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(1) Campaigning for Human Rights online



Action Day: Respect Human Rights of Refugees, 20 June

On [World Refugee Day](#), 20 June, the Campaign emphasised human rights for refugees and asylum seekers who are seeking refuge in Europe from war. The Day was marked with NHSM campaign events in over 15 countries and online actions with more than 50 [Facebook](#) posts. Numerous personal stories were shared on the [campaign blog](#) and many [video messages](#) were collected during a [Living Library](#) event in Italy and other community events in Luxembourg and Belgium.

The City of Strasbourg hosted an event at [Lieu d'Europe](#) for youth and civil society organisations to present their creative initiatives to mark the Day – watch the local TC report [here](#). A photo exhibition – by German artist-journalist Herlinde Koelbl – on refugee camps in Europe was inaugurated at the *Cité de la Musique et de la Danse*. The exhibition in Strasbourg will run until 13 July.

Forthcoming Action Day: to commemorate victims of hate crime, 22 July

To mark the 5th anniversary on 22 July of the tragic attack on Norwegian youth at the Utøya summer camp, the Campaign will commemorate all victims of hate crime to raise public awareness of the causes and effects of hate speech in the current political climate and to highlight all citizens' obligations to ensure a society where everyone's dignity is respected. The Action Day will call for wide public support to honour the commemoration through statements from political leaders and public figures. The preparations for the Action Day can be followed on the [website](#) as of early July.

EuroDIG 2016

This year's [European Dialogue on Internet Governance](#) (EuroDIG) meeting took place on 9-10 June in Brussels and gathered around 800 representatives from internet companies, governments and civil society for a multi-stakeholder dialogue on the future of the Internet. The campaign was represented by activists and the campaign manager providing live updates through Twitter #nohatespeech and the [blog post](#). For more on EuroDIG, see [here](#).

Campaign launch in Morocco

On 3 June the No Hate Speech Movement campaign was officially launched in Morocco during a study day held at the Parliament in Rabat. The event was covered by national news outlets, i.a. the [First Channel](#) (Moroccan TV) and in [Alhura News](#).

European Youth Event

The campaign ran two workshops on 'Freedom of (Hate) Speech' at the [European Youth Event](#) (EYE) and the 7th [Youth Festival](#) (YoFest) at the European Parliament in Strasbourg on 20-21 May. For more information on the event view the [video introduction](#), read the [blog post](#) or check out the [photo album](#).

New Campaign platform

The campaign platform pages are being updated during the summer. On 20 June the new [home page](#) was launched together with a new online feature – [No Hate Chain](#) –where individuals can express their support for the campaign with a personal message.

Meeting of Campaign Coordinators and Activists

The 4th meeting of the [NHS National Campaign Coordinators](#) and activists will be hosted by the [Albanian Ministry of Social Affairs and Youth](#) on 23-25 September. The aim of the meeting is to strengthen coordination and cooperation between the national campaigns, the online activists' community and the European Campaign as well as to exchange practices and review new challenges regarding hate speech in Europe. The meeting is also expected to propose new thematic Action Days for 2017.

Study on blocking, filtering and taking down illegal content online

The Council of Europe [Internet and Media Department](#) has published a [comparative study](#) of the legal practices in CoE member States to block, filter and take down illegal content on the internet, the study also includes [country reports](#). Future collaboration with the Internet and Media Department includes the participation of youth in [internet governance](#) and the [human rights of internet users](#).

Code of Conduct to stop illegal hate speech

The European Commission, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Microsoft announced on 31 May a [code of conduct](#) with commitments to combat the spread of illegal hate speech online in Europe. Among others, the companies committed to review the majority of valid notifications for removal of illegal hate speech in less than 24 hours and remove or disable access to such content. Consistent policies for the removal of hate speech contents from social media have been one of the calls of the Campaign since its launch.

(2) Council of Europe – main developments

For up-to-date CoE news please check the [CoE website](#) and the [CoE Journal](#).

The [Chairmanship](#) of the [Committee of Ministers](#) passed from Bulgaria to Estonia, at the end of a [session](#) held on 18 May in Sofia and attended by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Council of Europe's 47 member States. The outgoing Chair, Bulgarian Foreign Minister Daniel Mitov, [took stock](#) of his country's achievements during its chairmanship. The new Chair of the Committee of Ministers, Marina Kaljurand, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Estonia, presented the [priorities](#) of her country's chairmanship which will run for the forthcoming six months. Key priorities are the promotion of human rights online, gender equality and children's rights, the programme will include the [3rd Youth Forum on Human Rights and Democracy Education](#) which will take place in Strasbourg on 5-6 October. You can find more information about the Estonian Chairmanship [here](#).

Following the tragic [attack on the LGBTI community in Orlando](#), USA, the Chair of the [Committee of Ministers](#), Minister Marina Kaljurand, expressed her sadness and indignation at the heinous attack in a [statement](#) on 13 June where she conveyed her condolences to the families of the many victims and "condemned in the strongest terms any violence against people on grounds of their sexual, gender, religious or ethnic origin". A [statement](#) was also issued by Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly General rapporteur on the rights of LGBT people, [Jonas Gunnarsson \(Sweden\)](#).

