



Transforming Social Work with the power of Youth Work FEANTSA Youth

When: 14 – 18 October 2024.

Where: European Youth Centre, Budapest, Hungary.

What: A study session is a 5-day course, designed with the support of the Council of Europe's Youth Department. Study sessions depart from traditional courses by using non-formal education to encourage participants to share their experiences, stories and expertise on a given issue. As a participant in a study session, you are an expert based in your experience as a volunteer, professional or student and will be encouraged to share your insights with colleagues from across Europe. A special attempt will be made to select participants with diverse professional and personal backgrounds, to ensure diversity in experiences and knowledges.

This will be the ninth in a series of study sessions led by FEANTSA Youth. Our study sessions have provided an opportunity for young professionals from across Europe to come together to identify key issues in tackling youth homelessness and co-develop a series of solutions. The study sessions have led to a growing and dynamic alumni network with membership from across a wide variety of fields.

The topic of this year's study session has come up in discussions of FEANTSA Youth network and with the Council of Europe, however there is still a lot of room for improvement in the use of youth work when applied to homelessness. Integrating the values, skills, and knowledges of youth work in services has the potential to be a change-maker in how we respond to and end youth homelessness.

The aim of this study session is to educate homeless services, that work with young people, about the value and power of youth work. The objectives of the study session are:

1. Understand what constitutes youth work and how it relates to social work with young people in homelessness.
2. Recognize the value of supporting youth experiencing homelessness using youth work, or youth work-informed principles.
3. See inspiring examples from existing services that have adopted a youth work mindset.
4. Map out, and address challenges around taking existing services and transforming them using youth work.
5. Develop a vision or plan for how their service can bring a stronger youth work dimension in supporting youth.

Who Should Apply:

- Under 30 years old, a small portion of places are available for people over 30, but priority will be given to young people.
- Living in a Council of Europe member state.
- Persons working with young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, or;
- Persons who have experienced homelessness.
- Able to communicate in English. This is a participatory training, and all participants will be required to actively participate in group discussions. However, this is not an exclusion criterion if a minimum level of English is met (more information in the application form).
- Enthusiastic, energetic, and prepared to engage in non-formal education.
- Willing to commit yourself after the study session in order to share your learnings in your local context.

In addition to the above criteria, applications are particularly encouraged from:

- Non-European Union Countries, while also a Council of Europe Member State.
- People with accessibility, learning, or other needs. The European Youth Centre can work to accommodate for these; you can provide more information in the application form.

How: Online applications are now open and will close on 30 June 2024. Fill in this form to apply: <https://forms.gle/B7GrXCvuS8dv1en58>. Applicants will be notified if they have been selected or not by mid-July.

Application process: 35 participants will be selected by mid-July based on:

- Motivation
- Knowledge of youth homelessness issues
- Experience of human rights-based approaches to social issues
- Geographic, gender and age balance

Costs: Travel, accommodation and meal costs will be covered by the Council of Europe; a €50 registration fee will be charged for participants, this will be deducted from the travel expenses reimbursement

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