

Institute for Social Research in Zagreb and partners: University of Rijeka and University of Ljubljana invite you to the conference

Youth work in flux: an academic point of view on youth work training and education

which is held

from 15th to 18th June 2021 in Rijeka, Croatia.

Youth work is one of those terms that can often be found in numerous policy documents, professional and policy debates, and youth projects of the last decade, and as a topic of round tables, seminars and public discussions. Following the adoption of the new European Youth Strategy and consequently, the launching of the European Youth Work Agenda during the German presidency of the Council of the EU, youth work was given added impetus. Moreover, youth work is slowly but steadily gaining recognition within the academic community. There is a visible proliferation of courses covering certain aspects of youth work, with a growing number of additional academic programs, and an increase in the number of scientific and professional projects in the domain of youth work.

It is for the purpose of better understanding what youth work represents that the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, in collaboration with the Universities of Rijeka and Ljubljana, organizes the conference *Youth work in flux: an academic point of view on youth work*.

The conference is held as part of the Erasmus + project *Supporting Evidence-based Education of Youth Workers*.

Aim and Focus of the Conference

The conference will gather around 100 participants, researchers, scholars and doctoral students, with the aim of strengthening the epistemic community of scholars and researchers in the domain of youth work, while instigating an academic debate on existing knowledge in the domain, defining further topics that need to be explored, and investigating the possibilities of co-creating the knowledge with actors from the community.

We invite all the interested scholars and researchers to submit their abstracts that problematize the theoretical, analytical and methodological models of youth work research, and innovative practices that can be analyzed by employing theoretical strongholds of the disciplines related to youth work.

Furthermore, we particularly encourage submissions by doctoral students whose research topics are related to youth work to participate in the symposium of doctoral students that will be held within the conference.

We are particularly interested in the papers resulting from empirical research in the following and similar domains:

- (formal and non-formal) education of youth workers
- Professionalization of youth work
- Recognition of youth work
- Institutional architecture of youth work
- Relationship between youth and youth work
- Ethics in youth work
- Youth work as a prevention practice
- Critical theories of youth work
- Relationship between youth work and related professions
- Mentorship, supervision and coaching in youth work
- Youth work in the context of the coronavirus pandemic

Guidelines for Abstract Submission

- Type of document: MS Word
- Font: Calibri
- Font size: 11
- Maximum number of words: 500
- Maximum number of key words: 5
- Structure of the abstract;
 - Title
 - Name and surname of the author (title and affiliation in footnote)
 - Abstract of the paper with the key findings

Logistical and technical information

The conference *Youth work in flux: an academic point of view on youth work* will be held in Rijeka, at the University Campus, from 15th to 18th June 2021. In the case of unfavourable epidemiological situation, the conference will be held from 14th to 16th September 2021, of which participants will be informed in due time.

The organizer covers all the accommodation and subsistence costs of selected participants, while travel costs are at the expense of participants.

Abstracts in English, which is also the language of the conference, are submitted not later than **20th February 2021** to the following e-mail address: youth.work@idi.hr.

We kindly ask doctoral students interested in the doctoral students' symposium to clearly state this in the e-mail subject.

All participants will receive notice on the submission status not later than **20th March 2021**.

The deadline for submission of final text is **15th October 2021**.

The most outstanding texts will be published in the proceedings or in a relevant journal.

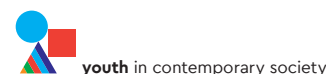
Any additional information about the conference can be obtained via the e-mail youth.work@idi.hr or web page www.idi.hr/youth-work.

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