In the run-up to the International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia, marked on 17 May, the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Thorbjørn Jagland, spoke out against homophobic and transphobic bullying in schools in Europe, a grave and often disregarded problem. "Homophobic and transphobic name-calling, bullying and harassment of LGBTI children have a serious effect on their well-being – and at times a tragic ending. They must have no place in our schools," the Secretary General said. More info [here](#).

At its summer session, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe ([PACE](#)) launched on 20 June the [#NoHateNoFear](#) initiative to counter terrorism. "We have to prevent the mutual suspicion

and hostility that fear of terrorism engenders as an ill in its own right. This is the main purpose of our Assembly's initiative against terrorism #NoHateNoFear," [PACE President Pedro Agramunt](#) announced. With the [#NoHateNoFear](#) initiative, [PACE](#) wants to rally as many people as possible – politicians, religious leaders, academics, journalists, representatives of civil society and ordinary citizens – to say "NO" to fear and hatred. More info [here](#).

[PACE](#) has spelled out a series of steps to protect migrants from violence – whether physical violence, labour exploitation, trafficking, sexual harassment, discrimination or hate speech. Approving a [resolution](#) based on a [report](#) by [Andrea Rigoni](#) (Italy) on 24 June, the [PACE](#) expressed its deep concern for women and children migrants who are particularly vulnerable to different forms of violence and abuse, especially in detention centres or places with high concentrations of migrants. The resolution states that these groups should receive special protection from the receiving countries, including through the provision of safe reception facilities and alternatives to their detention. It also suggests effective ways to protect migrants. More info [here](#).

On 21 June, the [PACE](#) expressed its concern over the over-sexualisation of children and adolescents, a widespread phenomenon in the media, marketing campaigns, television programmes and everyday products. This phenomenon can have a serious impact on children's self-esteem, well-being and relationships. In adopting a [resolution](#) on the basis of a report by [Valeriu Ghiletschi \(Moldova\)](#), the [PACE Called On Member States](#) to draft effective legislation and to frame policies to prevent the over-sexualisation of children and adolescents. More info [here](#).

The [PACE Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media](#) organised in Paris on 1 June a hearing on corruption in the education field. "Corruption, including in the education field, is extremely widespread virtually everywhere in Europe and has already led to too many young people becoming resigned to this fact. It is essential for our societies to get young people involved in the fight against corruption by means of an awareness-raising campaign and, above all, by providing them with the practical means to combat corrupt practices", said [Eleonora Cimbro \(Italy\)](#), [PACE](#) rapporteur on "Youth against corruption". More info [here](#).

At their meeting in Strasbourg on 15 June 2016, the members of the [Congress of Local and Regional Authorities' Current Affairs Committee](#) approved reports on "The situation of Roma and Travellers in the context of rising racism and xenophobia" and on the "Follow-up to the Congress strategy to combat radicalisation at grassroots level". The committee's agenda also included a report under preparation on the role of youth policy in supporting the transition of young people to autonomy and working life at local and regional levels. The Vice-Chair of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ), Anja Olin-Pape, was also invited to report on the progress on the drafting of a new CM recommendation on youth work. More info [here](#).

Within the framework of a [Congress project "Support to consolidating local democracy in Armenia"](#) a seminar on "[Young local leaders: the future for local democracy](#)" was organised in Yerevan on 24-26 May. Representatives from local authorities, NGOs and students participated to exchange successful practices in the field of local democracy. Head of the [delegation of Armenia to the Congress, Emin Yeritsyan](#), called on the young local leaders to "shape the future of their community with their active contribution." The importance of getting further involved in public affairs and community life, especially with the view to engaging in local elections, was also highlighted.

In the framework of the summer session of the [Conference of INGOs](#) held on 21-24 June, the INGO Conference organised an Intergenerational Forum in Strasbourg entitled "Together, let's get inspired and imagine tomorrow" with a particular focus on youth. The purpose of the Forum was to gather different actors from the civil society movement: national initiatives, non-organised youth, members of NGOs and INGOs to ensure the voices of young people are heard by and their political messages included in the work of the INGO Conference. The meeting was attended by a representative of the [Advisory Council on Youth](#). More info [here](#).

The [Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, Nils Muižnieks](#), attended the [6th European Transgender Council](#) (TGEU) – the largest gathering of political transgender activists in Europe – on 3 June in Bologna. The conference took stock of ten years of movement building and in his [keynote speech](#) the Commissioner emphasized, inter alia, the specific obstacles trans youth encounter when

exercising their right to self-determination and the right of all pupils to receive factual information about gender diversity in school education so that they can question the stereotypes often rehearsed in this area.

