

# Perspective on Youth Work Developments

## GEORGIA FACT SHEET

The 3<sup>rd</sup> European Youth Work Convention (EYWC) plays a key role in launching the implementation of the European Youth Work Agenda (EYWA) as a strategic framework for further developing and strengthening youth work practice and policies in Europe. The goal of this fact sheet is to provide basic information about the perspective on youth work developments in a specific country. All information has been gathered from national contact points, reports or country sheets and profiles available online. The purpose of this fact sheet is to stimulate discussion before, at and after the 3<sup>rd</sup> EYWC among the members of the national delegations. This information is a suggestion only and a starting point for further development by the delegation when planning actions for implementation of the EYWA.

### FACTS

*Youth work as a recognised occupation:* NO

*Legislative framework for youth work:* NO

*Main youth work actors:* (ministries, youth NGOs, municipalities etc.) In Georgia, youth work actors form a complex network and include:

The Youth Agency of Georgia;

Local municipalities;

Youth and youth work NGOs;

National Council of Youth Organisations;

The Youth Workers Association of Georgia.

### Highlights with regard to youth work development:

- Youth Work and youth work recognition are among the key priorities of the national youth policy;
- The Draft Youth Policy Concept for 2020-2030 has been approved; it aims at creation of the environment providing the full-fledged participation of youth in society, their dignified employment, protection of their health and welfare, accessibility to the resources, and information etc.
- The Youth Workers Association of Georgia has been established to contribute to the quality development and recognition processes of youth work and youth workers in Georgia.

STRENGTHS & SUCCESSES	CHALLENGES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National youth policy documents defining the main directions for developments in the youth field are in place;</li><li>• the Youth Work Key Competences Framework document has been drawn up;</li><li>• national professional standards and certification criteria for youth workers are currently being created;</li><li>• Youth Workers Association together with the Youth Agency has launched a professional development course for youth workers.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establishing a legislative framework for youth work definition and recognition, where differences can be valued and connections can be promoted under a common frame of theory, ethical standards, competences, education/training requirements, evaluation methods for accountability and quality improvement;</li><li>• reaching out to young people with fewer opportunities and from rural areas;</li><li>• creating a validation system of non-formal learning in youth work;</li><li>• ensuring the dissemination of diverse models of youth work practice throughout the country;</li><li>• encouraging a permanent commitment for more systematic youth research, to be used for developing youth work concept and supporting evidence-based approaches to youth policy and youth work.</li></ul>

### SUPPORT NEEDED

- bringing closer to local communities the EU practices and examples of youth work development;
- connection to and learning from well-established European and international networks;
- providing diverse learning opportunities for youth workers (both formal and non-formal) and encouraging youth workers' mobility;

- advocating for Youth sector and Youth work to be on the public agenda and to be a priority in the national and international youth development strategies;
- supporting youth workers in gaining access to EU youth funding programmes;
- peer knowledge exchange, both at national level (between sectors and types of youth work providers) and international (between countries and projects offering good practice in youth work), with a particular focus on youth work;
- advocating for youth work as a key area for the achievement of self-expression and self-organisation by young people.

## **ADDITIONAL SOURCES**

EKCYP country sheet: [https://pjp-eu.coe.int/documents/42128013/47262550/Georgia\\_Country+Sheet\\_JB\\_tb.pdf/81e53334-1763-331b-5424-ee66f021282f](https://pjp-eu.coe.int/documents/42128013/47262550/Georgia_Country+Sheet_JB_tb.pdf/81e53334-1763-331b-5424-ee66f021282f)

EU-CoE youth partnership study “Youth work in eastern Europe: realities, perspectives and inspiring initiatives”:

<https://pjp-eu.coe.int/documents/42128013/47261953/061120-Youth+work+eastern+Europe+WEB.pdf/0d148ae4-acf4-1572-7491-f68ec9276a71>