



Cooperation and commitment to ensuring quality in youth work

Setting standards for quality youth work

Monitoring and evaluation of youth work quality

ESTONIAN YOUTH WORK CENTRE

- **Estonian Youth Work Centre (EYWC)** *is a youth policy and youth work competence center*
- *founded in August* **1999**
- *acting under the administrative authority of the* **Ministry of Education and Research (MER)**
- *main objective is to develop and organize youth work in the framework of the* **national youth policy**
- *financed by the* **state budget**

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"Looking at youth work from its practical starting point, it does not progress or develop self-education if it is done unknowingly, worked casually, and built without plan."

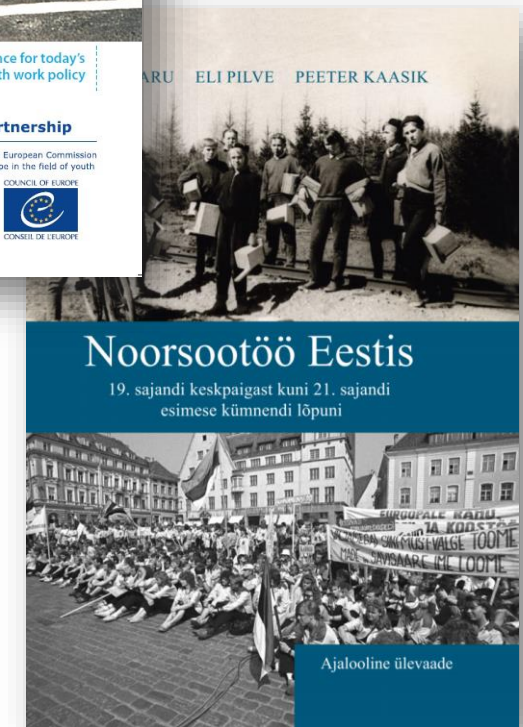
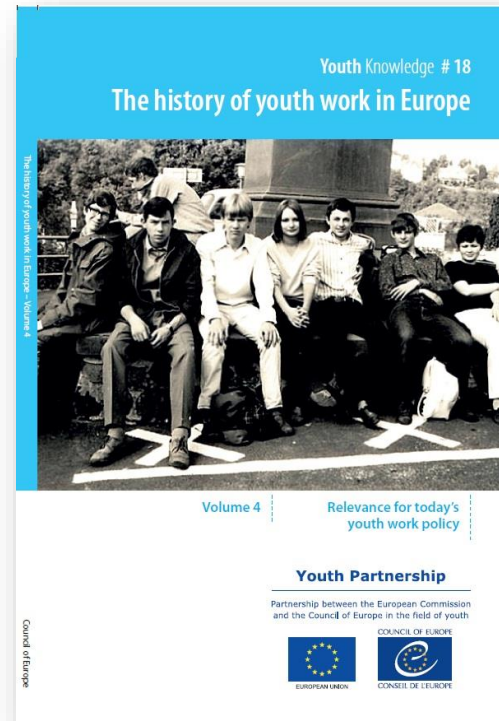
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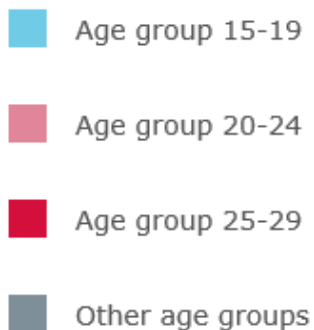
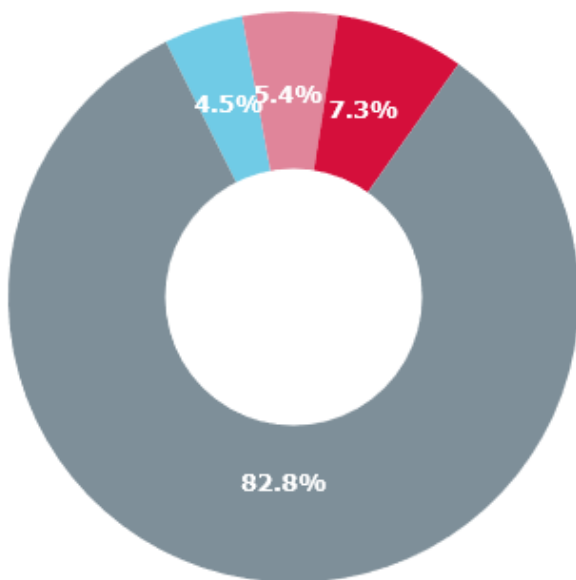
Organizing Youth

- *Ministry of Education, Department of Youth and Open Education (1936)*
- *Youth Organization Act (1936)*



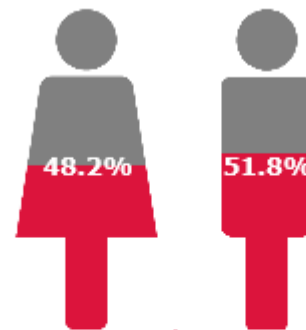
YOUTH SITUATION IN ESTONIA

Ratio of young people in the total population on 1st January



Total number of young people:

- The **number of young people** in Estonia: 275 879 (20,8%)
- A young person (by the definition of Youth Work Act) is a **person between the age 7 and 26**



Ratio of men and women in the youth population

WHAT IS YOUTH WORK?

