

To be or not to be... supported, IS THAT A QUESTION?

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If you as a youth worker, young person, organisation, youth researcher... think about being supported, what does 'support' mean to you? What kind of support do YOU need? Where do YOU find it?

What kind of support is there?

Support coming from:		<i>Methodological</i> (e.g. database of games/methods)	<i>Infrastructural</i> (e.g. room for free)	<i>Material</i> (e.g. renting equipment)	<i>Financial</i> (e.g. structural, project, ...)	<i>Legal</i> (e.g. law, regulation, ...)	<i>Emotional or moral</i> (e.g. lobbying on your behalf...)	...	<i>What support is lacking?</i>
Government	Local								
	Regional								
	National								
	European/international								
Foundation /trust	Local								
	Regional								
	National								
	European/international								
Enterprise / private company	Local								
	Regional								
	National								
	European/international								
NGO	Local								
	Regional								
	National								
	European/international								
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How much do you actually need external support? What are the 'costs' of asking for or receiving it? Are there both gains and losses – can you always choose your priorities, areas and ways of working? Is it OK to request funding from a cigarette or alcohol producer? Do you feel official bodies can be an opportunity (being recognised, finances available, long-term opportunities...) or a threat (your organisation doesn't fit the definitions/descriptions, there is a risk of instrumentalisation, too much paperwork ...)?

So many questions out there...