth work and communications. She is a trustee for a national charity in Scotland and co-organiser of the Scottish Women's Network.

## Programme

- 15.00 – 15.05      **Opening**
- 15:05 – 15:10      **Poll:** Youth information during the pandemic
- 15.10 – 15.30      **Carles Feixa** will analyse the impact of confinement caused by Covid-19 among adolescents, on the one hand; on the other hand, he will treat how deconfinement is affecting young people.
- 15.30 – 15.35      **Poll:** Youth information in a post-pandemic future
- 15:35 – 15.55      **Lauren Pluss** will analyse the role of youth information and counselling during confinement, and the possible scenarios for youth information and counselling in the post-covid era.
- 15.55 – 16:10      Q&A
- 16.10 – 16.25      **Good practice examples from ERYICA Members**
- Practical tips for youth and youth workers during confinement – A guide by ACJ (Catalan Youth Agency, Spain)
  - Digital Assistance and Support to Young People (MISSS, Slovenia)
  - FAQs on mental health support on our website (De Ambrassade, Belgium), tbc
- 16.25 – 16.55      **Networking and good practice sharing**
- 16.55 – 17.00      **Conclusion:** ERYICA campaign on young people’s mental health and wellbeing