The [Commissioner for Human Rights](#) also visited Andorra on 10-11 May. During his visit the Commissioner encouraged the Andorran authorities to design and implement a national strategy for the protection of children's rights in close co-operation with all relevant stakeholders, including from among civil society. "Andorra has a very advanced system of inclusive education, whereby all children, including those with disabilities and from migrant families, learn together with other children and are supported as necessary. However, further efforts are required to enhance the overall protection of children's rights", the Commissioner said. More info [here](#).

The North-South Prize has been awarded every year since 1995 to two candidates, preferably one from the North and the other from the South, who have stood out for their exceptional commitment to promoting "North-South" solidarity and global interdependence and in conformity with the principles of the Council of Europe. Nominations for the 2016 North-South Prize (young) candidates can be submitted until 15 July 2016. The [nomination form](#) and more info can be found [here](#).

Ahead of the Action Day against Hate Speech Targeting Refugees marked on 20 June, the Council of Europe [Special Representative of the Secretary General on migration and refugees](#), Tomáš Boček, called for a speedy and systematic reaction by public figures to the instances of hate speech against refugees and asylum seekers, and stressed the positive role youth can play in integrating refugees in European societies. You can find the press release [here](#).

A new [report](#) addressing the situation of refugees and migrants in Greece and "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" was published on 11 May by the [Special Representative of the Secretary General on migration and refugees](#). An important issue addressed in the report is the treatment of refugee and migrant children, especially unaccompanied minors, in Greece. The report is based on his fact-finding mission to the two countries from 7 to 11 March. More info [here](#).

On 2-3 June, the [Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues](#) hosted the 2nd meeting of the [Council of Europe Dialogue with Roma and Traveller Organisations](#). Some 25 representatives of international, national and local Roma and Traveller NGOs from Council of Europe member States participated to discuss the causes and challenges of internal and cross-border migration of Roma and Travellers as well as the issue of hate speech directed against them. One of the sessions addressed the causes of internal and cross-border migration of Roma and the situation of Roma youth in that respect. More info [here](#)

The Support Team of the [Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues](#) published on 17 May a [Thematic Report on Child/Early and Forced Marriages within Roma Communities](#) in the context of the promotion of gender equality endorsed by the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller issues ([CAHROM](#)). More info [here](#).

The call for applications for the [Pompidou Group's 2016 European Drug Prevention Prize](#) opened on 1 April. The European Drug Prevention Prize was first launched in 2004 and is awarded every two years to high-quality drug prevention projects that fully involve young people. Read more [here](#) about rules and procedures. Deadline for submission is 31 July ([2016 application form](#)).

(3) Youth Department update

The Bureaus of the [European Steering Committee for Youth](#) (CDEJ) and the [Advisory Council on Youth](#) (CCJ) met on 9 June in Strasbourg to prepare the [Joint Council on Youth](#) (CMJ) which will take place on 17-19 October in Strasbourg. During the meeting, the Bureaus had the opportunity to hold a first exchange on the 2018-2019 priorities for the youth sector. They also prepared a thematic debate for the CMJ meeting on the integration of young refugees and migrants in Europe and the role of the Council of Europe's youth sectors in that respect. A joint session was also held with the [the Programming Committee on Youth](#) (CPJ) (which met in parallel) to exchange views with the Director for Democratic Citizenship and Participation, Matthew Johnson.

[The Programming Committee on Youth](#) met at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg on 9-10 June to monitor the 2016 and establish the 2017 programme of the [European Youth Foundation](#) (EYF) and the European Youth Centres. It approved 12 study sessions and awarded 18 grants to one-off international activities and 6 grants to annual work plans.

The [European Youth Foundation](#) plans to organise an information session for representatives of international youth NGOs at the Council of Europe Brussels office on 5-6 September.

On the occasion of the [summer session of the Parliamentary Assembly](#) of the Council of Europe the Chair of the [Advisory Council on Youth](#), Marko Grdošić, and the Vice-Chair, Anja Olin-Pape visited Strasbourg on 20-22 June. The aim of their visit was to stimulate cooperation with the CCJ during the current mandate and to enhance the mainstreaming of youth issues in other policy fields of the Organisation. Productive meetings were held, inter alia, with: the [PACE President](#), Pedro Agramunt; the [President of the PACE sub-committee on education, youth and sport](#), Christian Barilaro; the [President of the Conference of INGOs](#), Anna Rurka; the [Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees](#), Tomáš Boček; and representatives of the [Estonian Chairmanship](#) and the forthcoming Cypriot Chairmanship. Other thematic meetings addressed internet governance and human rights online, democratic citizenship and human rights education, Roma Youth, LGBTI youth, youth participation at local and regional levels, involvement of youth in the social cohesion platform and combatting drug abuse and illicit trafficking in drugs among youth.

On 17 May the Council of Europe [Quality Label for Youth Centre](#) was awarded to the [Youth and Arts Education Centre](#) in Destelheide, Belgium in the presence of the Flemish Minister for Youth Culture and Education Sven Gatz. Destelheide. The award ceremony was attended by 200 persons including representatives from national and local authorities. A [video](#) from the ceremony was produced by the Belgian RING TV.

