



INVITATION

Pathways to Accessible Youth Work

Join us for our professional online event dedicated to an inclusive approach and the fundamentals of accessible youth work.

Date: 16. July 2026, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM (CET)

Platform: ZOOM

Registration: [registration form](#)

Registration deadline: 6. July 2026

About the Event

When we talk about inclusion, many people first think of social, cultural, or ethnic diversity. On this professional day, however, we specifically want to reach out to those young people who live with mental difficulties, are neurodivergent, or face barriers as young people living with disabilities in youth programs, communities, and services. You don't need to be an expert to start moving towards more accessible youth work. Interest, openness, and the recognition that many young people can only truly connect if there is a place for them in our programs are enough.

The goal of our event is to jointly interpret what accessibility, safe space, and an inclusive mindset mean in practice within youth work. We will present a much-needed methodological publication and provide youth professionals with practical tools that can help make their programs more accessible, safer, and truly more inclusive. We welcome everyone to this professional day who works with young people, organizes communities, leads programs, or simply wants to better understand how to create more accessible youth spaces that cater to diverse needs. Come even if you are just starting to get acquainted with this field. This day is precisely about starting together, clearly, and through practical examples, toward a more accessible youth work.

Program Schedule

10:00 – 10:15 | Welcome & Technical Information

Opening words from the host and project partners, introduction of house rules, Zoom functions, Icebreaker activity and safe space guidelines.

10:15 – 10:55 | Opening Session – Professional Presentations (Recorded)

Keynote speeches on youth work for those with special needs, summary of good practices from the PUMO project, and insights into mental health and inclusion of youth with special needs.

Interactive polling and Q&A.

10:55 – 11:35 | Interactive Workshop: Reflect & Connect

Small group discussions in breakout rooms: Participants can learn about the Practical guide for accessible youth work – booklet, and will share insights on accessible youth work practices.

11:35 – 11:45 | Break – Move & Refresh

Music and visual slideshow of youth programs.

11:45 – 12:00 | Introduction of the Online Learning Platform (Recorded)

Showcase of the online platform, its toolkit, key modules, and tools.

12:00 – 12:45 | Panel Discussion: Why Accessibility Matters

Expert discussion based on case studies. Representatives from partner organizations and experts discuss methodology and accessibility in youth houses.

12:45 – 13:00 | Closing Circle & Feedback

Collective commitments: 'What am I taking away?' Interactive closing.

Important Information

- Participation is free, but registration is required. You can register by filling out this form: [registration form](#)
- Parts of the conference will be recorded for professional documentation purposes.
- Certificates of attendance will be issued to those who remain present until the end of the event.
- A 'Digital Goodie Bag' containing all resources and links will be shared with registered participants.

Target audience

- Youth workers
- Social and educational professionals
- Staff of civil society organizations
- Program managers
- Stakeholders in youth work
- Anyone who works with young people with special needs