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What about youth work and young refugees? Another update!

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This article aims to give an overview of what is happening at European level on youth work with young refugees. It provides information on recent policy, research and youth work initiatives as well as presents current and upcoming opportunities (capacity-building, funding) for youth workers. This is an update following the first article published in May 2018, that you can find <u>here</u>.

Looking for some tools?

"Step-by-Step Together- support, tips, examples and possibilities for youth work with young refugees" aims to support youth workers in their daily work with young people, including young refugees, on issues such as participation, access to social rights, intercultural learning, working with young women, and mental health. A publication by the EU-CoE youth partnership.

• You can download <u>here</u> the online version of the booklet

Guidebook and MOOC – "Learning Zone" – new approaches to language courses for migrants and refugees

The main objective of the Guidebook and the online course MOOC is to provide teachers, trainers, educators, psychologists, volunteers, etc. with ideas, methodological approaches, practices and pedagogical-educational tools that are useful to integrate the dimension of non-formal and informal learning in language teaching.

• Check the guidebook <u>here</u>

Youmo – a website on sexual and reproductive health and rights for young people

Youmo has content available in several languages. It is a website for young people aged 13-20 years with information, pictures and films about the human body, love, health, sex and many other topics. Youmo is part of UMO.se, the online youth guidance centre. Youmo is a collaboration with the Swedish Agency for Youth and Civil Society (MUCF).

Check their <u>website</u>

GloBall - a toolkit for youth workers working with young migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers by JINT vzw (in the context of <u>Becoming a Part of Europe</u> project)

The kit is the translation of a tool that was originally developed within and for Flemish youth work. It exists as a website (in Dutch language) and targets youth workers who have little experience in working with newcomers.

- Check the <u>toolkit</u> (in English)
- And their <u>website</u> (in Dutch)

Manual "Working with Migrants and Refugees – guidelines, tools and methods" by International Young Naturefriends

These guidelines are the outcome of three international activities organised by IYNF in 2017. It is a result of an exchange, collection of ideas, expertise, and knowledge about different methods and tools that can be used for migration-related youth work.

• Get your digital copy <u>here</u>

Short documentaries produced by the International Children's Film Festival Cyprus, in the framework of the European Youth Initiative Fund (EYIF)

EYIF was an initiative of the European Youth Forum in partnership with UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) to provide grants to youth initiatives that were implemented with the meaningful involvement of young refugees and asylum-seekers and in cooperation with host communities. One of the grantees produced a collection of videos that explore young people's understanding of "home" and that can potentially be used for educational youth activities. Take a look!

- <u>Home</u>
- Where is home?
- <u>A letter to home</u>
- If you want to know more about the project, check <u>Where is Home: behind the scenes</u>

SALTO Toolbox for Training

In the Toolbox you can find useful **manuals, toolkits, exercises** for your work with young migrants, refugees and asylum seekers – produced by a variety of organisations active in the youth field.

- Use the <u>search engine</u> to find out what you are looking for!
- <u>Share</u> your tools!

Want to learn more?

Youth Knowledge Book "Between insecurity and hope: reflection on youth work with young refugees"

The Youth Knowledge book presents theoretical references and experiences of youth work with refugees, analysing the critical points of the European context in which young refugees live today and proposing reflections on human rights-based youth work.

• Read the book

"Young people in reception centres" – Finnish Youth Research Network

Young People in Reception Centres aims to address this research gap by drawing on the work of youth researchers and specialists working with young asylum seekers. In particular, authors concentrate on unaccompanied minors and professionals working with them.

• The publication is available <u>here</u>

Training opportunities

If you are looking for upcoming training opportunities...

• You are invited to check regularly and/or register for notifications on our <u>SALTO European</u> <u>Training Calendar</u> • Keep an eye on the <u>calls for participants</u> for the capacity-building programme of the Council of Europe.

Need some funding for youth activities?

There is a new call for proposals for **Key Action 3: Support for policy reform: "Social inclusion and common values: the contribution in the field of education and training"**. Main general objectives are dissemination/upscaling of good practices on inclusive learning and on promoting common values or development of innovative methods and practices. Projects cutting across sectors and involving non-formal learning are encouraged to create synergies between education, training, youth, culture and sport. Deadline is 26/02/2019.

• Check <u>here</u> for more information

The **Erasmus+ Youth in Action programme** offers a variety of grants for learning mobility projects.

- Find out more about the programme <u>here</u>
- Check the <u>contacts of the national agency</u> in your country to get more info in your own language

The **European Youth Foundation** (Council of Europe) offers funding to local, national and European youth organisations. It funds from local educational activities on human rights, awareness raising related to non-discrimination, to European projects on inclusion, participation and training for youth organisations working with young refugees.

• Check the <u>funding opportunities</u> of the EYF

The **European Solidarity Corps** (ESC) is the new European Union initiative which creates opportunities for young people to volunteer or work in solidarity projects in their own country or abroad that benefit communities and people around Europe. Projects supported by ESC can last from two to twelve months. They will usually be located within the European Union Member States.

- Find out more about the <u>ESC</u> funding opportunities
- You can register <u>here</u> to join a ESC project

In the framework of **Seeds for Integration**, OBESSU is accepting applications on a rolling basis for grants between 1000-4000 euros to promote inclusion of migrant and refugee students in secondary schools.

• For more information, check their <u>website</u>

What is happening at the policy level?

The Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council took place 26-27 November 2018. Ministers adopted **conclusions on the role of youth work in the context of migration and refugee matters**. During the same meeting, the Council adopted a resolution on the new **EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027**. The new strategy has a strong focus on inclusion.

• Check the conclusions and new EU Youth Strategy <u>here</u>

Thank you for the contributions sent for this article.

Did you miss something important? If you feel more is going on at the European level in relation to young refugees, you can contact <u>Andreia</u> and <u>Mara</u> and we will do our best to integrate more information.