On 2 June the [Euro-Latin American Youth Centre \(CEULAJ\)](#) in Molina, Spain was also awarded the CoE [Quality Label for Youth Centre](#). The centre was praised for this outstanding infrastructure and high quality of services, for being environmentally-friendly for being a well-known brand across Europe.

The [Timisoara Youth House](#) (FITT) in Timisoara, Romania is the eighth youth centre awarded the Council of Europe's Quality Label for its achievements in promoting Council of Europe standards and values in youth policy and youth work. The award ceremony takes place on 4-5 July in the presence of the State Secretary in the field of Youth, Ministry of Youth and Sport of Romania, Andrei Popescu; the Mayor of Timisoara, Nicolae Robu; the President of the Romanian Youth Council Mihai Dragos, Chair of the Advisory Council on Youth, Marko Grdošić and the Head of Council of Europe's Youth Department, Antje Rothemund.

Unaccompanied minor refugees' local participation and inclusion were the focus of the study session organised on 23-27 May together with the international network Voices of Young Refugees in Europe (VYRE). Some 40 participants, including unaccompanied minors themselves, young people from the host countries and civil society organisations exchanged views on the challenges to social inclusion of unaccompanied minors and developed local and international initiatives to fight discrimination and encourage the inclusion through active participation. Tomas Boček, [Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on Migration and Refugees](#), attended saying: "My priority is to focus on the protection of migrant and asylum-seeking children in Europe and assist Council of Europe member States to meet this challenge. It is essential to protect them from violence, abuse, exploitation and trafficking. And we need urgently to put in place alternatives to their detention." The study session recommended the continuation of the activities prioritising the participation of young refugees and reinforcing the programme of activities on the theme of access to rights for refugees when turning 18 years old. In March 2016, the Council of Europe Secretary General proposed a set of [priority measures](#) for all 47 Council of Europe member States to ensure the safety and human rights of refugee children, with a special focus on unaccompanied minors.

A seminar titled "[Gender equality matters!](#)" understanding and integrating gender equality in intercultural youth activities of the Council of Europe and its partners was held in the EYCS on 1-3 June. The seminar explored the meanings of gender equality in international youth activities and proposed guidelines for reinforcing gender equality.

The video '[The Last Taboo! - 21st Century Sex And Disability](#)' is now available on Youtube. The film was produced by the CoE Directorate of Communication during the study session "Supporting young disabled people to explore sexuality and relationships as integral to their social" which was organised in cooperation with the [European Network on Independent Living](#) (ENIL) in April. Pictures and videos from the 3rd European Independent Living Day which was celebrated in 30 European countries on 5 May, are also available [here](#).

A seminar on "Mobility towards inclusion: EYC supporting young migrants & refugees" was organised in Samobor, Croatia on 10-11 May as part of the [Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card](#) (EYCA) 2016 programme. Taking youth work and youth activities as one of the key elements to prevent and combat social exclusion, hate speech and extremist attitudes, the aim of the seminar was to debate and identify better opportunities for young migrants and refugees when using EYCA infrastructure.

In connection with [ERYICA](#)'s General Assembly, [EYCA](#) organised its 32nd conference on "Online, mobile and active: engaging communications with new generations" in Gdansk on 2-5 June. Workshops were offered on subjects addressing youth marketing and how to communicate with new generations; working with corporate social responsibility programmes for the benefit of young people and advanced discount management. The Partial Agreement, along with other European partners such as the European Commission, ERYICA and [Eurodesk](#), participate in a panel discussion on effective communication with young people.

In the framework of the Partnership with [ERYICA](#), [a Day of Dialogue on "the Prevention of Radicalization among Youth"](#) was organized in Brussels on 21 June. The aim was to analyze and understand the reasons and motivations that cause violent radicalization among young people, as well as the potential preventive role of information and advice services for young people. The meeting also exchanges ideas on developing resources that can provide youth workers, youth organisations and educators with tools to identify and address violent radicalisation among young people.

Upcoming activities:

The [Youth Peace Camp](#), an event bringing together young people from conflict regions and supporting them in initiating dialogue and cooperation, will be organised in Strasbourg on 10-18 July. The Youth Peace Camp engages young people and youth organisations in dialogue and conflict transformation activities based on human rights education and intercultural learning. This year the camp will pay a particular attention to the role of hate speech in armed conflict and connect with [No Hate Speech Movement](#) campaign. The 2016 Youth Peace Camp will bring together young people from South Caucasus, the Russian Federation, Ukraine and Kosovo*. A specific priority will be given to applicants who are or have been displaced as a result of armed conflict.

(*All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.)

The [Tranzit](#) seminar on good practices of youth work and policy in support of the transition of young people to autonomy and work life, will take place in EYC Budapest on 5-7 July. The seminar will bring together youth and social workers, representatives of local authorities, start-ups and businesses, as well as trade unions in order to share and learn from their interventions at local and national level in respect to access to employment of young people, develop guidelines for interventions in these areas, as well as familiarize them with [Council of Europe recommendation CM/Rec\(2015\)3 on access to social rights of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods](#).

