

JOIN and learn about youth work in schools as a non-formal learning methodology!

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<https://ywis.uth.gr/elearning/>

The materials are made as part of the work done in YWIS- Youth work in schools, where partners from Finland, Estonia, Portugal and Greece were developing and testing different best practices found in the partners' networks.

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YWIS Moodle e-Learning Structure

Two coherent, complementary courses,

Course 1 building foundational concepts for youth work in schools,

Course 2 translating those into practical approaches that strengthen community, democratic participation, sustainability, and wellbeing in schools.

Platform & access. The e-learning portal is hosted on the University of Thessaly's Moodle at <https://ywis.uth.gr/elearning/>. Content is openly available for free access, citation, and reuse (OER spirit).

Audience. The target group is youth workers and similar practitioners working in or with schools, school staff, and others interested in youth work across Europe.

Course 1 - Theoretical Focus: Youth Work & Youth Work in Schools

Format: Four lessons (each ~60–90 minutes) combining short video lectures, reading/resources, and self-assessment.

- **Lesson 1: Global Perspective on the Evolution of Youth Work (90')**
Four units + quiz; multimedia resources; European and global references.
- **Lesson 2: Social Sciences & Youth Work (60')**
Links youth-work practice with social-science theories; interactive multimedia; quizzes and practical assignments.
- **Lesson 3: Youth Work Ethos & Application in Schools (60')**
Four 15-minute video segments (some Finnish with English subtitles), with exercises/quizzes and evolving reference lists.
- **Lesson 4: Non-formal Learning in/for Schools (60')**
Principles of non-formal learning; Key Competences; article/video pack; self-test and a practical task.

Course 2 - Practice-Oriented Applications

Format: Four lessons emphasizing applied methods and whole-school collaboration; some materials delivered in Finnish with English subtitles.

- **Lesson 1: Democratic Education & Youth Work (60')**
Democratic participation, inclusion, and community engagement through case studies and problem-solving tasks; with quizzes and digital assignments.
- **Lesson 2: Strengthening the Sense of Community (60')**
Four-part lesson featuring perspectives from school leadership and youth workers; exercises/quizzes and practice-focused examples.
- **Lesson 3: Youth Work & Sustainable Development (70')**
SDGs framework; best practices and school-based methodologies; curated videos; end-of-lesson quiz.
- **Lesson 4: Youth Work & Wellbeing (60')**

Two short theory videos plus a practical block on sensory/nature-based activities; podcast and guided exercises; group reflections.

Common instructional design & assessment

- **Lesson micro-structure.** Each lesson is organized into learning units (typically four, with some lessons extended), paired with self-assessment/quiz, references, and optional videos for deeper study.
- **Media & activities.** Short video lectures, readings, and practice tasks (individual and group) to support active, non-formal learning pathways.
- **Evaluation.** Mixed methods across lessons: knowledge checks (quizzes/tests), applied/multimedia assignments, and feedback/reflection activities.
- **Language.** English throughout; selected segments in Finnish with English subtitles in Course 2 (and one segment in Course 1 Lesson 3).

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