- *Youth work is the **creation of conditions for developmental activities** of youth that enable them to act outside their families, formal education and job on the basis of their free will. (Youth Work Act, 2010)*
- *Youth work creates the circumstances for the youth's **personal and social development** through the acquisition of new knowledge and skills in **non-formal and informal** educational environments. (Youth Work Strategy, 2006-2013)*



YOUTH POLICY



Integrated youth policy approach (*concept based on the youth policy framework of Council of Europe*)

Legal framework:

- *Youth Work Act (1999, 2010)*
- *Hobby School Act (1995, 2007) and Standard (2007)*
- *Local Government Organisation Act (1999)*

Implementation:

- *Youth Work Conception (2001) and Development Plan (2001-2004)*
- *Youth Work Strategy (2006-2013)*
- *Youth Field Development Plan (2014-2020)*

Youth work provision:

- *Locally managed, implemented and financed*
- *Nationally planned, guided and supported framework*

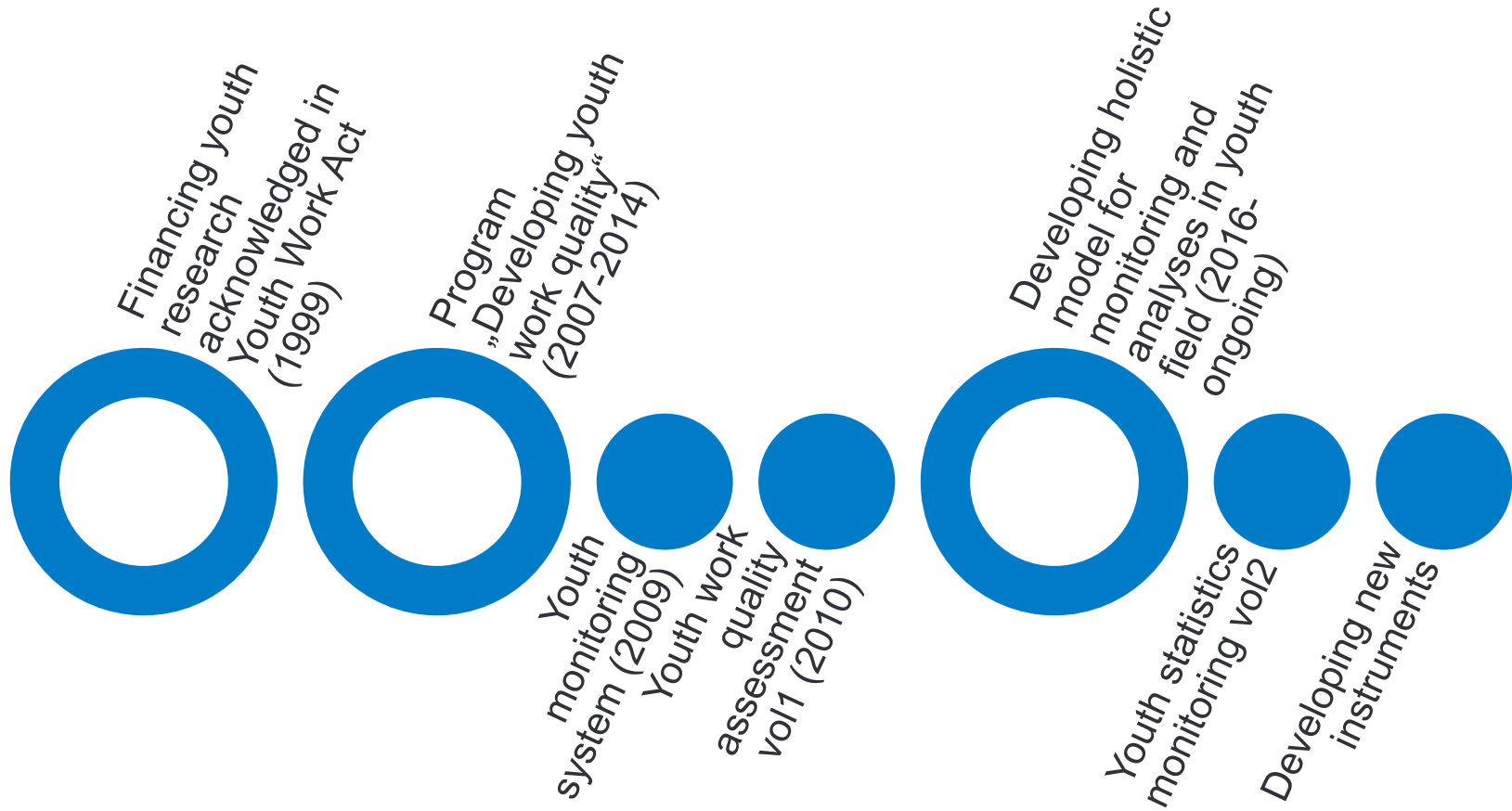
ORGANIZATION MODEL OF YOUTH WORK

Public sector and public sector foundations		Non-profit and private sector
Local government Youth work organizers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • youth centers • hobby schools • hobby activities in various institutions 	Parliament of Estonia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Affairs Committee 	Umbrella organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estonian National Youth Council • Estonian Association of Youth Workers • Association of Estonian Open Youth Centres • Union for Hobby Schools and many others ... Youth work organizers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • youth associations • youth councils • youth centers • hobby schools • organizers of hobby activities
	Ministry of Education and Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Affairs Department 	
	Estonian Youth Work Centre	
	Archimedes Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Agency 	

YOUTH WORK STRUCTURES IN ESTONIA

HOBBY SCHOOLS	YOUTH CENTERS
There are over 650 hobby schools in Estonia that offer hobby education in sports, music, arts and many other areas of interest.	Youth Centers offer young people a wide range of activities and most operate on the basis of open youth work. There are 280 youth centers in Estonia.
YOUTH ASSOCIATIONS	YOUTH AND WORK EDUCATION CAMPS
A youth association is a non-profit organization, of which members at least two-thirds are young people, and whose purpose is to organize and conduct youth work. It is estimated that 10% of young people participate in youth associations.	Youth camps offer young people the opportunity to spend their summer holidays or school holidays in a healthy and meaningful way. Work education camps combines work and youth work opportunities. Each year, over 30, 000 young people participate in youth and work education camps.
YOUTH WORK IN SCHOOLS	
School youth work is youth work in general education and vocational schools that supports the achievement of the school curriculum objectives, is based on extracurricular activities and is organized by the school's youth worker, student council, hobby activity managers. Over 70, 000 young people participate in school hobby activities.	

