

Invitation Final event

The consortium of the Erasmus+ funded project WHY “We Hear You” is pleased to invite you to its final 2 days’ event and joint activities.

16th & 17th October 2019

Brussels and Ghent

Context

We Hear You - WHY: The low level of youth participation in democratic processes, as well as the distrust young people show towards the democratic institutions and values may result in exclusion and social marginalization. The WHY project is providing a basis for an improved culture amongst youth professionals, as well as structures that will support democratic dialogue and youth involvement in order to promote civic participation, create participatory mechanisms, thus preventing marginalization and its negative effects on individuals and society.

This final two days event will among its main objectives share **a database** to identify and share existing methods and tools (practices) and **two online courses for youth professionals**. One is focusing on the development of professional communication skills that promote democratic dialogue and civic participation the other on reflection, self- awareness, attitudes and the effect these have on young people.

The first day in the Veneto Region’s **Brussels** office will target EU institutions, local and Regional stakeholders and professionals, the second in **Ghent** organized in collaboration with the city itself is thought to inspire youth participation and will address both young people and professionals.

The future impact and follow-up of the work done in the project will be exploited and planned towards a more social inclusive Europe for youth in the framework of the 2030 agenda and the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights as the vehicle for the Sustainable Development Goals in the social area (<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org>).

Through presentations, movies, workshops and interactive sessions, the exchange of ideas and best practices will be stimulated together with new EU proposals.

Agenda 16th of October 2019, Brussels

Brussels Veneto Region's Brussels Office: Av de Tervueren 67, 1040 Brussels

Registration: www.topuntgent.be/WHYeventBrussels

- 09:00** Registration of participants
- 09:30** The WHY project in a nutshell video shots
- 09:35** Welcome & general framework **Elena Curtopassi- Veneto Region European Network of Social Authorities**
- 09:40** Welcome by WHY project coordinator **Ulrika Wennerholm, city of Västerås**
- 09:50** The EU context
- 10:00** Introducing the WHY Website's opportunities **Claudia Toet & Soerish Chattarpal City of Rotterdam Youth Desk**
- 10:10** Democratic dialogue Framework and Participation **Arzu YENTÜR & Eef Cornelissen, Erasmus Hogeschool Brussels**
- 10:30** Coffee break
- 10:45** Good Practice Database **Barbara Maculan, Equality Cooperative Padua**
- 11:00** Youth Expert group testimony **Jairus Barry City of Rotterdam, Ayaka Littlejohn Double Helix Resources**
- 11:15** Course on reflection, self- awareness, attitudes **Brian de Lord, Double Helix Resources**
- 11:35** The moodle interactive platform **Miltos Sakkelariou, Anadrasis Initiative Information**
- 11:50** Q&A
- 12:00** Interactive Practices presentations
- 13:00** Networking lunch

Agenda 17th of October, Ghent

Gent Vrij CLB: *Halvemaanstraat 96, 9040, Ghent*

Registration: www.topuntgent.be/WHYeventGhent

09:00 Welcome and registration of participants

09:30 Welcome by **Astrid De Bruycker, Alderman of the city of Ghent**

09:40 Welcome by WHY project coordinator **Ulrika Wennerholm, city of Västerås**

09:50 Start Movie Professionals and Youngster talking about participation

10:00 (TED) talks

- Democratic dialogue Framework and Participation **Arzu Yentür and Eef Cornelissen, Erasmus Hogeschool Brussels**
- Course on reflection, self-awareness and attitudes **Brian de Lord, Double Helix Resources London**
- Introducing the WHY website's opportunities **Claudia Toet & Soerish Chattarpal, City of Rotterdam Youth Desk** and the Good practice database **Barbara Maculan, Equality Cooperative Padua**
- Participation in the City of Ghent

11:15 Coffee & Tea Break

11:30 (TED) walks

12:45 Networking lunch

14:00 Workshops by the WHY partners

16:00 Reception & reflection

The WHY partners

Västerås Sweden (SE), Project coordinator

Västerås stads Gymnasie och Vuxenutbildning is part of the school administration of the local authority of the City of Västerås and organises upper secondary schools, including VET professional training for students between 16-19 years olds and for adults. The city has 143000 inhabitants and is situated approximately 100 kilometres west of Stockholm. The Västerås stads Gymnasie och Vuxenutbildning provides upper secondary education for ap. 4800 students every year.