Activities in May and June included:

- Fifty-fifty training seminar for specialists from state, regional and local authorities and NGO representatives working with young people in the Russian Federation, (EYCS, 1-5 May);
- Participation in a meeting of stakeholders in Euro-Arab/Euro-Mediterranean youth cooperation at the Mediterranean Youth University, Hammamet, Tunisia, 4-6 May;
- Study session: 'Let's talk about sexuality: the explosive power of taboo subjects' organised in cooperation with [EYCE](#) and [WSCF-E](#), (EYCB, 9-14 May);
- Study session: 'In NEET of a coach!' organised in cooperation with [YSRN](#), (EYC, 16-21 May);

- National seminar on how to write pilot projects and to apply them to the [European Youth Foundation](#) (Kiev, 21-22 May)
- Study session: 'Dream it loud! Build an inclusive society for urban and rural youth!' organised in cooperation with [Y-E-N](#) and [RYEurope](#), (EYCS, 23-28 May).
- Quality Label Exploratory Visit [Stara Zagora Youth Centre](#) (Stara Zagora, Bulgari, 25-26 May)
- National Training Course in Human Rights Education, titled "Fantastic Four", (Rakovica, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 3-6 June)
- Study session: 'Alternative Youth Urbanisation - Reclaim the City!', organised with the Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe AISB ([CDN](#)) (EYCB, 13-18 June)
- Evaluation seminar of the course 'Training Trainers for Youth in the Council of Europe' (TRAYCE), (EYCB, 21-29 June)

Activities in July:

- Seminar on 'Social inclusion of young refugees and their role in intercultural dialogue' (EYCS, 11-16 July)
- National training course 'EduClash: Be Human, Know Your Rights!' (Sombor, Serbia, 11-15 July)

[EU-CoE youth partnership](#)

The symposium '[\(Un\)Equal Europe? Responses from the youth sector](#)' one of the Youth Partnership's main events in 2016, took place in Budapest on 30 May to 2 June. Practitioners, researchers and policy makers from different sectors explored inequalities that young people face in Europe nowadays and the situation of the newly arriving refugees and asylum seekers. Inputs from diverse perspectives were shared and discussed, including the keynote address by [Professor Richard Wilkinson](#) on how income inequalities negatively affect everyone. You can watch the symposium on streaming and consult all working documents, analytical papers and presentations on its webpage. Key messages and a final report will also be made available there.

The [expert meeting on a learning mobility quality framework](#) gathered experts and representatives of NGOs, as well as of the two partner institutions, in Tbilisi, Georgia on 16-17 June. The meeting was opened by the Deputy Minister for Youth and International Cooperation, Revaz Javelidze, from the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia who presented recent youth policy developments. In his address, he also encouraged learning mobility enhancing programmes for young people who live in non-EU member States as this is essential for their professional and personal development. The outcome of the event is a systematic collection of principles aimed at organisers of learning mobility projects for young people. The quality framework is meant to cover all possible types of transnational mobility consciously organised for learning purposes in the field of youth. The draft framework will be presented to the Steering Group of the [European Platform on Learning Mobility](#) for further consideration.

Other activities held in May and June included:

- Second residential seminar on youth policy, as a part of a long-term training course, (Istanbul, 3-6 May);
- Editorial meeting of the Youth Knowledge Book on social inclusion and learning mobility (Dublin, 11-12 May);
- Editorial meeting of the Youth Knowledge Book on cross-sectoral policy cooperation (Podgorica, 8 June);
- Preparatory meeting to a regional peer learning seminar on cross-sectoral cooperation in the Western Balkans to be held on 26-27 October in Montenegro (Podgorica, 9-10 June);

Activities in July:

- Steering Group European Platform on Learning Mobility (EPLM) meeting (Paris, 30 June-1 July).
- Editorial group meeting 'Youth Perspectives' (Brussels, 5 July)
- Evaluation Meeting 'Shaping European Youth Policies in Theory and Practice – Seminar on Youth Policy Making 2015-16' (EYCB, 4-5 July)
- Editorial Team T-Kit #14 on Participatory Youth Policy (EYCB, 5-7 July)

Staff:

The post of Head of the Youth Policy Division was published in June and interviews will take place during the summer months. It is hoped to fill this post in the early autumn.

(4) DG II - Education Department

This section is dedicated to the latest news from the [Education Department](#).

On 13-14 June 2016 the 2nd meeting of the preparatory group for the evaluation of the implementation of the [Council of Europe Charter on citizenship and human rights education](#) was held in the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg. The group proposed an outline for the Report on the State of Citizenship and Human Rights Education in Europe (to be published in 2016) and provided guidance on the preparation of a major conference on this topic in 2017.

