

The 10th InterCity Youth Conference Participation 3.0

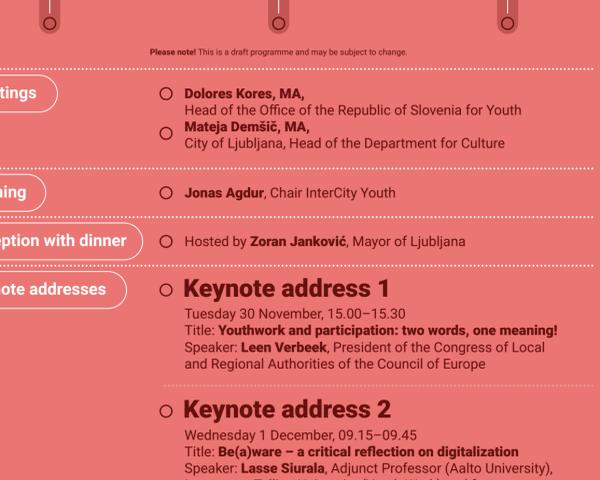
PROGRAMME

30 November – 2 December 2021, Ljubljana, Slovenia

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Vocational education and training
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Erasmus+ Youth

Enriching lives, opening minds.



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Greetings

- Dolores Kores, MA, Head of the Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth
- Mateja Demšič, MA, City of Ljubljana, Head of the Department for Culture

Opening

- Jonas Agdur, Chair Inter-City Youth

Reception with dinner

- Hosted by Zoran Jankovič, Mayor of Ljubljana

Keynote addresses

- **Keynote address 1**
Tuesday 30 November, 15.00–15.30
Title: **Youthwork and participation: two words, one meaning!**
Speaker: **Leen Verbeek**, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- **Keynote address 2**
Wednesday 1 December, 09.15–09.45
Title: **Be(a)ware – a critical reflection on digitalization**
Speaker: **Lasse Siurala**, Adjunct Professor (Aalto University), Lecturer at Tallinn University (Youth Work) and former Director of the Youth Department of the City of Helsinki
- **Keynote address 3**
Thursday 2 December, 11.30–12.00
To be presented later

Seminars

○ Seminar A

Tuesday 30 November, 16.00–17.15

A1 Dive into the Participation Resource Pool!

Looking to improve youth participation in your projects? To foster the quality of youth participation under the new E+ and ESC programmes (2021–2027) and to support the implementation of the Youth Participation Strategy, we will introduce participants to the Participation Resource Pool and the Youth Participation Toolkit. There will also be space for participants to share experiences, tools and resources you find useful, as well as start a discussion on how to make the Pool even more useful in your daily work.
Presenter: **Alexandre Fonseca, Salto P&I**

A2 Cities. Youth. Future. – towards innovative urban youth ecosystems

The Cluj metropolitan area embarked on an evidence-based strategic implementation process, positioning young people as a key factor in urban area development, with over 700 stakeholders mapped for collective action. With a happy city perspective at its core, it addresses the well-being, perspectives and agency of young people, supported by a well-prepared enabling environment. While focused on social innovation, it also raises challenges the youth ecosystem has not yet addressed. Is there a call for youth in 2030?
Presenter: **Andras Farkas, City of Cluj-Napoca, Romania**

A3 The Bonn Process – what can be the contribution of municipalities

In December 2020, the 3rd European Youth Work Convention took place in the frame of the German EU Council presidency. This was the starting point for the so-called Bonn Process, aiming at the formulation of a European Youth Work Agenda (EYWA) to foster quality development of youth work. Since municipalities are the key providers of youth work, they play a central role in this. The workshop will present the origins and content of the idea to shape an EYWA, and will discuss the possible contribution of municipalities.
Presenter: **Representative of JUGEND für Europa – German National Agency for Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps**

A4 DigiMC – a digital safe space, built by young people

The digital youth centre DigiMC, built on the Discord platform during the pandemic and based mostly on youth participation, will be presented in this workshop. One of the main parts of DigiMC is the counselling room, which is facilitated by students and follows the peer-to-peer method. "If you want to hear about our path from searching for a platform and seeking digital contact with young people to a fully functional server, we invite you to join our workshop," say the presenters.
Presenter: **Nejc Benčič and Jerneja Munc, Young Dragons Public Institute, Ljubljana, Slovenia**

A5 Youth facilitators pool – involving young people in defining municipal youth plans

The seminar aims to expose the importance of the concept of municipal youth plans and involving young people in defining the strategy, as well as formulating and implementing policies and programs under these strategic plans. The seminar will assess and explain how a pool of youth facilitators can be the driving force for a participative and active formulation of youth policies at the municipal level and serve as a way to make these processes more inclusive.
Presenter: **Filipa Pereira and Catarina Leite, Municipality of Guimarães, Portugal**

