

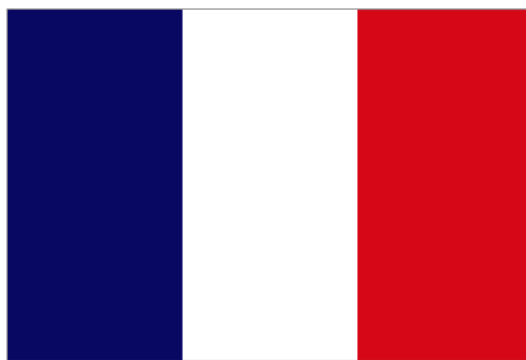


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QUESTIONNAIRE

“BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF YOUTH”

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1 Structures and actors that play a role in gaining a better understanding and knowledge of young people

1.1 Specific youth departments in universities dealing with youth issues

The establishments and actors taking action for a better understanding of youth in France are:

- Public organisations such as the INJEP (Institut National de la Jeunesse et de l'Education Populaire)
- The Centre for strategic analysis working for the Prime Minister,
- The research department of the CAF (Caisse d'Allocation Familiale)
- The CDVA (Conseil de Développement de la Vie Associative) Its main mission is to carry out studies aiming at a better understanding of associative life and its development;
- The Ministries : the research departments of various Ministries dedicate part of their work to youth issues;
- Universities or laboratories working under the authority of the CNRS (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique) and other Ministries such as the CEREQ (Centre d'Etude et de Recherche sur l'Emploi et les Qualifications) which is part of the Ministry of Labour. The CEREQ also dedicates numerous studies to youth issues, as far as employment and qualifications are concerned;
- Youth and people education movements within the CNAJEP (Comité pour les Relations Nationales et Internationales des Associations de Jeunesse et d'Education Populaire).

1.2 Statistic offices that collect statistics on youth

The statistics are collected in France by the INSEE (Institut National de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques). Website : www.insee.fr

1.3 Major public and semi-public bodies dealing with [youth research](#), public companies included

The main structure acting “for a better understanding of youth” in France is the INJEP. It is a public establishment working under the authority of the High Commissioner for Youth. One of its fundamental goals is to carry out research in the field of youth. Within this institution, a national observatory for youth is currently being set up. Its aim will be to collect data and search for information on this specific issue.

INJEP main research themes for 2009 have been:

- The taking-over of “youth information” by young people;
- The study of places dedicated to cultural creation

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- Professionalization of social actors
- Teenagers' behaviour towards free time occupations;
- The evolution of public youth policies;
- The changes in youth work;
- The impact of youth participation on policies at a local level;
- Shared values among young people;
- Non formal education in youth work training (comparative study with a european perspective).

1.4 NGOs dealing with youth issues

Youth and people education movements are also important players in the development of young people knowledge and particularly the CEMEA (Fédération Française des Maisons des Jeunes et de la Culture), the Francas, the scout movement, the JPA (Jeunesse au Plein Air), the UFCV (Union Française des Centres de Vacances et de Loisirs), the JOC (the Jeunesse Ouvrière Chrétienne), the MRJC (Mouvement Rural de Jeunesse Chrétienne), the UCJG-YMCA, rural movements such as FNFR. All of them have representative at national level in the CNAJEP and at regional level in the CRAJEPs.

1.5 Youth researchers or experts

List of youth researchers and experts (to be completed)

- Valérie Becquet, IUFM Versailles, young people involvement
- Louis Chauvel, IEP Paris, Sociological Observatory for change, intergenerational relations
- Marc Bessin , CEMS/CNRS/EHSS, youth sociology
- Claire Bidart: LEST/CNRS, Aix en Provence (to be developped)
- Vincenzo Cicchelli, Paris V, CERLIS/CNRS, youth sociology
- Olivier Galland, CNRS-GEMAS / CREST, youth sociology
- Sylvie Octobre, Ministry of Culture, culture habits of young people
- Francine Labadie, Ministry of Culture, public youth policies
- Léa Lima, CNAM and LISE/CNRS, youth work and public youth policies
- Chantal de Linares, teenagers, Bernard Bie, unformal education and youth policies
- Yves de Curaise, youth work, Bernard Roudet, young people's values
- Jean-Claude Richez, public youth policies, INJEP
- Patricia Loncle, Ecole nationale de santé publique, Rennes, young people's participation
- Marie Choquet, INSERM, youth health
- Francis Lebon, Université Paris XII / Créteil, youth workers

1.6 Private companies dealing with youth research

- The Fondation de France (www.fdf.org) is working in the fields of youth voluntary activities and youth values;
- ARVAL (Association sur les systèmes de valeurs - www.arval.fr) is working in the field of youth values;
- FONDAPOL (Fondation pour l'innovation politique - www.fondapol.org) is working in the field youth values.
- The Fondation Wyeth (www.fondation-wyeth.org) is working in the field of youth health.

1.7 Other actors (if any)

Le Conseil d'analyse stratégique is a governmental structure (www.strategie.gouv.fr) which is working in the field of youth values and youth policies.

2 Legal basis or guidelines for activities leading to a better knowledge and understanding of youth

Not applicable

3 Funding for research on youth

3.1 International funding for carrying out activities aimed at youth research

European Union

3.2 EU funding for carrying out activities aimed at acquiring a better knowledge and understanding of youth

Not applicable

3.3 Public and private national funding for carrying out activities aimed at acquiring a better knowledge and understanding of youth

Most existing funding come from the National Education Authorities and more precisely through the CNRS. The main Ministries concerned with youth issues (High Commissioner for Youth, Ministry of Health and Sports, Ministry of Culture and Communication, Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Justice...) are also acting in this field to a lesser extent. Most of those fundings are public. The private sector

participating to a lesser extent through market research and various polling which objectives are different.

3.4 Actor(s)/structure(s) mainly receiving funding

- CNRS (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique) : www.cnrs.fr
- CEREQ (Centre d'étude et de recherche sur l'emploi et les qualifications) : www.cereq.fr
- INJEP (Institut National de la Jeunesse et de l'Education Populaire): www.injep.fr

4 Paper publications on the youth field

4.1 Statistics of books published on the youth field for the current year

The only publication dedicated specifically to young people is the journal "Débats /Jeunesse" published by the INJEP and the Editions de l'Harmattan (three issues a year with about 800 copies printed) - contact : delinares@injep.fr.

The INJEP also publishes a collection of "Cahiers de l'action". Eight booklets of about 100 pages each dealing with field experiments and good practices have already been published - contact : bier@injep.fr.

The INJEP also publishes twice a year, a reference book dealing with public youth policies and work undertaken by youth associations - contact : roudet@injep.fr).

4.2 Regular youth reports

There are no regular reports about youth issues apart from those dealing with employment issues such as the studies of the CEREQ. Since the beginning of the 1990s, the CEREQ has started a study about young people and their first years in active life (see : <http://www.cereq.fr/pdf/Brev244.pdf>).

4.3 Journals and reviews on youth research

The INJEP publishes four times a year 800 copies of the review "AGORA", a science orientated magazine. Each edition is made up of a file, datas and a review on books.

Example of Issues for 2008/2009:

- N°47, "Volontariat civil" directed by Valerie Becquet (civil service)
- N°48, "Faire carrière dans l'animation socio-culturelle" directed by Francis Lebon et Lea Lima (youth work career)
- N°49 "Entre les âges" directed by Cecil van de Velde (intergenerational relationships)
- N°50 et 51 "La participation politique en France" (political participation of young people in France)

5 IT dissemination of knowledge in the youth field

5.1 Web-Portals and online databases on a better understanding of youth (for portals on youth information see the questionnaire on Information 1.6)

There is no online database available at the moment. The network AFS (Association Française de Sociologie) called “Jeunesse, âge de la vie, génération” publishes regularly an online information letter

- Contact : becquetv@club-internet.fr

5.2 Statistics, reports, journals, reviews or other publications available on the internet

The information centre of the PJJ (Protection Judiciaire de la Jeunesse) publishes a research journal online twice a year which deals with various youth related issues: Société et jeunesse en difficulté:

<http://sejed.revues.org>

6. Methods and approaches for gaining a better understanding and knowledge of youth and for keeping it up to date

Some newsletters are published on line:

- <http://passeurde.culture.injep.fr> (dealing with young people cultural activities);
- <http://ressourcejeunesse.fr> (dealing with local education and youth actors);
- <http://generationcyb.net>.

7. Quality assurance strategies and tools regarding knowledge in the field of youth used in the country

Not available in France

8. Promotion and support to youth researchers and other actors, who work towards a better knowledge of youth, and their generational renewal

There are no specific programmes for youth researchers except PhD funding schemes from the INJEP (15 000 euros per year for this programme)

9. Networking and support of networking

9.1 Seminars and working groups for a better knowledge and understanding of youth

There are no regular seminars or working groups to improve knowledge of youth except those organised by the network “Jeune, âges de la vie , génération” of the AFS (www.afs-socio.fr) and the

network “Comité de recherche : sociologie de la jeunesse » of the AISLF (Association Internationale des Sociologues de Langue Française) : website : www.aislf.univ-tlse2.fr.
INJEP, CEREQ and LEST/CNRS organise a joint seminar every other year called “Jeunes et société en Europe et autour de la Méditerranée” (www.jeunes-et-societes.cereq.fr)

9.2 Is there a permanent national network for a greater knowledge and understanding of youth linking all actors in the field?

There is no permanent network for a greater knowledge and understanding of youth but this role is played by the redaction committee of the review Agora to some extent.

9.3 Networks on youth issues specific to certain actors

- The network “Jeune, âges de la vie, génération” of the AFS (www.afs-socio.fr) ;
- The network AISLF (www.aislf.univ-tlse2.fr).

9.4 What transnational networks with relevance for national networks are there?

The network AISLF (www.aislf.univ-tlse2.fr).

9.5 Describe the organisation and the ways of promoting interdisciplinary dialogue on youth

There is no organisation working on the promotion of interdisciplinary dialogue on youth issues.