

## Invitation

European Conference in Leipzig, 10–12 October 2012

# InterCITY

European Peer Learning on Local Youth Policy



## Background

Youth-related challenges like the transitions from youth to adulthood, youth unemployment, education and social participation, growing demands on the young people's time and reduced space for their living occur in similar forms in many European countries and are subject to national and European policies. Equally, in many European countries it is the municipalities that are responsible for youth services and youth work. Municipalities are the level that is closest to the citizens and as such they are the central agent for providing the conditions of living and growing up for young people.

Currently the Bundesministerium für Familie, Senioren, Frauen und Jugend (BMFSFJ) (Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth) is carrying out a European peer-learning project in youth policy. Together with six other EU-member states we will discuss issues of youth policy and find

solutions over a period of two years. An important point in this regard is the role of municipalities in drafting and implementing youth policy. This conference is part of the project and will offer a platform for discussing this central topic of youth policy within a European context. We intend to discuss not only strictly youth policy but also issues related to political strategies:

- Which challenges are the municipalities in Europe facing in putting into practice youth policy and do they tackle these challenges?
- Which are the central issues?
- Which instruments do they use with what effect?
- How can international collaboration between municipalities be used for these purposes?
- Which role can national youth policies and the EU youth strategy play for the municipalities?

## Objectives

The conference aims at

- offering agents from all over Europe an opportunity to discuss various subjects and have an exchange about them;
- present good practice examples showing how municipalities in Europe exercise youth policy;
- stimulate the municipalities to take an active part in developing youth policy and youth work on the national and European levels;
- draw attention to the European trans-local exchange and European peer-learning as strategies for furthering the development of municipal youth policy and awaken interest in them;
- offer a platform for developing European networks;
- make municipalities more aware of the EU youth strategy and its added value for youth services.

## Target group

The invitation is directed to persons involved in youth work and youth services as well as administration – ideally both – on the municipal level.

## Registration and Costs

Please apply online **by Friday, 7 September 2012** to:  
➤ [www.jugendfuereuropa.de/fortbildung/fortbildungskalender/870/application/](http://www.jugendfuereuropa.de/fortbildung/fortbildungskalender/870/application/)

The expenses for accommodation, boarding and participation in the conference will be covered by JUGEND für Europa. Travelling expenses have to be paid by the participants themselves.

The conference will be held in English. For the input contributions on the first day interpreters will be available.

Here is how to find the place:  
➤ [www.leipziger-kubus.de](http://www.leipziger-kubus.de)

Place:  
Leipziger KUBUS  
of Helmholtz-Zentrum für Umweltforschung – UFZ  
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## Program

### Wednesday, 10 October 2012

#### 14.00 hrs. | Opening by the organisers

Welcome addresses by

— **Burkhard Jung**, Lord Mayor of Leipzig  
(to be confirmed)

— **Lutz Stroppe**, head of the youth  
division, BMFSFJ

#### 14.45 hrs. | Input presentation “Situations of young people in Europe in the municipal context – which are the new challenges?”

— **Lasse Siurala**, Director Youth, City of  
Helsinki

Comments from municipal practice

#### 16.30 hrs. | “Country rounds” to get to know each other

Countries and municipalities briefly  
present their strategies in youth policy

**From 18.30 hrs. | European buffet**  
at the KUBUS

### Thursday, 11 October 2012

#### 9.30 hrs. | Welcome

#### 9.45 – 12.15 hrs. | Workshops with project presentations

Topic 1: **Participation**

Topic 2: **Educational facilities in  
municipalities**

Topic 3: **Transitions**

Topic 4: **Integration/cultural diversity**

#### 12.15 hrs. | Lunch break

#### 13.15 – 15.45 hrs. | Repetition of the morning workshops

#### 16.15 – 17.30 hrs. | Conclusions from the workshops for municipal youth policy

#### 19.30 hrs. (optional) | Guided tour through Leipzig

in 2 groups

### Friday, 12 October 2012

#### 9.00 hrs. | Welcome

#### 9.15 hrs. | Brief input “Mobility as overarching topic of a European policy for young people in the places where they live”

#### “Opportunities in trans-local collaboration”

#### 10.30 hrs. | Cooperation and networking

Which new projects and activities can the  
participants envisage? Which new impetus  
can the participants take home for the  
further development of municipal youth  
policy?

#### 12.00 hrs. | Summary and final panel discussion

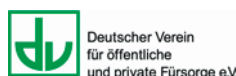
#### “Challenges for future municipal youth policy”

#### 12.45 hrs. | Concluding address

#### 13.00 hrs. | End of the conference

## Organiser

InterCITY is an activity organised by the Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, JUGEND für Europa and Deutscher Verein für öffentliche und private Fürsorge e.V. (German Association for public and private Welfare) in collaboration with the cities of Leipzig and Köln.



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