○ Seminar B

Wednesday 1 December, 09.45–11.00

B1 Participatory budgeting

The Gaia Participatory Budgeting for Youth, with a budget of € 360,000, reaches almost 80,000 young people, invited to present proposals for development on its territory. Decided exclusively by young people, it is divided in three areas: creativity, culture and sport; environment and sustainability; technology and entrepreneurship. It has led to the implementation of projects such as a sensory garden, an animal park and a sports centre for the elderly. In this seminar you will get to know how it works.
Presenter: **Gil Nunes, City of Gaia, Portugal**

The Vič Youth Centre works with participatory budgeting through concrete steps: collecting proposals, review of proposals, voting, implementation of projects. It is a practice through which Ljubljana's Vič borough can increase the participation of young people as it gives them the opportunity to propose their own projects, vote for projects they consider good and thus get the opportunity to manage a certain share of financial resources themselves.
Presenter: **Nives Felčič, Zavod Nefiks, Vič Youth Centre, Ljubljana, Slovenia**

B2 Youth-friendly cities – new colours of intersectoral cooperation

In 2020, a group of stakeholders in Croatia, inspired by the Charter on Local Youth Work from the Europe Goes Local (EGL) project, launched a certification process for local youth policies. The process of developing a certificate for youth-friendly cities checks all the boxes for quality youth policymaking: initiated by the civil sector, based on expert analysis from the public sector, improved through comments by youth organizations and backed up by governmental institutions. Join us to see how we did it!
Presenter: **Marko Kovačić, researcher, Croatia**

B3 Youth work in 's-Hertogenbosch

In this seminar, the City of 's-Hertogenbosch will present its theoretical approach to participation, how they make this seen to professionals, and the programme they use to monitor activities. We will get to know their various practices, like Citytrainers, Cityboost and Youth ambassadors, and some related figures. The participants will hear about the lessons learned and things to come, and they will also get a chance to discuss this together.
Presenters: **Sheila Driessen, project manager for youth participation, 's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands** and **Alex Bekkers, youth work coordinator, 's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands**

B4 Europe Goes Local – what do municipalities need

In this seminar, we will first get a short presentation of the European Charter on Local Youth Work and the web-based support material Changemakers Kit. We will then learn about how the charter's use has been supported in Sweden and about the effect it has had in the Municipality of Brda, Slovenia. The participants will then be invited to discuss their needs and in what way they want to be supported in the future.
Presenters: **Jonas Agdur, member of the EGL steering group, Jenny Haglund, member of the Swedish EGL national working group and Mateja Drnovšek, Institute for Culture, Tourism, Youth and Sports, Municipality of Brda, Slovenia**

B5 Youth work in Ljubljana – a city of learning

Youth work in Ljubljana
With the adoption of a Youth Strategy, the City of Ljubljana increased its support for youth work activities. This includes, among other things, the establishment of a Network of Youth Centres and a more systematic, evidence-based approach to quality development. The next goal of the city's Youth Office is to increase the visibility and recognition of youth work as an important element for young people's personal and social development.
Presenter: **Katarina Gorenc, Head of Youth Office, City of Ljubljana**

CITIES OF LEARNING – interactive learning platform
Cities of Learning is an interactive platform that shows different learning opportunities in the city, collecting them into learning playlists and using digital learning badges as a tool for recognition of non-formal learning. At its core is the belief that every young person deserves an opportunity to develop the competencies of the 21st century. We invite learning providers to join the platform and help ensure young people the opportunities to develop the skills they need for the future.
Presenter: **Urška Česnik, Institute for a Creative Society, Ljubljana, Slovenia**

○ Seminar C

Wednesday 1 December, 11.30–12.45

C1 Walk the talk – improving youth work through networking of local authorities

Networking and sharing experiences and best practices is something that most organizations like to engage in. But how can municipalities really work together in a structured way to develop quality in youth work? What does it take in terms of common ground and organisation to start walking the talk and create real change? KEKS has over 70 municipalities in three countries as members, and Jenny Haglund will share their approach, methods, conclusions and success factors.
Presenter: **Jenny Haglund, KEKS Secretary General**

C2 Creating youth policy

BILBAO YOUTH CITY: A young and participative approach of the City of Bilbao
The Municipal Youth Plan "Bilbao Hiri Gaztea 2021/24" is one of the City Council's priority actions to make Bilbao a youth-friendly city where young people have the best possible opportunities for development and active participation. The development of the plan was based on youth participation in defining municipal youth policies, incorporating their views on the departments involved and finally the creation of a flexible system of youth participation in many forms in the city of Bilbao.
Presenter: **Itxaso Erroteta Sagastagoya, City of Bilbao, Spain**