Rotterdam (NL)

The Youth Desk Rotterdam is part of the city administration of Rotterdam and partner in the WHY project. It represents the City of Rotterdam in the exchange of best practices and as a public local body, the Youth Desk is able to implement good practices in its local and regional policies of the broader Rotterdam – Rijnmond area. The Youth Desk of Rotterdam is a gateway for all youngsters from the age of 16 (on vocational education) up to 27 who live in the city of Rotterdam and advises and guides them on their way to self-sufficiency and independency

Erasmushogeschool Brussels (BE)

Erasmus University College Brussels is a Flemish higher education institution in Brussels, offering a wide range of professionally based programs. Its education program is strongly linked to research, art development and services for society. Problems related to a multicultural and diverse educational context are often perceived as barriers but offer opportunities to learn from each other. it focuses on three headlines or tools: urban education, democratic dialogue and digital learning.

TOPunt vzw (BE)

VZW TOPunt unites the 3 pupil guidance centres in Ghent. We guide children and youngsters within a school context and work closely with parents, schools and social care services. TOPunt Gent takes priority to the guidance of pupils who are educationally challenged due to socio-economic factors. VZW TOPunt has a strong connection and collaboration with local policies. The three pupil guidance centres have approximately 250 employees who work together with more than 200 schools (elementary, secondary and special schools) and reach approximately 98.000 pupils. We collaborate closely with the city of Ghent.

Equality Social Cooperative (IT)

Equality is a social cooperative which has the purpose of pursuing the general interest of the community for human promotion and social integration of people living in conditions of social exclusion and marginalization with special attention to victims of human trafficking, Italian and foreign minors and young adults in specific conditions of vulnerability. Equality avails itself of Mobile Outreach Units reaching out about 800 people a year involved in street prostitution, presumed or potential victims of sexual exploitation and offers them preventive and promotion health care services to bring the exploitation out into the open. Besides, Equality runs residential care houses for non-accompanied minors, minors victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation, minors who committed juvenile crimes and are remanded in custody, and vulnerable minors. The organization promotes civic participation, social inclusion.

Double HELIX RESOURCES (UK)

Double Helix Resources is a private company with the intention of providing educational and therapeutic consultancy, accredited training and related resources for those working with troubled and vulnerable children and their families.

The company is supported by a network of specialist practitioners and researchers. At present the organization is supporting alternative education provision in Ealing, London, where local excluded secondary pupils are referred by the Local Education Authority. It is also working on developing a new alternative provision secondary school in London for the London Borough of Ealing. Accredited mentor training is delivered at Brent River College and The DHR has written and delivered a training course for the Citizen 2020 Project aimed at combatting radicalisation. It is also presently working with Hertfordshire University to support the development of practitioners and policy makers working with vulnerable children and families.

Anadrasis Initiative Information (Gr)

Anadrasis Initiative Information is a non-profit organization founded in 1995 in the Greek Island of Syros whose chief goal is to support and promote activities offered by national youth authorities and actively aid young people in society. The organization surveys and analyses available educational opportunities, young people's rights and obligations, employment opportunities, as well as any occurrences of racism and social discrimination. The information gathered is then made available to the youths through Anadrasis developed information infrastructure. All these tasks are achieved with the active cooperation of the young people themselves, through various innovative activities and programs. All activities are related to local, regional, national or international initiatives and are run by young people, meeting their needs and encouraging their creativity. In addition, Anadrasis wants to contribute to the development of a European identity, and therefore acts as a receiving organisation for Erasmus.

European Network Of Social Authorities (It)

ENSA is a network of cities and European Regions coming from 13 member countries that has the aim of promoting international cooperation in the social field. ENSA was established by the Veneto Region in 1999. Since then the network has developed and supported solid partnerships between a wide range of European Regions and has carried out seminars, conferences, study visit programmes and exchanges of operators. The ENSA network work in close collaboration with the Veneto Region's Brussels office and with Veneto Lavoro. The co-operation between partners has brought about the opportunity to carry out several projects financed by the European Commission. ENSA represents an excellent opportunity for local and Regional Authorities to participate actively in European policy making and programs.

Associated Partner: Veneto Region

The Veneto Region is one of the associated partner of this project. It is host organisation to the ENSA administration placed in the Veneto Region's Brussels Office. The Veneto Region is present in Brussels since 1997 to dialogue with the EU institutions. Among its tools it counts with a Helpdesk, to monitor EU opportunities and offer support at local level, a data base to collect the most important calls a monthly bulletin and a newsletter.

Looking forward to the pleasure of welcoming you!