

"In the YEPP Leadership Training I learned how to get people to listen to me."

Muamer (15) from Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina

YEPP Mission

To develop an active civil society with disadvantaged children and youth across Europe.

YEPP Goals

1) Youth and Community Empowerment

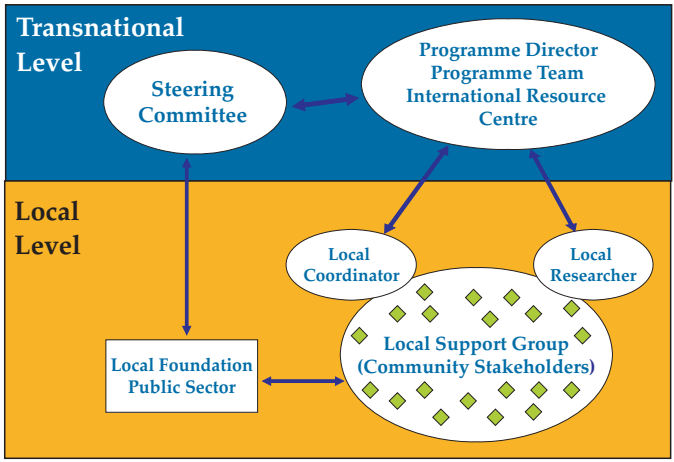
To enable disadvantaged children and youth to take control of their lives and to contribute to their local communities as equals alongside community leaders so that they become active citizens of Europe and their national societies.

2) Partnership

To form strong and sustainable cross-sectoral partnerships and strategic alliances, at local, national and transnational levels, to foster youth and community empowerment.

3) Advocacy

To influence public policy so that the principles of youth empowerment, community empowerment and partnership become mainstream in public and independent programmes across Europe.



How YEPP Works

Local Programme Sites are individually managed.

The Local Support Group consists of youths and community stakeholders. It is funded locally and facilitated by a Local Coordinator and a Local Researcher.

The YEPP Community Network includes all Programme Sites and Affiliates.

Regional or National Clusters allow individual sites to learn from each other and increases leveraging power when it comes to policy change.

The YEPP Programme Team and **The International Resource Centre** are hosted by the International Academy (INA) at the Free University of Berlin. They provide the strong support structure to ensure the programme can achieve its goals.

The YEPP Steering Committee is made up of major funders who have Full Partner status and oversees the direction and evaluation of YEPP.

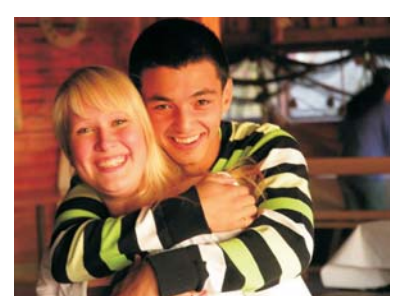
"The good thing about YEPP is that you get a lot of young and older people to know and trust each other. We learn a lot from each other."

Sean (17) from Dublin, Ireland

YEPP's Concept of Change

The Guiding Principles

- Identify the needs of the local community and mobilise local resources
- Establish cross-sectoral partnerships
- Involve local stakeholders in strategic planning, implementation and evaluation
- Create opportunities for young people's active participation in decision-making
- Recognise the competency of young people
- Bridge gaps between schools, youth, the community, and non-formal education
- Invest in capacity building
- Provide equal opportunities
- Integrate local, national and transnational dimensions
- Advocate for new policies



The YEPP Community Network

Ireland:

- Dublin North
- East Inner City

UK:

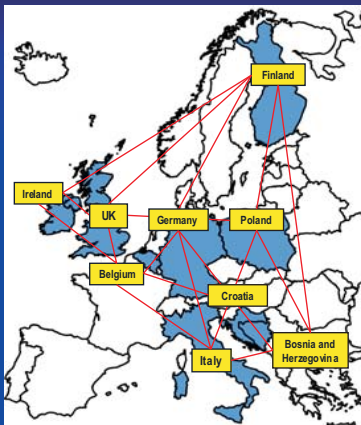
- Birmingham (planned)

Belgium:

- Antwerp North

Italy:

- Turin Mirafiori
- Alassio
- Albenga
- Genoa Cornigliano
- Loano
- La Spezia
- Langhe
- Turin "The Gate"
(Affiliate Site)



Finland:

- Kristinestad
- Kimito Island
- Västaboland

Poland:

- Warsaw Bielany
- Zgorzelec

Germany:

- Görnitz

Croatia:

- Osijek

Bosnia and Herzegovina:

- Tuzla Simin Han
- Gornja Tuzla

Joining YEPP

You can join YEPP in different ways; as a full partner, an affiliate partner or a friend.

1) YEPP Full Partners:

Are Members of the Steering Committee and therefore involved in all aspects of strategic decision making of the programme.

2) YEPP Affiliates:

Financially support sites and/or projects that follow an approach which is compatible with YEPP.

3) YEPP Friends:

Support specific projects and/ or activities that fit into YEPP's goals and Concept of Change at the local, national and or transnational levels.



Youth
Empowerment
Partnership
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(YEPP)

Supporting Youth Support Themselves



"YEPP is a great opportunity to get to know other places in Europe, create new networks and become Europeans and not just Finns."

Anna-Kajsa (19) from Kristinestad, Finland

YEPP is a joint initiative of several European and US Foundations, the International Academy at the Free University of Berlin (INA) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

YEPP operates under the auspices of the Network of European Foundations for Innovative Cooperation (NEF).

The alienation experienced by young people living in areas of severe social disadvantage throughout Europe presents challenges which are as complex as they are urgent.

Active citizenship at local and national levels needs to be nurtured and to find practical expression.

In particular, the most vulnerable groups of children and youth need to be empowered to become active participating contributors to their local communities and to wider society.



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