Teach your pupils aged 8-12 more about Europe's shared values: freedom of expression, a fair justice system, gender equality, abolition of the death penalty, free elections and diversity/non-discrimination. This educational game offers a board game as well as some pages containing information that can be used by teachers to prepare for playing the game. The game is a great opportunity to combine classroom play activity with discussion about the core values that enable us to live together in society. [Contact us](#) if you wish to receive a printed copy of this game - you can also [download it in pdf version](#).

The 4th [Pestalozzi Summer School "Diversity of learners and diversity of teachers: learning together for a better future"](#) is currently taking place in Bad Wildbad, Germany between 26 June and 3 July. The Pestalozzi Summer School offers a multi-layered and multi-dimensional intensive training course which allows for a dynamic and vibrant learning experience motivating participants to exchange and to network and carry the impact well beyond the duration of the Summer School. More info [here](#)

(5) Other news

[UNHCR](#) marks [World Refugee Day](#) each year on 20 June, to shine a light on the courage and resilience of families forced to flee war or persecution. However, in the [statement](#) made by [UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi](#) he said that "this year the hopeful signs are hard to find" and "today the number, complexity and protracted nature of today's conflicts mean that forced displacement has now reached a level unprecedented since the founding of the UN itself; substantially over 60 million people are now uprooted around the world. Each day another refugee tragedy is played out in the media; of children, mothers and fathers losing their lives in a desperate bid to escape violence."

On the same day, UNHCR's latest Global Trends report was published which found a total of 65.3 million people were displaced at the end of 2015, compared to 59.5 million just 12 months earlier. Distressingly, children and adolescents made up an astonishing 51 per cent of the world's refugees in 2015. Many were separated from their parents or travelling alone. You can find the press release [here](#) and the report [here](#).

Responding to the increased role of [Erasmus+](#) to support EU youth policy initiatives, the European Commission has revised its [European Training Strategy in the field of Youth \(ETS\)](#). The updated strategy aims at sustaining and developing quality youth work in Europe through capacity building. The ETS Advisory Group and the [SALTO Training & Cooperation Resource Centre](#) will support the Commission in managing the strategy.

On 30 May, the [Council of the European Union adopted conclusions](#) on the role of the youth sector in preventing and combating the violent radicalisation of young people. The conclusions highlight the invaluable contribution that youth work, voluntary and cultural activities and sport can make in reaching out to young people who might otherwise be more vulnerable to radicalisation. The Council also took note of the incoming Slovak Presidency's main priorities in the field of youth for the coming six months, which will focus in general on talent development and support, developing more dynamic and attractive youth work and exploring competences for a successful life. The conclusions refer to the Council of Europe youth sector with respect to the No Hate Speech Movement, exchange of knowledge and best practice for preventing violent radicalisation, including the use of social media, counter narratives and digital youth work; and the cooperation between the European Commission and the Council of Europe within the Youth Partnership Agreement.

A new [Eurobarometer](#) poll, commissioned by the [European Parliament](#) and published on 13 May, shows that most young Europeans feel marginalised by the crisis. More than half of young Europeans aged 16-30 feel marginalised in their own country due to the economic crisis, but few want to move abroad because of it. The full Eurobarometer survey can be downloaded at this [link](#).

The [European Association for Local Democracy](#) (ALDA) launched a call supporting activities promoting good governance and citizen participation at the local level in Europe. ALDA's call is an opportunity for local authorities and civil society organisations to build active citizenship in Europe. Applications should detail initiatives committed to the advancement of ALDA's main goal, the promotion of good governance and citizen participation at the local level in Europe. The call is open for proposals for activities and events which will take place from 1 September to 31 December 2016, the deadline to submit a proposal is 9 September 2016.

The [European Youth Forum](#) report "[Social inclusion and young people – excluding youth: a threat to our future](#)", was launched at a high level event on 21 May as part of the [YO!Fest](#) at the [European Youth Event](#) in Strasbourg. The report highlights that the European social model is no longer protecting young people, with young people now at higher risk of social exclusion and poverty. It finds that European welfare states are outdated, do not address the new forms of exclusion and insecurity that young people are facing, and urgently need reform. You can download the full report [here](#).

On 29 April, the [European Youth Forum](#) announced that five cities have been shortlisted for [European Youth Capital 2019](#) by an independent, [high-level jury](#) for the final stages of the 2019 competition. They are in alphabetic order: Amiens (France), Derry City & Strabane (Northern Ireland), Manchester (United Kingdom), Novi Sad (Serbia) and Perugia (Italy). As in previous years, the EYC 2019 title will encourage the implementation of the Council of Europe's Revised European Charter on the participation of young people in local and regional life, through innovative new ideas and projects. Members of the jury include the CoE Congress Spokesperson on Youth and the Chair of the Advisory Council on Youth. The winner of the EYC 2019 title will be announced at the European Youth Forum's General Assembly in November 2016.

