

Youth work Study Visit on Social Inclusion

**For youth workers and young leaders from across Europe
(working in pairs in tandem)**

2nd – 6th July 2019, Paris
A sub-project of Europe Goes Local

Introduction

Participants are coming from municipalities across Europe to share practice on youth work approaches related to social inclusion. There will be structured visits to different examples in Paris, and a chance to reflect and share in an international group. The aim is to support participants to improve social inclusion in their own European cities through youth work.

Objectives

The Study visit is set up to allow interaction, learning, sharing, questions, and space for reflection. It aims to support four different aspects in total:

1. **DIFFERENCES:** Increase awareness and understanding of own youth provision, by comparing and contrasting to other practices in Paris, France.
2. **EXCHANGE:** Increase understanding of alternative approaches and new perspectives, through facilitated discussion with other participants from other countries
3. **GROUP:** Use the power of young leaders and youth workers in an international group to gain insight and input from across Europe for social inclusion through youth work.
4. **PLAN:** Use the triangle of youth worker, young leader, and international input, to develop a Social Inclusion Plan for municipalities across Europe, to be implemented on return home.

Youth workers and young leaders – working in tandem pairs

Using the input and voice of young people to increase social inclusion in municipalities across Europe is important. Through this Study Visit, we hope to provide a way for that to be facilitated.

There will be two parallel programmes delivered, one for the youth workers, and one for the young leaders (age 18-25).

All participants will have the chance to understand the current context and strategy of youth work in Paris, as the capital city and an independent region of France. Encouragement will be given for the practice and learning from the two parallel programmes of the week to be channelled into a joint shared Social Inclusion Plan for the cities across Europe.

For the parallel programmes:

1) The youth worker programme aims to deepen understanding about youth work approach. Youth workers from different European cities will be inspired by the Parisian inputs to share the way they work with social inclusion in their municipality. They will visit different provision and localities in the city, and have a chance to debate the main themes of the Study Visit between them (Culture/arts, Poverty, Mental Health and Well-Being etc).

2) Young leaders will have a facilitated programme that will encourage their connection together as a group, to share and learn from each other, to visit different areas of Paris and understand the youth culture there, and to use the activities of the week as a springboard for their input into the Social Inclusion Plan to take back to their own municipality. The main themes for this group include: Gender discrimination, participation, citizenship, gang/territorial culture, poverty.

The aim is for the learning from the two parallel processes together to be channelled into a Social Inclusion Action Plan back in their own municipalities on return home.

Who is coming?

We ask for youth workers and young leaders to apply together as a tandem pair. They should have an interest and passion to share and learn from others, and the drive to develop a Social Inclusion Plan for their own municipality during the event, to implement when they return home.

We have had interest from youth workers and young leaders coming from Belgium-Flanders, Belgium-Wallonia, Italy, Greece, Portugal, Hungary, Spain, Slovakia, Slovenia. There will be between 21 - 26 participants in total.

How to apply?

National Agencies should encourage specific chosen tandem pairs to complete this online application form by 31st May 2019.