

ADVANCING YOUTH WORK THROUGH EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION

” Youth work makes an important contribution to active citizenship by providing opportunities to acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes for civic engagement and social action.

” Youth workers empower and engage young people in developing inclusive, democratic and peaceful societies.



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■ Governments should renew their support to youth work by:

- ▶ ensuring that the establishment or further development of quality youth work is safeguarded and pro-actively supported within local, regional or national youth policies, with the active involvement of youth workers. Special attention should be paid to strategies, frameworks, legislation, sustainable structures and resources;
- ▶ establishing a coherent and flexible competency-based framework for the education and training of paid and volunteer youth workers;
- ▶ supporting the elaboration of a mid-term strategy for the knowledge-based development of European youth work in order to improve co-ordination of and access to youth work knowledge; to support the exchange of youth work practices and peer learning; to strengthen dialogue between youth work, youth policy and youth research; and to strengthen the capacity of youth work to respond to changes and trends in society and the challenges faced by young people;
- ▶ supporting the review of the impact and outcomes of youth work and by reinforcing the dissemination, recognition and impact of the Council of Europe Youth Work Portfolio.

Adapted from Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)4 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to member States on youth work.

Consult the Recommendation at www.coe.int/en/web/youth/adopted-texts

Try the Council of Europe Youth Work Portfolio at

www.coe.int/en/web/youth-portfolio/accueil

Consult the Council of Europe's youth sector portal at www.coe.int/youth