Quality in youth work and youth policy - a long-term focus in Estonia

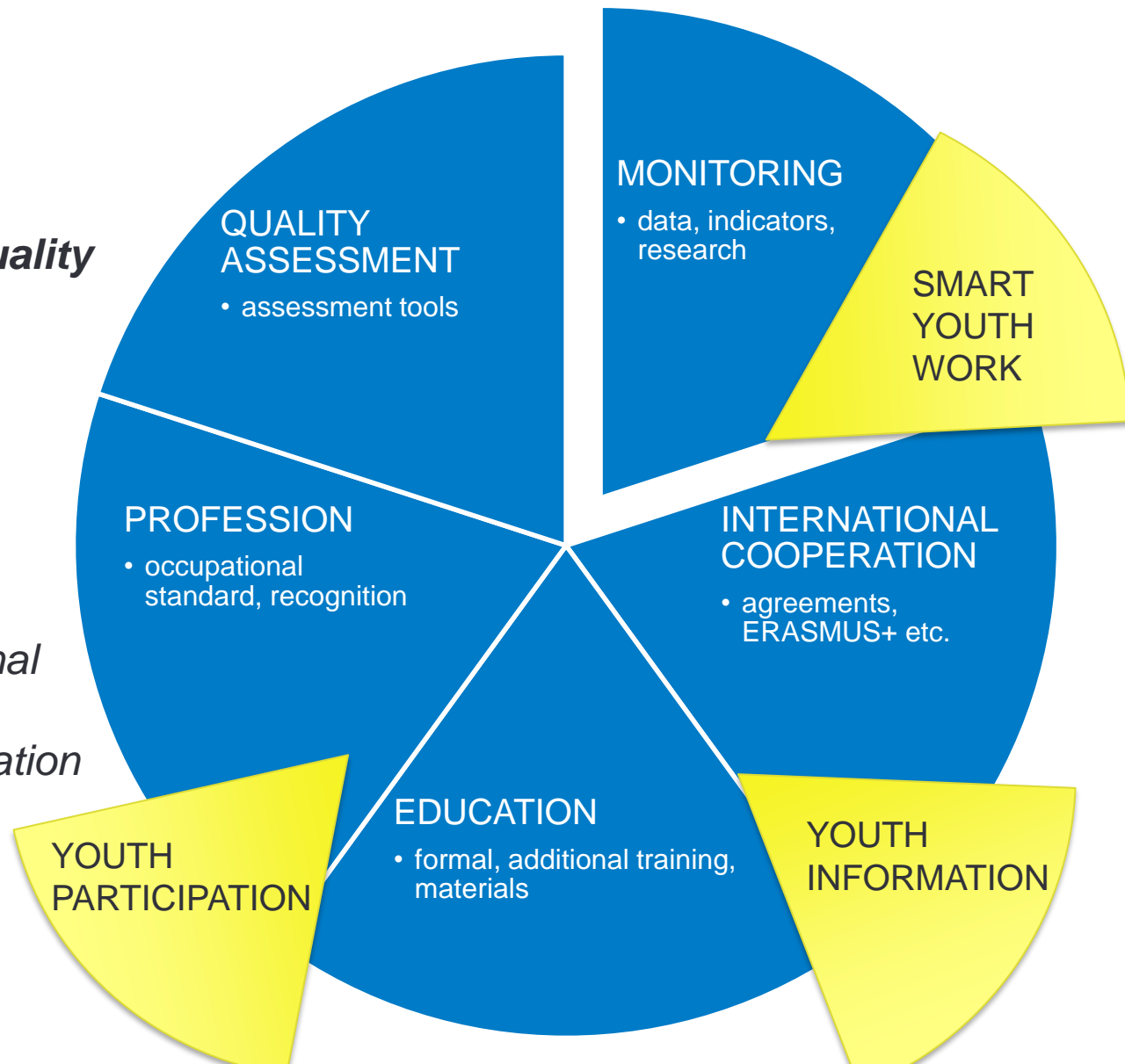


Developing youth work quality

EYWC Youth Work Quality Development Unit:

- *youth monitoring*
- *quality assessment*
- *awarding occupational qualifications*
- *international cooperation*

- *smart youth work*



Occupational standard for youth workers

Occupational standard for youth workers (2006, 2012, 2017)

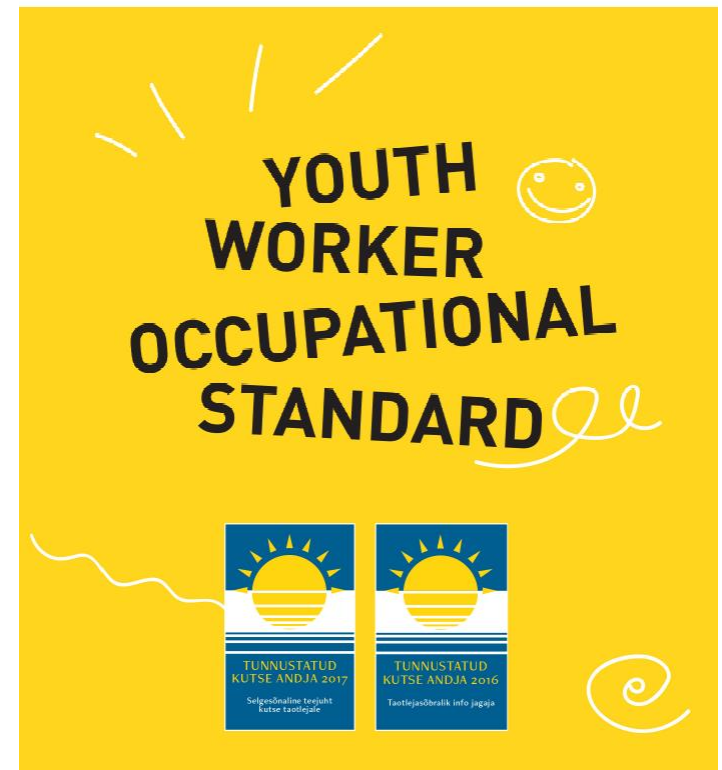
incl. occupational ethics in youth work

Part of European Qualifications Framework (EQF)

