

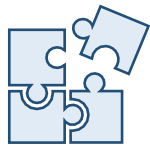


Budapest, 27 July 2021

6th Training course for the staff of youth centres in the network of the Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres

13-17 December 2021

European Youth Centre Budapest



Concept & Programme outline

The COVID-19 pandemic has redefined both the reality of young people, whose needs and activities have been strongly affected, and of youth work professionals, who have to rethink the way they interact and work with young people.

Youth centres have been playing a crucial role in supporting young people throughout this period and are also among those strongly affected by the crisis. As activities had to be rethought and reshaped, a set of new competences were required. As such, the role of youth workers, including educational staff of youth centres, has shifted and so have their learning needs.

At the moment, as we are gradually entering a reality that seems to blend old and new approaches, it is clear that youth workers require a space to reflect, analyse and reenergise in order to access the current situation and be comfortable with how youth work is transforming. The 6th Training course for the staff of youth centres in the network of the Council of Europe

Quality Label for Youth Centres is an opportunity for youth workers to jointly explore these challenges, to share practices, to get new insights and expand their view of what needs to be done and how, and to reflect on how youth centres' commitment to deliver high quality services to young people can be sustained. It will also be a space to discuss the place of Human Rights Education in the current reality.



Aim and Objectives

The aim of the training course is to support Quality Labelled Youth Centres and those aspiring to receive the Quality Label in raising the quality of the services they offer to young people in their communities and to make them more relevant for the current and future realities.

The main objectives of the training course:

- *reflect on the impact of the pandemic on youth work and its influence on the competences required to address the needs and to work with young people;*
- *analyse the approach of educational activities and the ways of reaching and engaging young people in the current circumstances;*
- *initiate the development process of tools, models, techniques and approaches that are needed in the current context of European youth work in order to support young people in managing the needs and the challenges they face;*
- *support QL youth centres' educational staff in planning their personal and professional development.*



Methodological Approach and Content

The training programme is designed to respond to the key principles of non-formal education and adult learning such as learner centredness, voluntary and active participation, learning by doing and individual and group learning. The training sessions will alternate between spaces for sharing among participants and inputs both from the trainers' team and from external experts.

A part of the programme will also be dedicated to exploring or practicing educational tools and instruments within a supportive environment. Given that the event is hosted in the European

Youth Centre Budapest, participants will also have the opportunity to discover the activities, functions and the educational philosophy of the Centre.

The process will include also an individual and group-based reflection on the participants' learning needs and on the next steps for transferring the experience to the work they carry out in their youth centres.

Content-wise, the training course intends to address the following questions:

- *How has the pandemic affected me and my work in the youth centre?*
- *What effect did the pandemic have on the young people that I am working with?*
- *What specific competencies do I sense I need nowadays in order to work with young people?*
- *What are the challenges I face in ensuring young people's participation in my activities?*
- *What can I do differently in order to reach and engage more effectively more young people?*
- *How should my youth centre's approach develop in order to better support young people?*
- *What tools, models, approaches or techniques could we co-create with other youth workers that could be used in our practices?*
- *What tools, models, political instruments exist on European level that I may learn from / adapt to my own practice?*
- *What else is there for me to explore in order to become more prepared to handle the constant changes and the emerging (future) reality of youth work?*
- *How can I effectively plan my learning in order to incorporate new practices and the development of new competencies?*



About the Quality Label Programme

The Quality Label for Youth Centres programme was established in 2010 to promote the European Youth Centres of the Council of Europe as standard-setting instruments and examples of good practice for youth policy. The project aims also at knowledge sharing and networking among youth centres across Europe. It has three main pillars:

- the Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres, to be awarded to youth centres that meet the standard;
- an annual meeting of the European Platform of Youth Centres to ensure networking among centres recognised with the label and those aspiring to its acquisition; and
- an annual training session for the staff of the labelled centres and of members of the network wishing to join the group of labelled centres.

The training course, as a feature of the project, was introduced on 2015 with the aim to further support youth centres, labelled or in the process, to develop the quality of their educational programmes in respect to the priorities of the youth sector of the Council of Europe and the needs of young people they serve. Each of the centres in the network has its own specificity in terms of focus and/or preferred approaches, reflecting the diversity of youth work in Europe. The training course together with the Quality Label Platform meetings provide essential moments of learning, reflection, and competence development in fine-tuning the specificity of the centres with the Council of Europe work.



Participants' profile

- *Educational staff or staff responsible for the programme of the youth centres that have received the Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres and members of the Platform.*
- *Educational staff of associated partners of youth centres, participating in the meetings of the Platform and aspiring to receive the Quality Label for Youth Centres*

The participants should be:

- *Supported by their youth centre/organisation/institution to follow up on the results of the training course with respect to the further development of the educational programme of their youth centre;*
- *Able to work autonomously in English language;*
- *Able to attend the entire training course duration (13-17 December 2021)*

Priority will be given to educational staff who attended the 5th QLTC and the two QL e-learning courses (2020-2021).



Practical information

Working days

The training course will take place on 13-17 December 2021 (right before Christmas, YEY!) and will entail 5 working days. Participants are required to plan their travel to arrive the European Youth Centre Budapest on 12 December, before dinner (18.30h) and depart on Saturday 18 December.

Board and lodging

Participants will be provided with board and lodging at the European Youth Centre Budapest, 1-3 Zivatar utca, 1024 Budapest, Hungary. *EYCB is accessible to people with disabilities and can take measures to accommodate for any specific needs of participants in this respect. Please provide the necessary information in your registration form.*

Working language

The working language of the training course is English.

Travel and visa

All participants requiring a visa to Hungary will be provided with an invitation letter and support by the Council of Europe. Travel costs for the selected participants that are staff of labelled youth centres, or staff from aspiring youth centres to acquire the Quality Label, will be reimbursed for their travel will be reimbursed during the costs upon presentation of the ticket and proof of payment. More detailed information on travel reimbursement rules will be sent to the selected participants

In specific cases and if justified, prepaid tickets can be arranged upon agreement with the secretariat of the Quality Label Programme.

Further information and contact

For information related to this call, please contact for:

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- Educational and programme related matters: Natalia Chardymova, Educational Advisor, Natalia.chardymova@coe.int

Registration: <https://youthapplications.coe.int/Application-forms>,
deadline 20 September 2021, 23:59

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	12.12.2021	13.12.2021	14.12.2021	15.12.2021	16.12.2021	17.12.2021	18.12.2021			
8:00-9:15	Arrival of participants	Breakfast						Departure of participants		
9:30-11:00		Official opening and getting to know each introduction	Supporting Critical Thinking in times of crisis and beyond	Testing an experiential learning tool	Creating tools, techniques, approaches	Personal learning, youth centre planning				
11:00-11:30		Break								
11:30-13:00		Team building/ discovering EYCB	Supporting Wellbeing in times of crisis and beyond	Testing an experiential learning tool	Creating tools, techniques, approaches	Personal learning, youth centre planning				
13:00-14:30		Lunch								
14:30-16:00		Effects of Covid-19 on me and my centre	Supporting Social Skills in times of crisis and beyond	Practices from youth centres in times of crisis	Creating tools, techniques, approaches	Evaluation and closure				
16:00-16:30		Break								
16:30-18:00		Effects of Covid-19 on young people	Wrap-up	Free afternoon and evening	Presentations and feedback	Goodbye evening and Christmas dinner in town				
19:00		Dinner								
20:00		Welcome evening	Documentary night		Free evening		Free evening			