Inter-municipal development of local youth policies
This seminar will focus on the strategic approach of co-creating local youth policies. It is directly inspired by a pilot activity being implemented at the local level in Italy, which takes into account the needs and perspectives of the three main actors in the process (young people, youth workers and policymakers). Introducing tools such as the European Youth Goals and the participation chart/thermometer, we aim to empower young people to become proactive in their communities.
Presenter: **Gianluca Rossino, Europiamo, Italy**

C3 School of Politics

For Young People – lessons from Oulu, Finland
The objective of the School of Politics is to spark young people's interest in empowerment and achieving the relevant knowledge and skills required for having an impact in society. It is not about party politics, but rather about showing young people how to affect their own environment. Join our workshop and get the tools for your own work. Learn about workshops for young people and how to deepen the dialogue between councillors and young people. Welcome to the most effective school of the year!
Presenter: **Noora Mäkinen and Marjut Lehtonen, City of Oulu, Finland**

C4 Let them ... loose. The city won't lose!

How is participatory action defined? What do garage collections and public property embellishment have in common? The individual and team work blend together and social media seem to facilitate them. Seminar aims to raise awareness on how today's youth perceive public participation, what motivates them, and how local authorities can benefit from and reward them for their ideas, initiatives and passion by "breaking the rules". An interactive seminar with live voting and contributions.
Presenters: **Zoi Mylona, City of Tripoli, Greece** and **Sandy Kalogri, Save Your Hood, Greece**

C5 The new generation of EU youth programmes – what's in it for municipalities?

Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps
The participants will learn about the new generation of European Youth Programmes (2021–2027), which could be labelled as "evolution, no revolution". Participants will get an introduction to the main features of the programmes, the key changes and novelties, with a focus on special opportunities for municipalities. The presentation will be enriched with some examples of projects implemented in Slovenia.
Presenter: **Claudius Siebel, JUGEND für Europa, German National Agency of Erasmus+ Youth**

○ Seminar D

Thursday 2 December, 09.45–11.00

D1 Democracy Reloading Toolkit

Democracy Reloading is a strategic partnership of 17 Erasmus+ Youth national agencies. Its online Toolkit is based on a reference framework of 24 competences required for a local or regional government to design, implement and evaluate structures and concepts to engage young people in decision-making. Participants will get to know the strategic partnership and the online Toolkit, which supports individual or collective learning of municipality staff to develop youth participation in decision-making.
Presenter: **Laszlo Földi, Bureau International Jeunesse (BIJ), Belgian (FR) National Agency of Erasmus+ Youth**

D2 Porto Youth Strategy 4.0 – #YouthUpPorto

In this seminar, we take a look at #YouthUpPorto to reflect on the guiding principles, methods and quality indicators to support local youth policy design, implementation and evaluation. #YouthUpPorto was developed for the co-creation of the Porto Youth Strategy 4.0. It was open to all young people in Porto, and the shared responsibility with the Porto Youth Council developed local youth dialogue and produced a value-based, youth-centred and goal-oriented strategy that upholds youth rights, youth participation and youth work.
Presenter: **Flávio Ramos, City of Porto, Portugal**

D3 Inclusion of young people from marginalised groups

We cannot have the youth participating unless we first ensure that these young people are part of youth spaces, programmes and activities. This becomes even more important when it comes to marginalised groups, who need our active support and allyship in order to access these youth spaces. In this workshop, we will explore the concept of inclusive organisations, as well as share and reflect on the experiences of inclusion of different marginalized groups of young people at all levels of organisation.
Presenter: **Mateja Morič, Ljubljana Pride Organisation, Slovenia**

D4 Participatory youth festivals

Arena Satelliten
Can a big youth festival with thousands of visitors be organised with a high degree of youth participation? We will learn about how the Arena Satelliten youth centre uses festivals as a means of working with participation and inclusion. PR, security, stage equipment, etc. attract different groups of young people. By letting different groups of young people be responsible for different parts together with professionals, they get to meet and cooperate with young people that they would otherwise not have met.
Presenter: **Tony Weseth, Sollentuna Municipality, Sweden**

European Youth Empowerment – EYE Fest
The project strives to promote debate on the future of Europe, to challenge Euroscepticism, to empower young people to be critical towards populism and to develop critical thinking skills. Participants will learn about 5 FESTIVAL as a tool for addressing different issues and sharing experiences, using LARP methodology, which was designed to mix historical events with modern mechanisms. Participants will have ample opportunities for discussion.
Presenter: **Anna Ulian, City of Pordenone, Italy**