- *Youth worker, level 4*
- *Youth worker, level 6*
- *Youth worker, level 7*
- *Camp counsellor (partial professional qualification), level 4*
- *Camp counsellor and director (partial professional qualification), level 6*
- *Camp director (partial professional qualification), level 7*

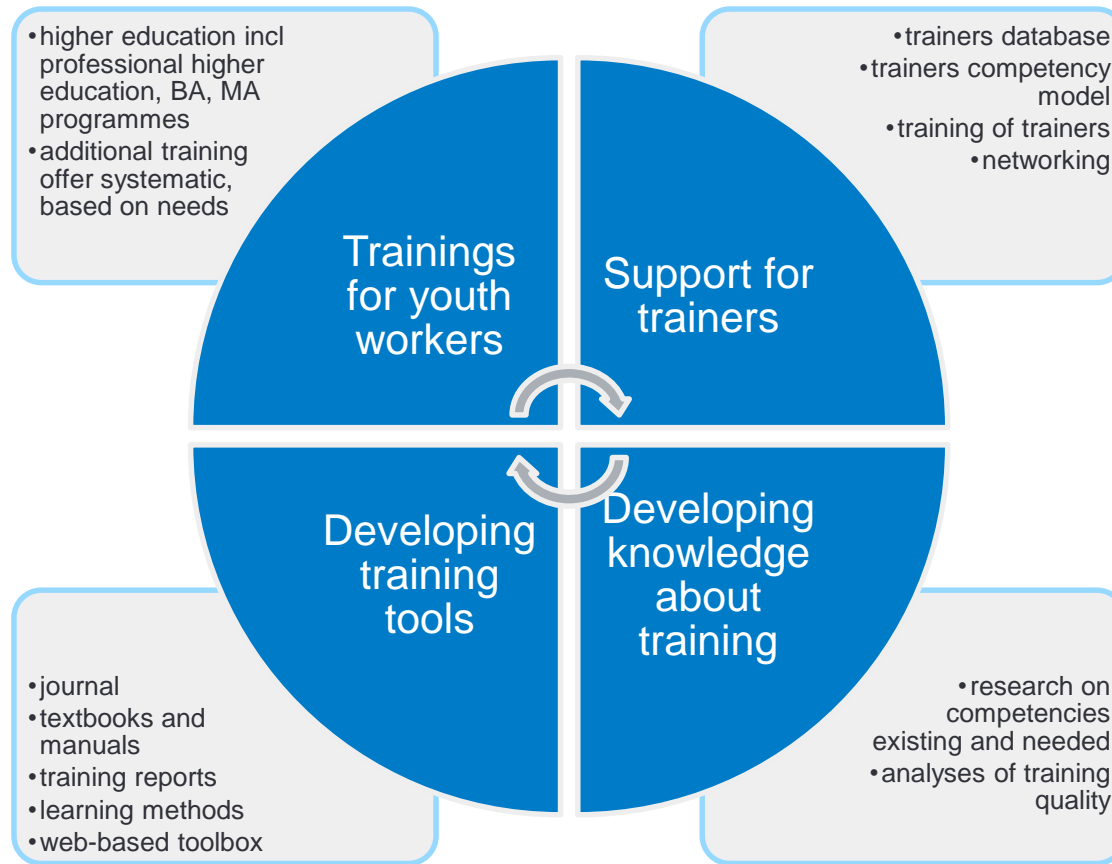


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DEVELOPING YOUTH WORK TRAINING SYSTEM

Youth work quality, results, impact



Youth research

Formal education since 1992

Training system for youth work: state programme 2008-2013, 2015-2019

Youth worker training development

TRAINING SYSTEM

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Training program	Long-term development programs	Thematic training activities	Training activities to support regional developments	Training activities to support international cooperation	Training calendar / database
Development of trainers	Trainers database	Trainers competency model	Training of trainers	Networking	Development of training quality
Learning materials	Journal	Textbooks and manuals	Training Reports	Research	
Learning methods	Methods database	Video tutorials			

Training platform for youth workers: www.mitteformaalne.ee (*meaning: non-formal*)

