

Programme Intercity Youth Leuven November 15-17 2017

Diverse, Qualitative, Visible and Accessible Youth Work in the City

Wednesday November 15th

10.00 – 14.00 Registration of participants

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 14.30 Official opening of the ICY-Conference

Keynote speaker Sergio Galasso – Urban Space

14.30 – 16.00 Formal moment for networking

16.00 – 18.30 Field Visits In the city of Leuven

1. Link in de Kabel aspires to close the digital gap with socially vulnerable children and youngsters. Organizations Kettekeet, Kettebende and Ketteland work with children in socially vulnerable neighbourhoods and offer assistance on different levels.
2. Fabota and Den Tube organize a variety of after school activities such as homework guidance, playing, sports and cultural activities for children and youngsters with a socially vulnerable background.
3. Generation 3000 wants to empower troubled youngsters between the age of 18 and 25 (with a migration background, living in poverty, without a degree...) by offering them guidance and education on several levels.
4. OPEK houses nine cultural organizations under the same roof. They want to make new, innovative connections between art, education and the public. Youngsters play a major part in a lot of these organizations.
5. A youth club is an open place for youngsters. They can walk in and out freely at any time. The youth clubs of Leuven are creative hubs where youngsters are in charge. They are breeding grounds for local talent, with room for cross-pollination.
6. De Stelplaats creates space for young, less financially strong initiatives by which they get structural support and the focus is creating affordable spaces that go against the mainstream of commercialization and privatization.

7. The core business of BURn is creating an open house for youngsters between the age of 12 and 25 with diverse backgrounds and an interest in urban arts. The activities are free and in a non-binding atmosphere.

8. Stadhuis is a hotspot for young people with inspirational ideas. It's an inspiring meeting place in the historic city hall where young, local entrepreneurs can meet, strengthen and encourage each other.

18.30 – 20.00 Reception in city hall of Leuven

20.00 – 21.00 Dinner in Alma, a student restaurant in Leuven

21.00 – 22.00 Field Visits in the city of Leuven (optional)

Thursday November 16th

09.30 – 10.30 Keynote Karin Nelissen and Ides Nicaise – Childpoverty in the city

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 -12.30 Workshops sessions

1. Child Poverty in the City

How could youth work contribute in handling the extreme problems of child poverty? Local youth work presents possible solutions for giving children in precarious situations a better future.

2. Stimulating Positive Identity in the City

How can youth work contribute to the development of a positive identity for young people in a complex urban context? A European toolbox in preventing violent radicalization with good practices and discussion.

3. Europe Goes Local

Approximately 20 National Youth in Action Agencies focus on the local level in the project 'Europe goes local'. What are they aiming at and what's in it for cities in Europe, their youth workers and young people?

4. The Right To Play

The right to play is a fundamental part of youth work in Flanders. youth movements and playgrounds are iconic examples. What's their DNA? And how do they use the urban environment when playing?

5. Artistic Workshop

No need for discussion? Create, experiment and feel youth work in 2D and 3D.

6. Youth Work as a democratic player

What is the significance of youth work engagement in the democratic processes? Organizations explain the process of signaling their youngsters' need into the public. Afterwards we discuss your possibilities.

7. Youth Clubs and Youth Centers: space for experiment

Space for experiment is an important aspect in the development of young people. Youth clubs and youth centers often offer this space. Discover various formats from all over Europe.

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 16.00 Network moment

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 – 18.00 Workshops

1. Youth work with refugees

In recent years, local authorities all over Europe have been confronted with young refugees. Local youth work services and organisations are looking for opportunities to give these new citizens a place in their cities.

2. Label for Child Friendly Cities

How do cities ensure that children and adolescents are full members of their cities? Child-friendly Cities aim at respecting children's rights in every single policy field. How are they realising it? Concrete examples

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14.00-19.00 Field Visits in the capital of Belgium, Brussels

1. Toestand

Toestand vzw searches to reactivate forgotten (public) spaces by means of installing temporary and autonomous socio-cultural centers. The visit tackles issues as practical use of space, upcycling, working with different partners and outreach.

2. Cultureghem

Cultureghem is a Brussels based organization that reclaims (semi-)public space for the public. Their lab, Abattoir, is a heritage covered hall with 100 000 visitors every week. This space is used to develop projects in all possible ways.

3. JES

This urban laboratory which develops innovative projects for young people. Those are situated, in an integrated manner, on various domains (such as leisure, training, participation, culture, education, outreach, employment, wellbeing, sports).

4. Ethics in Youth Work

A lot of youth organisations and workers are confronted with difficult deontological situations. Three different organisations present their methods as a possible answer to the broad spectrum of deontological challenges.

5. Youth work and gender

What role can youth work play in the international gender debate? And why do organizations prefer specific target groups with the same gender identity?

18.00 – 19.00 Break

19.00 – 21.00 Dinner in OPEK

21.00 – 22.30 Optional cultural evening programme

4. Chambéry - D'BROEJ

D'BROEJ works toward the emancipation of the youth, through the development of leisure initiatives in the more disadvantaged regions of Brussels. Together with the local community work they organize a broad spectrum of activities.

5. Project BXL - Hakuna

The young participants get professional coaching in making a short film and end with a public showing. Focusses: participation, emancipation, forming a positive identity, working with partners, first steps in the movie industry.

Friday November 17th

09.00 – 09.30 Welcome with coffee

09.30 – 10.30 Tunde Adefioye – Diversity in the City

10.30 – 12.00 Workshops

1. Support of Entrepreneurship in Youth Work

How can we motivate and support young people to build their own projects? Discover different practices in various fields.

2. Wins of Cross Sectoral Work

How do other sectors handle the challenges young people in cities are confronted with? How can local youth work cooperate with them? Examples of cross-sectoral partnerships favouring youth work.

3. Building bridges

How can we bridge the gap between vulnerable young people and the existing abundance of youth organizations? Get inspired by good practices in the form of TED-talks on building bridges between youth work and other youth stakeholders.

4. Youth Policy Participation

Young people must make their voices heard in policymaking. Examples of local participation projects that are highly progressive and innovative.

5. Voluntary Work

How do we attract, keep and support volunteers in urban youth work? We discuss the topic together with a panel of experts having different points of view, based on their own experience in the field.

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7. Urban Space for Youngsters

Space is limited in cities. How can we support young people in taking their rightful place? Get inspired by some innovative projects focusing on the temporary use of space.

8. Improving Youth Work

The European Commissions newly published handbook on quality development will be presented together with an ICY project on indicators for quality youth work. Take the chance to build your own set of indicators.

12.00 – 12.30 Closing of the conference - Conclusions on ICY-conference

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch Break

13.30 – 16.30 'The ideal Youth work City' with minister Sven Gatz (Flemish participants) 14.00 – 18.00 Optional Touristic Programma in Leuven (International participants)

16.30 – 17.30 Reception