At the [European Economic and Social Committee](#) (EESC) event "[Civil Society Days 2016](#)" on 31 May, the [European Youth Forum](#) launched its new publication "[The Role of the Youth Sector in Preventing Violent Extremism](#)". The publication states that youth work alone cannot combat violent radicalisation among young people, but it can help to address some of the root causes in a joint approach with other sectors, such as education, social affairs, health, etc. The Youth Forum also highlights that youth organisations offer a safe space for the personal development of young people and that formal and non-formal education are key to providing citizenship education and support intercultural learning. More info [here](#).

[Eurochild](#), a network of 176 members advocating children's rights and well-being, has elected a new President, Norah Gibbons, who previously served several executive and non-executive roles in Ireland in the field of children's rights. In her inaugural speech she said: "Child poverty is not just deprivation in the now, it prevents children from fully participating in society. Europe cannot afford not to invest in enabling all children to become active citizens." Other newly elected members of the Management Board include Ljiljana Vasic of Pomoc Deci, Serbia; Dana Rusinova of Coalition for Children Slovakia; Geert Jorgensen from Denmark; and Otto Sestak of Hope and Homes for Children Romania. The [Eurochild Conference 2016](#) on "Children's Rights Matter: Why Europe needs to invest in children" will be held on 5-7 July in Brussels.

To mark International Refugee Day, [UNITED for Intercultural Action](#) invites activists and European organisations to join its new Europe-wide campaign #LifeSeekers. This online campaign challenges the populist narrative on migration and refugees by presenting young people with facts and data related to the issues facing society today, showing that making migrants and refugees scapegoats is not the answer. You can join the campaign [here](#).

The [International Juvenile Justice Observatory](#) is proud to announce the release of the manual of good practices '[Alternatives to Detention for Juvenile Offenders](#)'. The manual is the fruit of the [Juvenile Offenders Detention Alternative in Europe project](#). It brings together the key learning principles of alternatives to detention, and sets out various examples of best practices in Europe. The

project began in 2013 and came to a close in April 2016 with the publication of the manual in [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Italian](#) and [Dutch](#).

(6) Publications

[List of Youth Department publications](#) (updated June 2016)

NEW [Access of Young People from Disadvantaged Neighbourhoods to Social Rights](#)

(Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)3 adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 21 January 2015) (in [French](#)) – German, Russian, Turkish, Spanish and Italian now available on the ENTER! portal <http://www.coe.int/en/web/enter/publications>

YOUNG PEOPLE & HUMAN RIGHTS

- The updated [Russian version of "Compass"](#) is now available online
- [Islamophobia and its consequences on young people](#) / [L'islamophobie et ses conséquences pour les jeunes](#) (reprints)
- [Former AC member, Thomas Leys (IFLRY) has published an article "[Where is our European Bill of Rights](#)" in a new publication "[Redrafting Europe - The Young Liberals' White Paper on the Reform of the European Union](#)".
- El Petit Compass* has been translated and disseminated in Catalan. You can find the translated version of Compass [here](#).

YOUTH POLICY

- [Youth policy reviews](#) are available on line. The youth policy review on Serbia is now available from the [CoE online bookshop](#)
- The [Advisory Council on Youth leaflet](#) in English; the former version of the Advisory Council on Youth leaflet available in [French](#) and [Russian](#).

YOUTH PARTICIPATION

Youth portal [dedicated page on youth participation](#): [Have your say!](#) manual on the Revised European Charter on the participation of young people in local and regional life. Also available in [French](#), [German](#), [Russian](#), [Turkish](#) and Ukrainian, as well as the Plain language version and Introduction leaflet on the Charter in the same languages.

YOUTH INFORMATION

- The [Compendium of national youth information and counselling structures](#) available on-line and in print
- [Young people's access to rights through youth information and counselling](#) was produced in partnership with ERYICA. Also available in [Russian](#) and [French](#)
- The [Youth information starter kit](#) is available in [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Italian](#), [Turkish](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#), [Macedonian](#) [Polish](#),

YOUTH WORK / NON FORMAL EDUCATION

- The [Council of Europe Youth Work Portfolio](#) now has its own website with updated English & French versions
- Presentation brochure of the Council of Europe Youth Work Portfolio in [English](#) and in [French](#)
- [European Portfolio for youth leaders and youth workers](#) is available in English, French, German, Dutch, Russian and Turkish
 - The French version of the Manual for facilitators in non-formal education "[Manuel de l'animateur en éducation non-formelle](#)" available in [Russian](#) and [Turkish](#).