YOUTH WORK HIGHER EDUCATION IN ESTONIA



TALLINNA ÜLIKOOL



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Pedagoogiline Seminar



TARTU ÜLIKOOL
Viljandi kultuuriakadeemia

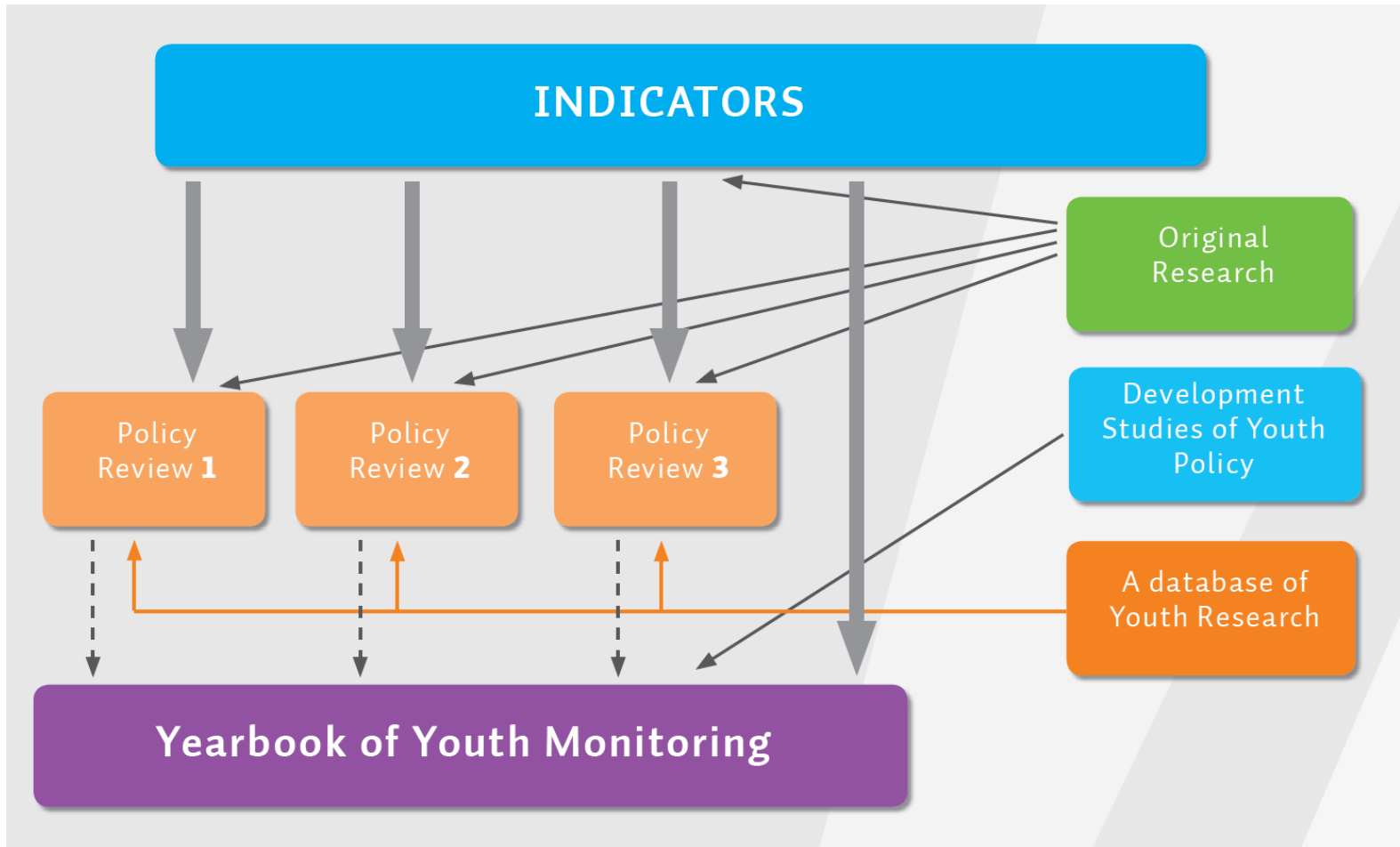


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Narva kolledž

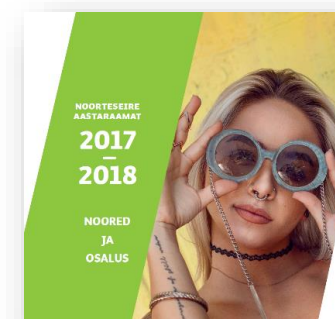
1992 *Vocational Education studies*
1999 *Vocational Higher Education studies*
2002 *Professional Higher Education studies*
2015 *Master's program*
2019 *Bachelor's program*

1992 *Tallinn Pedagogical College (joined Tallinn University 2012)*
1995 *Viljandi Culture Academy of University of Tartu*
2004 *Narva College of University of Tartu*

Youth monitoring

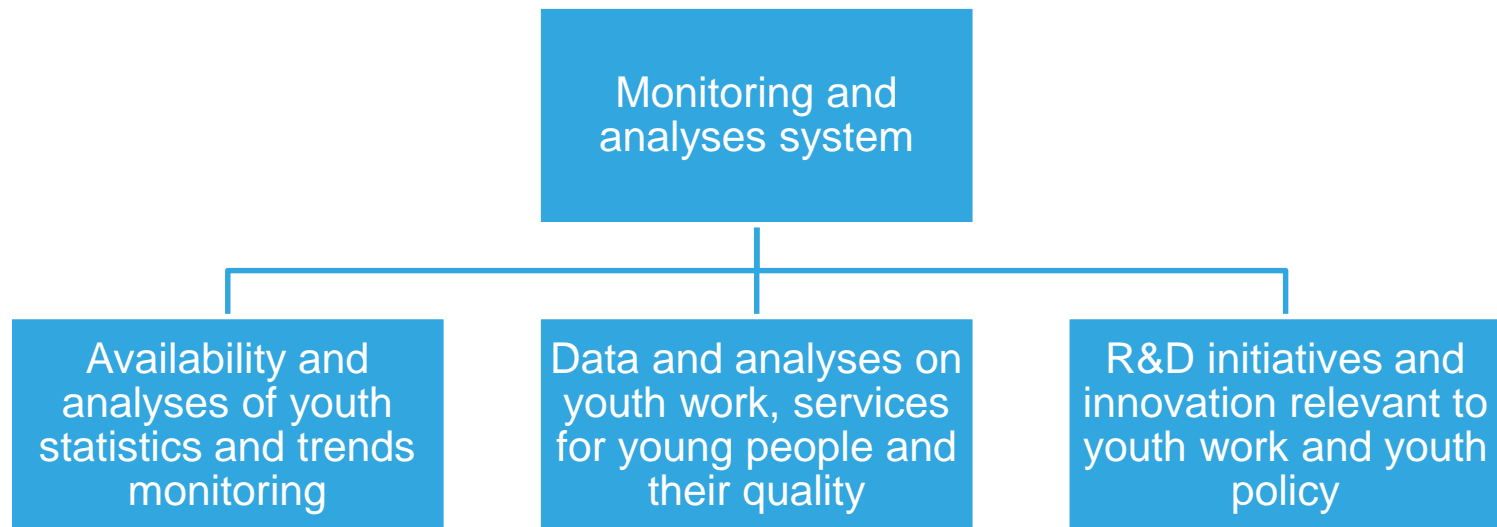


Year books of youth monitoring



New approach since 2016: developing holistic model for monitoring and analyses in youth field

