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CURRENT DEBATES RELATED TO YOUTH WORK & THE FUTURE OF YOUTH WORK

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CURRENT DEBATES IN YW

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HOW MANY
YOUNG PEOPLE DO WE REACH, INVOLVE & CONSIDER IN OUR RESEARCH & PRACTICE?

HOW MUCH
DO WE KNOW & ACT ON REAL NEEDS & INTERESTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE?

"WE OFTEN CARRY OUT RESEARCH & PRACTICE WITH THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY ON STAGE"

Magic triangle

TRIALOGUE between
RESEARCHERS
PRACTITIONERS
POLICY MAKERS

"WITHOUT THESE TRIANGLES, THE EFFICIENCY OF OUR YOUTH WORK ACTIVITIES IS QUESTIONABLE"

Public services = KEY

EMERGENCY & SUSTAINABILITY

DIGITAL & SOCIAL INCLUSION
FEWER OPPORTUNITIES & AVAILABLE RESOURCES
DID ALL YOUTH HAVE ACCESS?

YOUTH WORK

POLICIES
OLD vs. NEW «NORMAL»

POLITICS
FUNDING OPTIONS & SUSTAINABILITY

RECOGNITION & TRUST
ON DIGITAL YOUTH WORK & TOOLS

WHAT PRACTICES WILL WE KEEP?

PANDEMIC AS A SCAR THAT WE WILL CARRY FOR SOME TIME

DO WE REALLY NEED TO REINVENT THE WHEEL?

DIGITALISATION OF YW

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FUTURES THINKING: WE CAN INFLUENCE THE FUTURE WITH OUR ACTIONS

NOT ONLY ABOUT THE NOW, ALSO ABOUT WHAT IS COMING

MEGAtrends OF THE FUTURE WORLD

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFORMS THE WAY IN WHICH PEOPLE OPERATE

INCREASING ROLE OF ARTIFICIAL intelligence

NEED FOR UNDERSTANDING TECHNOLOGY better

BEING WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE

SOCIETY'S digitalisation AND THE CALLING FOR THE YOUTH WORK FIELD

WE HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PLAN AHEAD & NET

current TENSIONS

TECHNOLOGY & THE ROLE OF YOUTH WORK ACTIVITIES

OPPORTUNITY on TRIPLET

TECHNOLOGY & INEQUALITY

«YOUTH WORK HAS THE POTENTIAL TO DO WHAT IT IS GOOD AT DOING»

DEVELOP CRITICAL THINKING & A VALUE-BASED APPROACH TO THOSE TECH-RELATED PROCESSES

- CREATE SAFE DIGITAL SPACES
- ENGAGE YOUTH IN CO-CREATING THEM
- TRIGGER MEANINGFUL INTERACTIONS

SHRINKING SPACE FOR CS

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WHAT IS «SHRINKING» OF THE CIVIL SPACE?

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN REPRESIVE METHODS BY THE SYSTEM & POLITICAL STRUGGLE BY THE PEOPLE

A GLOBAL TREND THAT ALSO AFFECTS "ESTABLISHED DEMOCRACIES"

OPEN CIVIC SPACE » NARROWED CIVIC SPACE » OBSTRUCTED CIVIC SPACE » REPRESED CIVIC SPACE » CLOSED CIVIC SPACE

WHY SHOULD WE be concerned?

THERE ARE NUMEROUS WAYS IN WHICH AUTHORITIES AROUND THE WORLD IMPOSE THESE PROCESSES (un)intentionally

PHILANTROPIC PROFECIONISM | OVERDEMANDING BUREAUCRACY FOR CSO | FUNDING LIMITATIONS | RESTRICTIONS ON VARIOUS FREEDOMS

AFFECTING ESPECIALLY THE YOUTH FIELD

- BUREAUCRACY & OBSTACLES
- LACK OF PARTICIPATION
- EFFECT ON FUTURE GENERATIONS

YOUTH WORK GAINS RECOGNITION BUT LOSES FUNDING

LESS ENGAGED WITH SOCIETAL ISSUES, POLITICS & POLICIES

We need to RECLAIM SPACE FOR THE YOUTH CIVIC SPACE!

BE ALERT!

POLITICAL ROLE OF YW

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WHY EUROPEAN YOUTH WORK IS BEING DE-POLITICISED

YOUTH WORK'S centre of GRAVITY IS BEING DISPLACED

NEGATIVE impact ON SOLIDARITY

- MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE POLITICAL DIMENSION
- LACK OF FUNDING FOR TOPICS CONSIDERED «TOO HOT TO HANDLE»
- CONCERNS TOO FOCUSED ON YOUTH WORK ITSELF (RECOGNITION, STANDARD SETTING)
- LEARNING MOBILITIES & ACTIVITIES OF THE KIND REPLACE MORE "POLITICAL" TOPICS

YOUTH WORK IS POLITICAL

SOCIAL | PERSONAL | CIVIL WORK

THAT INVOLVES REALITIES WITH POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS

WE NEED TO REVIEW CURRENT PRACTICES OF EUROPEAN YOUTH WORK

RISK OF DEPOLITICISED youth work

«LIMIT THE SPECTRUM OF ACCEPTABLE DISCUSSION, BUT ALLOW VERY LIVELY DEBATE WITHIN THAT SPECTRUM.»
— NOAM CHOMSKY

EDUCATORS NEED TO BECOME PROVOCATEURS

Q&A

PROFESSIONALISATION
IS BASED ON THE YOUTH WORK TRADITIONS OF EACH COUNTRY
RECOGNITION & OFFICIAL QUALIFICATION PATHS ARE A PERMANENT OBJECTIVE

IMPORTANCE OF THE community of practice FOR INSPIRATION AND GROWTH OF YOUTH WORKERS

RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONNECTIVITY & accessibility OF YOUTH WORK:

PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

LOCAL & NATIONAL YOUTH WORK (TO PUSH FOR FUNDING)

EXAMPLES OF PRACTICES TO KEEP:

VIRTUAL S.P.A.C.E.S (E.G. DISCORD) » BLENDED/HYBRID LEARNING APPROACHES

POLITICAL dimension
YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE IDEAS ON THEIR OWN BUT ARE VERY RARELY CONSIDERED IN POLITICAL PROCESSES

YOUTH WORK SUPPORTS YOUTH TO EXPRESS THESE OPINIONS (THROUGH ACTIVISM, VOLUNTEERING...)

EVEN IF WE DON'T ALWAYS FEEL IT, WE ARE ALL AFFECTED BY GLOBAL TRENDS

THE PANDEMIC
«FACILITATED» THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SHRINKING POLICIES

IN RESPONSE, YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP THEIR OWN ALTERNATIVE SPACES (RISK OF POLARISATION)

Y.O.U.T.H RESEARCH

LACKING RESEARCH ON PROGRAMMES THAT ARE THE RESULT OF POLICIES & POLITICAL LITERACY OF YOUTH WORK

THE FUTURE of youth work

EVOLVING ALONG WITH YOUTH AND SOCIETAL CHANGES

BEING DE-INSTITUTIONALISED

MORE INTERNATIONAL

REACHING OUT TO MORE PEOPLE & MORE SECTORS OF PEOPLE'S LIVES

WITH MORE KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE