

Contributors  
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**Bob Payne:** Following a degree in sociology and social administration, I trained as a youth worker and have worked full time in the youth field since then. I have worked in the public sector, mainly in Scotland, at local and national levels, and for the last 10 years I have worked in Brussels as Director of the Eurodesk European Office. I have been involved in providing training for youth workers for more than 25 years most recently within the Eurodesk network, offering training connected with young people and European information.

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