D5 Cooperation between youth work and school around international youth work

From starting with international youth work to becoming an example of good practice for cooperation with schools, this workshop shows how international youth work as a joint offer to foster the personal development of young people can be shaped without losing track of the differences between non-formal and formal learning. In addition to success factors for cooperation and other aspects, this workshop demonstrates how the transition from school to job can be managed with the help of international youth work.
Presenter: **Petra Bliedtner, Head of Department for Youth and Integration, City of Kelkheim, Germany**

Study visits

Wednesday 1 December, 15.45–18.00

SV1 Participatory practices with youngsters in Glej Theatre

Theatre producers in most European countries, including Slovenia, have noticed a gradual decline in young visitors. Through different international and national networks, the Glej Theatre is working on participatory approaches that enable them to bring teenagers and students to the theatre by involving them and letting them have a space to work and develop a theatre performance that speaks to them directly, while offering them the support of professional mentors and theatre experts. Glej's practices are based on deliberated theatre approaches related to social competences, audience building, sustainability and dissemination.
Location: **Ljubljana, Gregorčičeva 3, walking distance from the hotel**

SV2 Kinotrip: young people in charge of the cinema screen

At the Kinodvor City Cinema, they believe in the formative power of film to broaden our horizons, and the Kinotrip programme was born from their desire to empower young cinema-goers to lead the way on this journey. Therefore, Kinotrip provides a space for the next generation of film fans to take charge of the cinema's screens and curate a unique film festival and events created by the youth for the youth. In this presentation, you will be able to hear how it all started, and how Kinotrip is contributing to a vibrant youth (film) culture and community.
Location: **Ljubljana, conference venue**

SV3 Local youth work in the Vič borough

Mladinski center Vič, the youth centre of Ljubljana's Vič borough, is a place where their methods of youth work meet the youth of the local community and beyond. To engage the local youth in their work, they offer different activities, with a focus on those aimed at professional development and orientation. The Vič Youth Centre is a joint project combining the tradition of participation of the local youth from the Antonov dom centre and tools for recognising competences gained outside formal education, a focus of Zavod Nefiks. The centre strives to encourage the local youth to actively participate and co-create their space.
Location: **Ljubljana, Tržaška 85, bus transfer from the hotel**

SV4 Visiting Kašelj

Kašelj is a neighbourhood in the eastern part of Ljubljana that could be described until recently as a "grey area". The absence of youth work was reflected in outbreaks of vandalism, especially on the playground of the local elementary school. On the invitation of the school's headmaster, the Ljuba in Drago Mobile Youth Centre visits the youth in Kašelj twice a week. The core of their activities is socialising and connecting. By connecting young people, they connect neighbours and neighbourhoods. Within one year, they carried out more than 70 events that attracted more than 1000 participants, ranging from sports and fun to art, culture and creativity. Vandalism has not been talked about in Kašelj for a very long time now.
Location: **Ljubljana, Kašelj neighbourhood, bus transfer from the hotel**

SV5 Street Gallery and Stories from Phone Booths co-created by young people for the city

The Young Dragons Public Institute, in cooperation with the TAM-TAM Institute, publishes monthly invitations to participate in the youth art competition Odnos (The Relationship). The most creative young people get the opportunity to exhibit their works on poster/advertising surfaces in Ljubljana. The Street Gallery surprises passers-by with art in the public space where they do not expect to find it. Young people are offered a chance to illustrate the state of society through their eyes and exhibit it in the form of art in the Street Gallery. Young people are given the space to publicly articulate their critique of the society.

A desire to revive three old phone booths donated by Telekom Slovenije, led the Young Dragons Public Institute to refurbish and transform them. They created a new space for socialising, community events and a place for exhibitions by young artists. The purpose of Stories from Phone Booths was to bring something fresh to an area with a lack of opportunities for active and quality leisure time. The institute believes that such public places where different generations can socialise, connect and share knowledge are very important for every local community.
Location: **Ljubljana, Vegova street and Špica area, walking distance from the hotel**

SV6 Why do places for youth need to be places of critical thought?

The visit will present the Itn. festival of critical writing, which has been held for the past five years at Vodnikova domačija. It is organised by high schoolers from Slovenia, students and literature professionals. The main concept of the festival is presenting different literary works in relation to everyday life in Slovenia. The organisers will present their special tactics of organising, participatory methods for involving young adults into creating festival content and using literature as a source of social engagement.
Location: **Ljubljana, Vodnikova cesta 65, bus transfer from the hotel**