Knowledge about young people, youth work and youth policy in order to support quality, impact and design of youth field policies and services



Mapping and managing administrative data collection and usage I

Database: data collection on youth in national registries

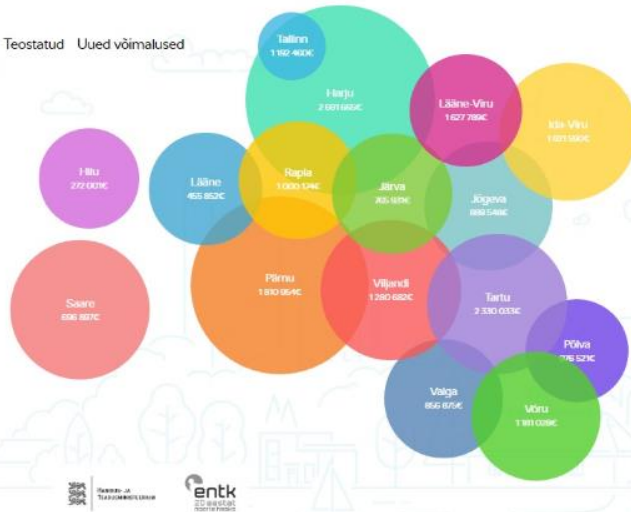


Eraldatud toetussumma kokku

19 950 000€

Toetus Kasutatud Vahendid Personal Transport Teostatud Uued võimalused
Kultuur Sport LTT Valdkondade ülesed tegevused

1	Harju maakond (v.a. Tallinn)	2 691 665€
2	Tartu maakond	2 330 033€
3	Ida-Viru maakond	1 921 590€
4	Pärnu maakond	1 810 954€
5	Lääne-Viru maakond	1 627 789€
6	Viljandi maakond	1 280 682€
7	Tallinna linn	1 192 460€
8	Võru maakond	1 181 028€
9	Rapla maakond	1 000 174€
10	Põlva maakond	976 521€
11	Jõgeva maakond	889 548€
12	Vaiga maakond	856 875€
13	Järva maakond	765 931€
14	Saare maakond	696 897€
15	Lääne maakond	455 852€
16	Hiiu maakond	272 001€



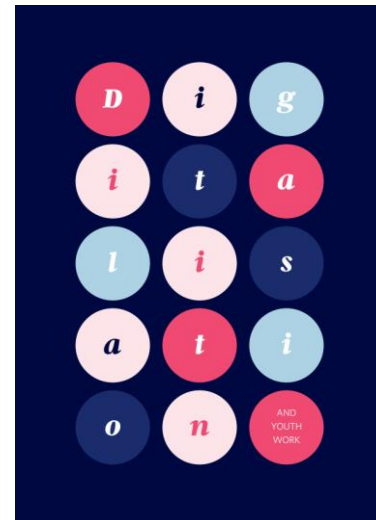
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0101	Liik-Hiis	Liik-Hiis	200	3000
0102	MTU-Hiis	MTU-Hiis	50	3000
0103	Arvutus	Arvutus	70	410
0104	Liik-Hiis	Liik-Hiis	50	1000
0105	Liik-Hiis	Liik-Hiis	50	1000
0106	MTU-Hiis	MTU-Hiis	200	7400
0107	MTU-Hiis	MTU-Hiis	100	3710

Facilitating and supporting youth field innovation in universities

- *mapping research interests in universities in relation to datafication, youth work and youth policy;*
- *cooperation panel on youth and youth policy issues for social and data scientists;*
- *support for renewing youth worker training programmes;*
- *currently launching support programme for R&D projects relevant to youth field.*

Supporting data-awareness and drive for innovation

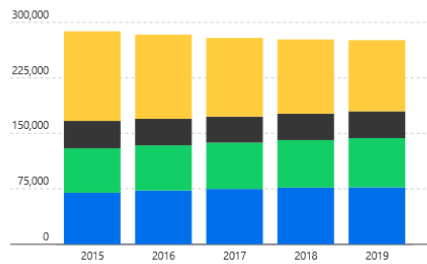
- *youth information is crucial*
- *seminars on datafication and data-awareness for youth work practitioners*
- *network and support for local governments initiating innovation in youth work*
- *international cooperation on smart and digital youth work*



Statistics Estonia: Youth Dashboard

Number of young people

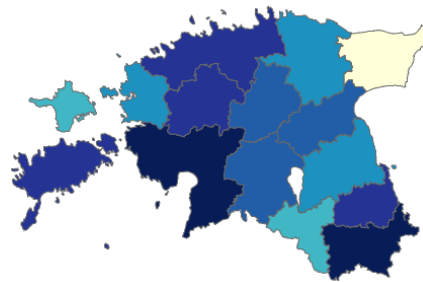
Young people by age group and sex | Males and females, Whole country, 2015–2019



YOUNG PEOPLE

Share of young entrepreneurs

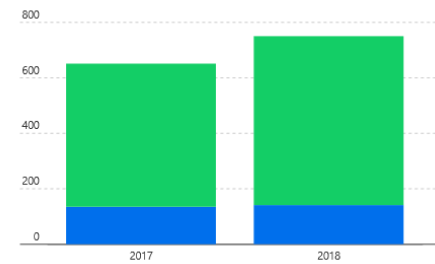
Share of entrepreneurs among persons aged 18–26 | 2018



LABOUR MARKET

Number of hobby schools

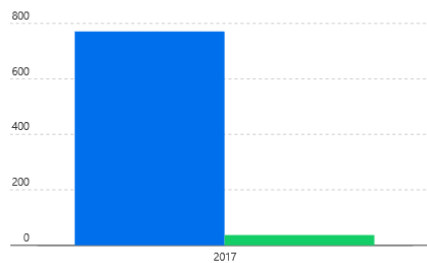
Hobby schools by form of ownership | Whole country, 2017–2018



