



NEWSLETTER #1

Youth Unite - Fostering Tolerance and Inclusivity through Education and Engagement

Welcome to the First Youth Unite Newsletter!

We're excited to introduce Youth Unite - a project focused on empowering young people and youth workers to help build more inclusive and tolerant communities across Europe.

In a world shaped by diversity and movement, we believe tolerance and understanding are the foundations of meaningful change. Youth Unite fosters collaboration, supports youth action, and equips communities with the tools to stand against discrimination and build a future rooted in respect and inclusion. *Inclusion means valuing diverse perspectives, not forcing everyone to think the same way.*

Whether you're a youth worker, a young person, or someone who just wants to get involved, we're glad you're here. We're here to learn, share, and take small steps together toward a more inclusive and understanding community.

— The Youth Unite Team



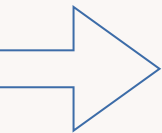
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What are we working towards?

Youth Unite is all about tackling racism and intolerance, and promoting diversity and inclusion among young people. Here's what we're aiming to do:

- Develop a validated curriculum for youth workers.
- Provide training that helps youth workers feel confident and prepared.
- Conduct Participatory Action Research to actively engage youth in community issues.
- Create and implement cultural community scenarios that celebrate diversity.
- Create opportunities for conversation, connection, and active participation in local communities.



Who is Youth Unite for?

Youth workers
Youth
NGOs & the local community

LATEST UPDATES



The first meeting of the Youth Unite project took place in Kielce, Poland, on January 8–9, bringing together partners for two days of dynamic discussions and collaborative planning. It set the stage for future activities aimed at fostering tolerance and empowering youth across Europe.

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FOCUS GROUPS



As part of the Youth Unite project, focus groups were held in Poland, Lithuania, Italy, Greece, and France, bringing together 29 people involved in youth work. These discussions gave us valuable insight into both shared challenges and unique experiences from each country.

"Inclusion starts with knowing and accepting yourself first. Only then can you truly appreciate and respect others."

A few key themes came through clearly: youth workers often don't get the formal recognition or structured training they need, and many young people - especially from marginalized backgrounds - continue to face discrimination. Participants also highlighted how important non-formal education is, the value of a shared European approach to training, and the need to better support youth workers' wellbeing. They spoke about the importance of making sure young people have a real voice in shaping more inclusive communities.

"Silence, in many situations, is tantamount to complicity. If one witnesses an episode of discrimination or violence, it is fundamental to intervene, even if only with a gesture of solidarity towards those who are suffering it."



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WHAT'S COMING UP

Right now, the Youth Unite team is in the process of developing a new curriculum for youth workers. Using an **Inquiry-Based Learning (IBL)** approach, the goal is to give youth workers practical tools and fresh ideas to help young people build confidence, take initiative, and make a difference in their communities.

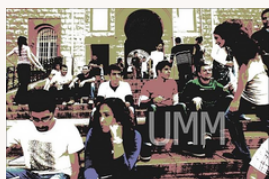
The curriculum co-created by our five partner organizations - bringing together different perspectives, experiences, and strengths.



The curriculum covers the following **topics** that emerged during focus groups with youth workers, including:

- Challenging Racism, Stereotypes, and Intolerance in Youth Contexts
- Inclusive Communication
- Conflict Management and Mediation
- Intersectionality and Multiple Discrimination
- Youth Empowerment and Participatory Methodologies
- Creating Safe Spaces
- Critical Digital Education
- Anti-Discrimination Techniques
- Legal Frameworks and Anti-Discrimination Policies

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