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MEMORANDUM

Promoting Quality Digital Youth Work through the creation-mapping of Connected Learning Routes in Europe: An innovative way to reach out to marginalised Young People

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The needs of the labour market are changing faster and faster, and with them the training required for young people to be able to embark on a satisfying career that is increasingly in tune with the times and the new needs of society.

The EU 2020 Agenda aims "to expand career and life enhancing learning opportunities for young people with fewer opportunities and/or at risk of social exclusion".

Therefore, it is necessary, in order to support this line of action, to reinforce and expand the concept of non-formal education. In this way it is possible to break down the barriers that exist between the training needed to find a job and develop a career and the fewer opportunities that young people face in everyday life. However, in order to achieve this goal, it is very important to improve the availability of opportunities that the online environment offer in the field of training.

This is the context of "Connected Learning@YW: Promoting Quality Digital Youth Work through the Creation/Mapping of Connected Learning Routes in Europe: An Innovative Way to Reach out to Marginalised Young People", an Erasmus+ project (Project No: 2018-3-UK01-KA205-059942) which brings together partners from 6 different EU countries: United Kingdom; Italy; Germany; Bulgaria; Cyprus and Sweden.

Our Stand

We, as stakeholders in European and global society, as civil society, political institutions, educators, employers, and activists, take a stand for the following:

Young people with fewer opportunities who come from a disadvantaged socio-economic background can have the same opportunities as those who come from a more advantaged condition, by having access to an innovative type of training that meets society's new needs, linked to a non-formal teaching method, based on the opportunities that digital and technology offer and at the same time helping young people to develop their digital skills and competences in this area, which are currently among the top five skills required by the world of work.



The necessity to develop a new, more digital and inclusive learning environment, which reduces the barriers between those who enjoy more advantageous living conditions and those who, on the other hand, are confronted every day with various difficulties, including in the field of education, for various reasons, whether social, economic or related to the area in which they live. The project results are the aim to be used by youth organisations, cities and regions in order to ensure the continuity of learning and thus the development and improvement of young people's skills.

The Commitment

Political Institutions, Educational Bodies, Youth Organisations, Employers, and Young People must use their unique communities and expertise to network and synergise stakeholders, to fund, to research, to advocate for and to a programme to provide all young people, especially those with fewer opportunities, with access to non-formal, needs-based and digitally oriented education.

Signed (name of institution/activist):

Date / Place of Signing