

European Platform Quality Label for Youth Centres

10-11 June 2026

Destelheide-Hanenbos Youth Centre, Belgium



Programme

Tuesday, 9 June

Arrival to Destelheide-Hananbos Youth Centre
Destelheidestraat 66, 1653, Dworp, Belgium

- 17:30 Registration (Main Hall, Building A)
- 19:00 Welcome dinner at Destelheide Youth Centre (Bar, Building E)
- 20:30 Welcome evening – Get to know each other (Bar, Building E)

Wednesday, 10 June

- 07:30-9:00 Breakfast (Building E)
- 09:30 Opening of the Platform meeting official ceremony (Theatre Room, Building A)
 - Welcome and introduction
 - ◇ Guy Uyttebroeck, Director, Destelheide-Hananbos Youth Centre
 - ◇ Liliya Elenkova, Chair of the European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ)
 - ◇ Georges Metz, Director of the National Youth Service Luxembourg (SNJ), Member of the Quality Label Expert Team
 - Moderator: Jaël Muls, Coordinator Dharts - Art educational service, Destelheide-Hananbos Youth Centre
 - Latest developments in the Quality Labelled Youth Centres programme and the Council of Europe's youth sector
 - ◇ Marcos Andrade, Coordinator of the Quality Label for Youth Centres Programme
 - Tour de table: brief round of presentations and latest developments in the youth centres
- 11:00 Coffee break and group picture (Building A)
- 11:30 Keynote: Empowering young minds: Promoting critical thinking among young people (Theatre Room, Building A)
 - ◇ Eef Cornelissen, Odisee University College Brussels (TBC)
- Panel discussion: Building critical thinking skills among young people: Approaches and successful practices in youth centres
- Plenary discussion and sharing of experiences
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Guided tour of Destelheide Youth Centre and exchange with educational teams (Gathering in front of the Theatre Room)
- Introduction to the afternoon programme

16:00

Parallel sessions:

- i. Workshop mapping of existing tools relevant for critical thinking in youth work/contribution to the development of a new support tool for youth workers of the EU-CoE Youth Partnership. (Paul Felix Room, Building A)
- ii. Guided visit to the exhibition Koppel-teken/s |4 Blockbuster Exhibition exploring the connection between two artists: an established figure and an emerging talent, curated by Willem Elias, bringing together Koen van den Broek and Charlotte Vandenbroucke. (Main Hall, Building A)

Coffee break – Integrated in the youth work

17:30

Quality Label for Youth Centres Fair (Theatre Room, Building A)

- ◊ Opening by Matjaž Gruden, Director for Democracy at the Council of Europe

19:00

Barbecue dinner (Bar, Building E)

Thursday, 11 June

07:30-9:00

Breakfast (Building E)

09:00

Introduction to the second day (Theatre Room, Building A)

09:10

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Follow-up and conclusions

A moment of networking and collaboration

13:00

Lunch

14:30

Optional programme: Visit to Hanenbos Youth Centre (Gathering at the entrance of Building A)

Departure