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COVID-19 IMPACT ON THE YOUTH SECTOR

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A reference section to research and knowledge development on the issue

The covid-19 pandemic and related lockdown measures have produced significant interruptions in young people's lives, the impact of which is still to be analysed and understood in the future.

One youth research approach to developments in young people's lives is to look at transitions to adulthood and autonomy. For example, when growing up, young people transition to education, to employment, towards economic and financial independence, or to establishing their own family, to getting the right to vote...



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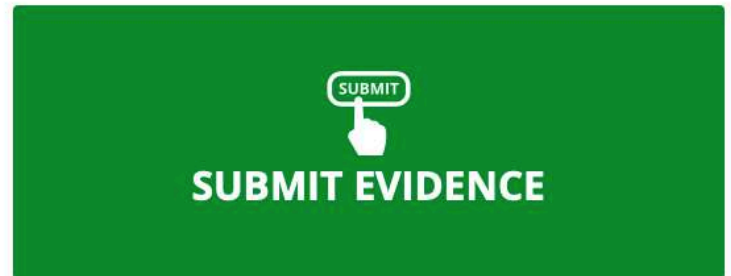
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Latest update and analysis



- Effects of Covid-19 across youth work and youth activities. Summary of the survey launched by the CMJ working group on responses to Covid-19
- Towards a better understanding of the impact of Covid-19 on the youth sector. Summary analysis of the EKCYP survey. *By James Donovan and Manfred Zentner*





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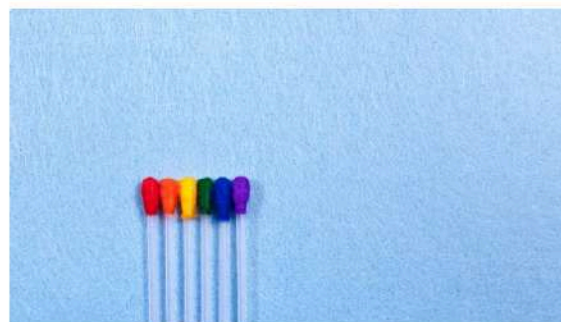
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SOCIAL INCLUSION

Social inclusion is a long-lasting process, which enables a young person to build up self-esteem, self-realisation and resilience and become an autonomous and productive member of society. However, in this process, some groups of young people might encounter barriers and limited access to opportunities and services. The outbreak of COVID-19 has particularly impacted already marginalised young people, whose access to education, social services, digital tools or decision-making has become even more limited.



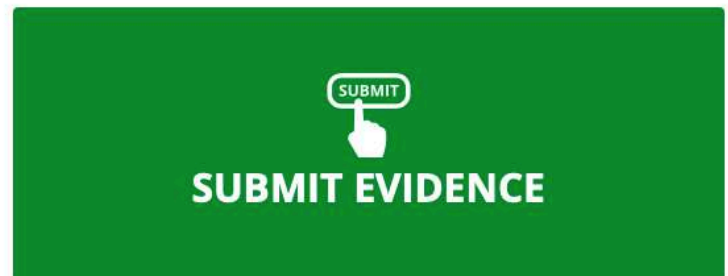
YOUTH PARTICIPATION

Youth participation is about having the opportunity to express views, which are taken seriously and influence decision-making. It is the informed and willing involvement of young people in any matter concerning them directly or indirectly. The outbreak of COVID-19 has created new barriers (limited access to electronic resources), but also new opportunities (new virtual advocacy environments) for youth participation.



YOUTH WORK

Youth work comprises services and activities with and for young people of a social, cultural, educational, political, voluntary and/or sporty nature. The outbreak of COVID-19 has particularly impacted the non-formal and informal learnings promoted by youth work, due to physical distancing and the lack of face-to-face events and activities.





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Youth and COVID-19: Response, recovery and resilience

OECD

Based on survey findings from 90 youth organisations from 48 countries, this policy brief outlines practical measures governments can take to design inclusive and fair recovery measures for young people. To avoid exacerbating intergenerational inequalities and to involve young people in building societal resilience, governments need to anticipate the impact of mitigation and recovery measures across different age groups, by applying effective governance mechanisms.