YOUTH WORK

Number of young people in municipal council elections

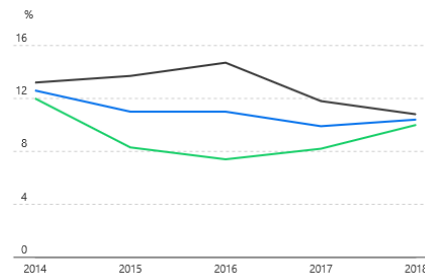
Number of candidates and number of council members aged 18–26 in municipal council elections | Whole country, 2017–2018



CIVIL SOCIETY ACTIVISM

Share of NEET youth

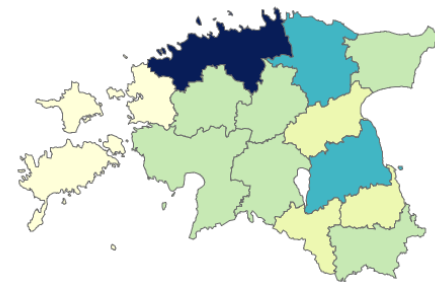
Share of NEET youth among persons aged 15–26 by sex | 2014–2018



NATIONWIDE INDICATORS

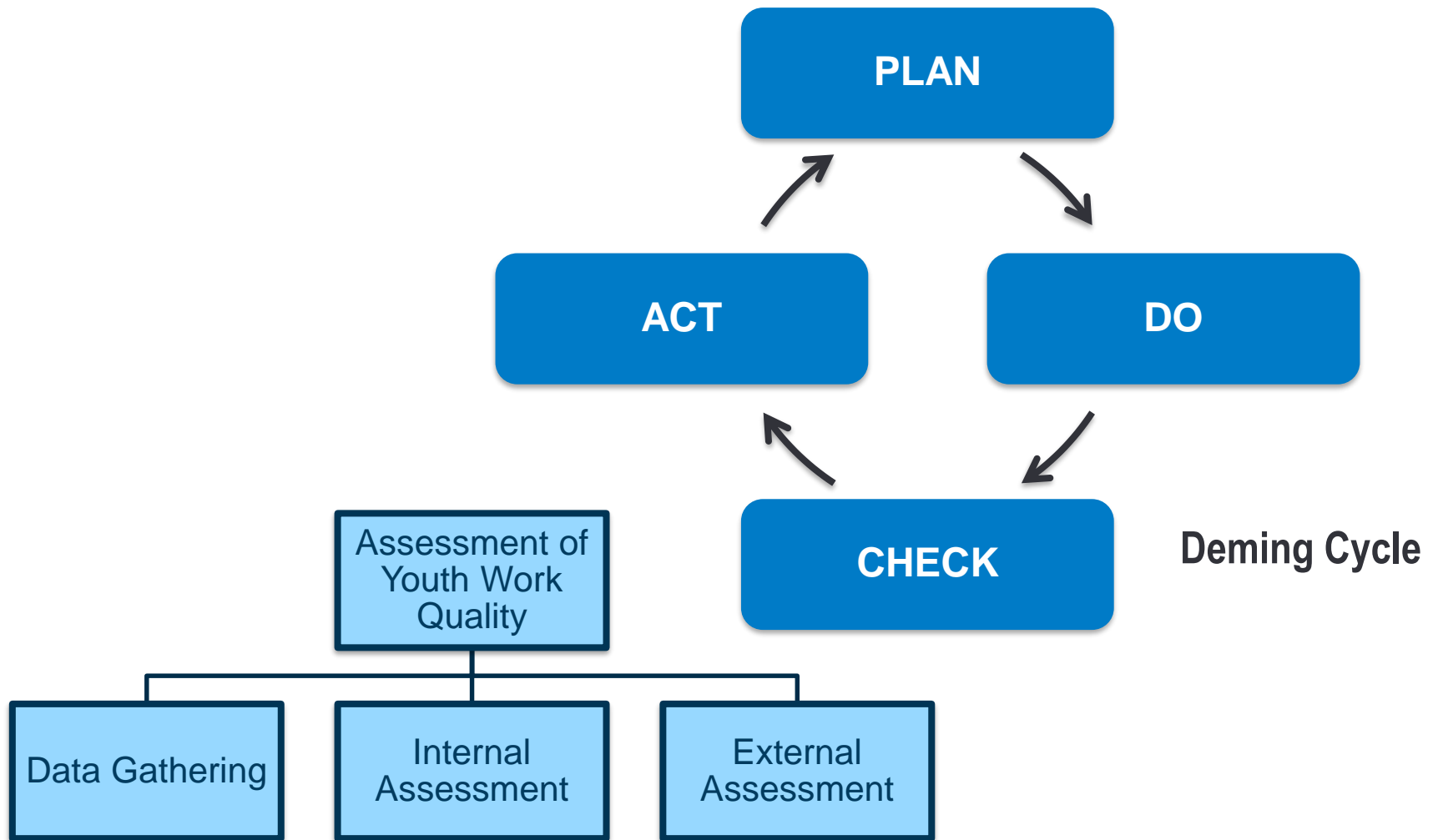
Number of youth centres

Open youth centres | 2018



YOUTH WORK

YOUTH WORK QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



SMART YOUTH WORK

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Smart youth work is not an activity or method itself, nor does it replace existing practices. Instead, using smart youth work, youth and youth workers are able, based on existing experiences and seeking new connections and new means, to create innovative solutions (including digital solutions) to coping with both current problems and new challenges.

