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Preamble

Youth Work occurs in different forms. One of the forms is Professional (Open) Youth Work. Characteristic for this form of Youth Work is the fact that it strives to be open and easy to access for all youngsters, working principles and methods are described and followed, chosen priorities are evidence based and knowledge about youth is used as input for youth policies.

Professional (Open) Youth Workers (paid and unpaid) have been specially educated for doing the work.

Professional (Open) Youth Work is to understand as an additional offer and concept for young people

Considering that:

. There should be more recognition for the important role Professional (Open) Youth Work has within informal and non-formal learning and for the chance to reach young people who are not reached by traditional forms and offers of Youth Work;

. Professional (Open) Youth work can be strengthen by an exchange of practices and working methods on a Trans European level;

. Youth Work is a major recourse when it comes to deliver input to Youth Policies which is not used to the full extend at an European level;

. European cooperation will lead to a quality impulse and quality development in Youth Work on the European, national and regional levels;

. The set up of a effective network for Professional (Open) Youth Work is a responsibility of Youth Work itself

Decide to establish an international committee with the mandate to examine the possibility to form an European Network for Professional (Open) Youth Work.

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