ROMA YOUTH RIGHTS

- [Mirrors](#) – A Manual on combating antigypsyism through human rights education. The French version, [Miroirs](#) – Manuel pour combattre l'antitsiganisme par l'éducation aux droits de l'homme is also available
- [Barabaripen](#) - Young Roma speak about multiple discrimination
- [Right to Remember](#) – A Handbook for Education with Young People on the Roma Genocide

YOUTH MOBILITY

The leaflet presenting the [Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card](#) available in English, French and Russian, is also available in Albanian, Bulgarian, Estonian, German, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Spanish, Turkish and Ukrainian.

http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/youth/Partners/2016_JAN_Partial_Agreement_Youth_Card_en.asp

YOUTH DEPARTMENT PUBLIC RELATIONS MATERIALS

Requests to youth@coe.int Subject line: PR materials order

- The leaflet on the Youth Department is available in [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Russian](#) and [Turkish](#)
- The [European Youth Foundation leaflet](#) is available in 5 languages: English, French, German, Russian and Turkish. Online versions now offer the following [languages versions](#) : Albanian, Bosnian, Croatian, Estonian, Finnish, Italian, Lithuanian, Macedonian, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovenian, Spanish, Serbian and Ukrainian (*In preparation: Armenian, Bulgarian, Georgian and Greek*).
- [Compendium](#) of Council of Europe approaches to key youth policy and youth work issues; in [French](#).

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[Recent and upcoming EU-CoE youth partnership publications:](#)

NEW [Youth Knowledge book 19 – “History of Youth Work” volume 5](#)

NEW [Perspectives on youth, volume 3 – “Healthy Europe: confidence and uncertainty for young people in contemporary Europe”](#)

NEW [Coyote #23 – Finding common ground \(2nd European Youth Work Convention\)](#) Now available in [e-pub format](#) for tablets

- Perspectives on youth, volume 2 – “Connections and disconnections” – [English](#), [German](#) and [French](#) versions available now
- Youth knowledge book – Youth policy manual – now available in [Arabic](#); *Russian version: forthcoming shortly*
- Youth Knowledge book 20 – “Thinking seriously about Youth Work” – *forthcoming end of 2016*
- Youth Knowledge book 21 – Learning Mobility – *forthcoming*
- [T-Kit No.12](#) – Youth transforming conflicts – *French version forthcoming shortly*
- Coyote #24 – Learning Mobility – *forthcoming*
- [Visegrad Youth](#) – Comparative review of the situation of young people in the V4 countries”, a contribution to knowledge based youth policy development
- [Leaflet](#) on the EU-CoE youth partnership 2014-2016
- [Getting there...](#) a publication on the recognition of youth work and non-formal learning (reprint available)
- [T-Kit No.11](#) Mosaic: Training kit for the Euro-Mediterranean youth work - available also in [French](#)
- Perspectives on youth, volume 1: ["2020 - What do you see?"](#) – available also in [French](#) and [German](#)
- Youth knowledge book 17 [“Learning mobility and non-formal learning in European contexts”](#)
- Youth knowledge book 18 ["History of youth work" volume 4](#)
- [Coyote #20](#) – “What’s Xtreme about youth?!” – electronic and printed versions available
- [Coyote #21](#) - Know what? – electronic and printed versions available
- [Coyote #22](#) – “Discriminating(,)me?!” available in [pdf version](#) and [e-book format](#)

[New EU-CoE youth partnership online resources:](#)

- [Report](#) from the seminar "Beyond Barriers: a youth policy seminar on social inclusion of young people in vulnerable situation in South East Europe" (Mostar, Croatia)
- [Report](#) and [conclusions](#) from the second EPLM conference: Learning mobility in the youth field, towards opportunities for all. Evidence, experience, discourse.
- New country information on youth policy in [Croatia](#), [Montenegro](#) and [Liechtenstein](#)

Films

- [“100%” \(Giving 100% of young people 100% of information on their opportunities and potential\)](#)
- [“What is youth work today”](#)

ERYICA

- [Compendium of national youth information and counselling structures](#)

Past issues of *Think Youth!* are available on the [website of the Youth Department](#).

Facebook pages:

[Advisory Council on Youth](#)

[Council of Europe - Youth](#)

[European Youth Centre, Budapest](#)

[EU-CoE youth partnership](#)

[European Youth Foundation](#)

[No Hate Speech Movement](#)

Abbreviations:

CCJ: *Advisory Council on Youth*

CDDH: *Steering Committee for Human Rights*

CDEJ: *European Steering Committee for Youth*

CDMSI: *Steering Committee on Media and Information Society*

CDPPE: *Steering Committee for Education Policy and Practice*

CM: *Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe*

CMJ: *Joint Council on Youth*

CoE: *Council of Europe*

Congress: *Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe*

CPJ: *Programming Committee on Youth*

DG: *Directorate General*

ECHR: *European Court of Human Rights*

ECRI: *European Commission against racism and intolerance*

EDC: *Education for Democratic Citizenship*

EURODIG: *European Dialogue on Internet Governance*

EYCB: *European Youth Centre Budapest*

EYCS: *European Youth Centre Strasbourg*

EYF: *European Youth Foundation*

ncc: *National campaign coordinator*

NSC: *North-South Centre of the Council of Europe*

NHSM: *No Hate Speech Movement*

ODIHR: *Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights*

OSCE: *Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe*

PACE: *Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*

UNESCO: *United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization*

UNHCR: *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*

YFJ: *European Youth Forum*

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