<https://entk.ee/nak-veeb/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Nutika-NT-kontseptsioon-ENG-web.pdf>

The Impact of Youth Work in Europe: A Study of Five European Countries

Tärkeä

3.9.2018 / Tuula Johansson

This book is the culmination of an Erasmus+ funded project which aimed to independently identify the impact of youth work in the UK (England), Finland, Estonia, Italy and France. It applied a participatory evaluation methodology entitled 'transformative evaluation' which collated young people's own accounts of the impact of youth work on their lives – collecting their stories. Over 700 stories were collected in total over a year long process.

The stories were then analysed independently through a process of coding and only then was youth work in each of the five countries compared and contrasted. The findings reveal both the diversity as well as the similarity of youth work in Europe.

Differences include the variety in age ranges across the five countries, where youth begins at 7 in Estonia, but extends to 35 in Italy. Other differences revealed include the differing levels of resources available to youth workers and therefore the variety in opportunities that this creates for young people in the different contexts. Other differences include the extent to which youth work focuses on recreation or education, the variations in youth empowerment, as well as the varying levels of professionalization in youth work across the five countries. Despite these differences there were also some remarkable similarities across the diverse contexts. For example both 'friendship' and 'self-confidence' were identified as final codes in three of the five countries.

Another important similarity was the extent to which youth work enabled young people to make positive changes in their lives. Analysis of the stories however reveals that many of these changes are premised upon the creation of a safe space for young people to meet and 'be themselves'.

The Impact of Youth Work in Europe: A Study of Five European Countries, Edited by Jon Ord with Marc Carletti, Susan Cooper, Christophe Dansac, Daniele Morciano, Lasse Siurala and Marti Taru



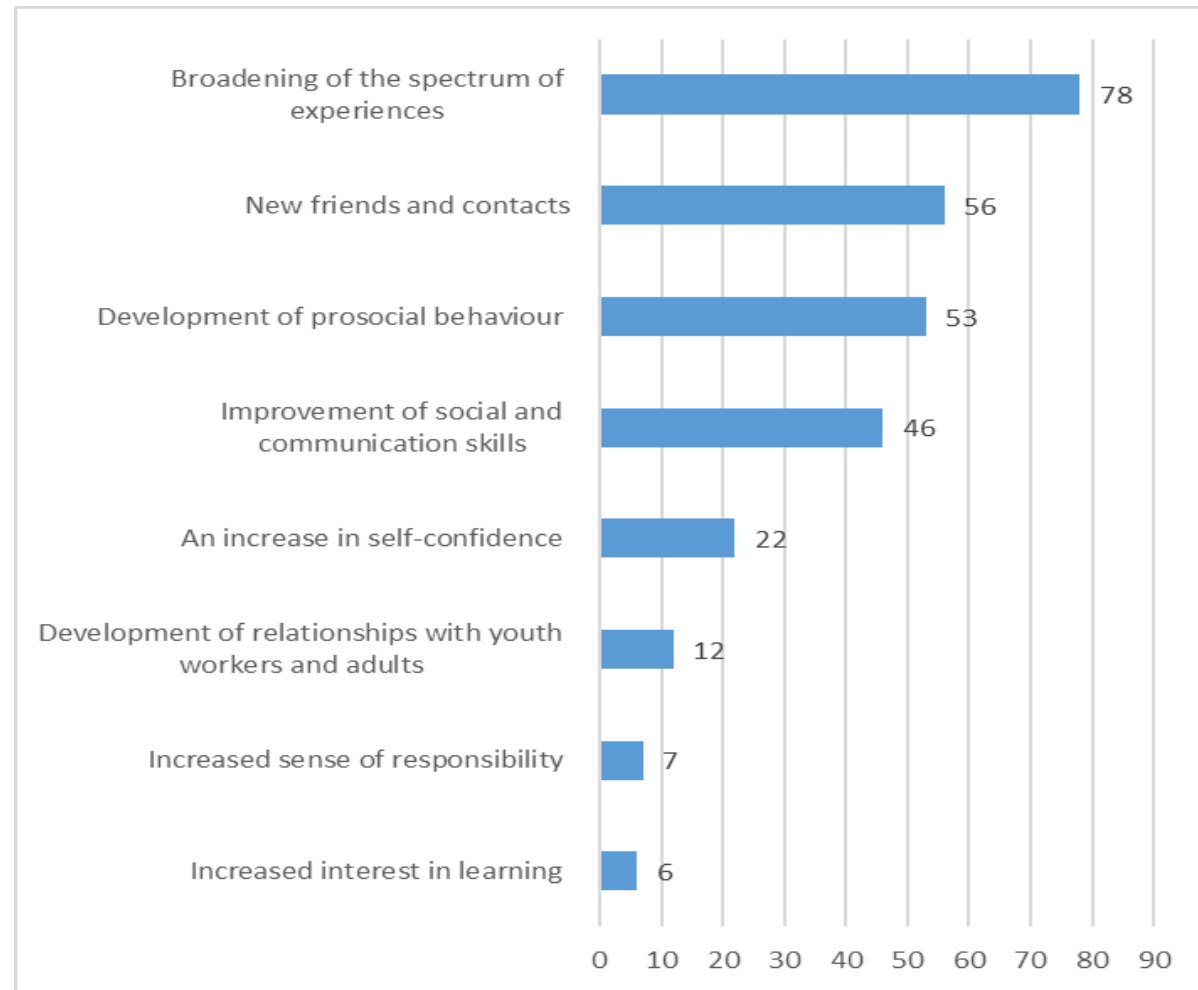
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IMPACT OF YOUTH WORK



Top 10 skills

in 2020

1. Complex Problem Solving
2. Critical Thinking
3. Creativity
4. People Management
5. Coordinating with Others
6. Emotional Intelligence
7. Judgment and Decision Making
8. Service Orientation
9. Negotiation
10. Cognitive Flexibility

in 2015

1. Complex Problem Solving
2. Coordinating with Others
3. People Management
4. Critical Thinking
5. Negotiation
6. Quality Control
7. Service Orientation
8. Judgment and Decision Making
9. Active Listening
10. Creativity





**Every youth is a value
Future is made today**

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