READ

The Impact of COVID-19 on children (April 2020)

United Nations

This policy brief identifies three main channels through which children are affected by the crisis: infection with the virus itself; the immediate socioeconomic impacts of measures to end the pandemic; the potential longer-term effects of delayed implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. It highlights how children may be victims of increased levels of poverty, an exacerbation of the learning crisis through schools' closure (including the digital divide), and threats to child survival, health, and safety. The brief also identifies a series of immediate and sustained actions for governments and policymakers.



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COVID-19 impact on the youth sector

The purpose of this HUB is to bring together the findings, analyses, and impacts that COVID-19 has had on young people. This platform is a changing and evolving tool in which you can also participate by sending your inputs or contacting us at eucoecovid@gmail.com.

Researcher(s)



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Council of Europe



European Union



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Other relevant organisations



Resources



[Youth.gov - Resources to Support Youth and Families During the Coronavirus COVID-19 Outbreak](#)

[GROW - COVID-19 RESOURCES](#)

[Youth Engaged 4 Change - COVID-19 Resources](#)

[European Youth Parliament - Europe Now and Then: Life before, during, and after the Covid-19 pandemic](#)

[Youth Acces - Covid-19 resource hub](#)

[YouthScope - Covid-19 Resource Hub](#)



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**AN INTRODUCTION TO
RESEARCH ON THE IMPACT
OF COVID-19 ON THE
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A SIGNIFICANT BODY OF STUDIES,
ANALYSES, SURVEYS AND POLICY
DOCUMENTS ALREADY EXISTS ON THE
IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON YOUNG
PEOPLE AND THE YOUTH SECTOR FROM
MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES.



A FIRST SURVEY OF THE LITERATURE SHOWS THAT EDUCATION, LEARNING, MOBILITY, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND MENTAL HEALTH ARE THE MOST RESEARCHED TOPICS SO FAR.





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LOOKING ACROSS THESE STUDIES, KEY MESSAGES EMERGE ON THE TYPES OF IMPACT AND EXTENT TO WHICH DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF THE YOUTH POPULATION ARE AFFECTED.



EDUCATION AND LEARNING MOBILITY

SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON EDUCATION NEEDS TO BE EXPLORED FROM BROAD PERSPECTIVE, INCLUDING: SCHOOL LEADERSHIP; LEGISLATION TO SUPPORT DECISION-MAKING; THE MANAGEMENT OF IN-SCHOOL AND DISTANCE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL LEARNERS.



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

DUE TO THE IMMEDIACY OF RESPONDING TO THE PANDEMIC CONSEQUENCES, STUDIES HAVE NOT YET FOCUSED ON HOW THIS WHOLE SITUATION WILL AFFECT THE PROFESSIONAL CAREERS OF YOUTH IN THE MEDIUM AND LONG TERM.



YOUTH WORK AND YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

RESEARCH IS NEEDED IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND WHICH INEQUALITIES STUDIES ARE REFERRING TO EXACTLY: WHICH GROUPS OF YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BEEN HIT THE MOST AND WHY, HOW THE YOUTH SECTOR CAN WORK TOWARDS ADDRESSING THESE?



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

WHAT ARE THE LONG-TERM IMPACTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF COVID-19 ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING. WHY ARE WOMEN AND GIRLS, LGBTI+ YOUNG PEOPLE AND OTHER VULNERABLE GROUPS DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BY COVID-19 IN RELATION TO MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.



MORE RESEARCH IS NEEDED IN ORDER TO BETTER QUALIFY THE NATURE AND CONTENT OF THE IMPACT

WHY HAVE SOME GROUPS OF YOUNG PEOPLE BEEN AFFECTED MORE THAN OTHERS?



HOW DIFFERENT TYPES OF IMPACTS ARE INTERLINKED TO EACH OTHER?



ARE NEW INEQUALITIES EMERGING, BEYOND THE EXACERBATION OF EXISTING ONES?





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AS FOR POLICIES IN GENERAL,
INCLUDING THE YOUTH SECTOR'S
FUTURE WORK, RESEARCH AND DATA
SHOULD BE COLLECTED WITH THE AIM
OF LOOKING AT LONG-TERM IMPACTS -
AND NOT ONLY SHORT AND MEDIUM-
TERM - OF THE PANDEMIC.





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SYNERGIES AND COOPERATION
BETWEEN DIFFERENT LEVELS - LOCAL,
NATIONAL, EUROPEAN - SHOULD BE
HIGHLIGHTED IN FUTURE RESEARCH,
ALONG WITH BEST PRACTICES.



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