



Our Life. Our Voice. Young people and poverty – Final conference

Thursday 4 May 2017

When: 10:00-16:00

Where: L42 – Rue de la Loi, 42, 1040 Brussels

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Background

YES Forum and its members support vulnerable young people to turn their lives around, working with young people to create a culture of participation to make sure their voices are heard. Thus, we placed young people's views at the heart of our two year project Our life. Our Voice. Young People and Poverty. From 2015-2017 groups of young people in 5 different countries worked together to explore young people's experience of poverty and what it means for them to live in families struggling to make ends meet day to day.

We would like to invite you to the project's final conference, which will give a platform for young people, practitioners, policy and decision makers to discuss the results of the project. The young people of the partners involved will introduce their findings on poverty effects and describe their recommendations for a more inclusive society.



Programme

3 May

- 19:00 **Welcome Party - Dinner**
Celebrating the success of young people's work & Networking

4 May

- 9:30 **Registration**
- 10:00 **Opening and Welcoming**
Annett Wiedermann, Director YES Forum
Rachid Madrane, Ministre de l'Aide à la jeunesse à la Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles
Karola Becker, Member Board Internationaler Bund
- 10:30 **"Our Life, Our Voice" from the Young Participants' Viewpoint**
Young people from the project consortium
- 11:00 **Key note speeches**
Ending poverty as a political choice - Which way forward?
Martine Reicherts, Director-General for Education and Culture
Sérgio Aires, President of the European Anti-Poverty Network
- 11:30 **Coffee break**
- 11:40 **Panel discussion**
Ending poverty as a political choice - Which way forward?
Valbona Hystuna, social worker at ARSIS
Luis Alvarado, President of the European Youth Forum (tbc)
Sérgio Aires, President of the European Anti-Poverty Network
2 young people from the project consortium
- 12:30 **Open Debate and Q&A**
- 13:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00 **Youth's Truth**
Interactive exhibition about the young people's work
- Recognition of Achievement**
Manfred von Hebel, Deputy Head of the German National Agency Erasmus+ Youth
- 15:45 **Closing Remarks**
Edwin de Boevé, Director of Dynamo International
- 16:00 **Coffee & Networking**
Facilitator: Flavie Singirankabo

