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About

The Estonian Association of Youth Workers (EAYW) is an organisation for professional youth workers, both paid employees and volunteers.

The Association is open to all qualified Youth Workers, those attending Youth Work courses and those who are not formally qualified but have an extensive youth work experience.

EAYW is run by the Management Board elected each year by the Annual General Meeting. Members of the Board are volunteers.

The organisation in its present format was established in 2016 by merging two youth workers associations (youth workers and youth workers in schools) which had been active since 1999 and 2000.



Activities

EAYW is a non-profit organization focusing on promoting youth work and professional development of youth workers.

The Association:

- represents and supports its members
- provides advocacy and acknowledgement
- develops and organises youth work and youth work environments

EAYW is actively involved and makes proposals in youth work related discussions. Our aim is to be a trustworthy partner and to work with the Government, the Ministries, the Estonian Youth Work Centre and the umbrella organisations in the youth field.

Our members take part in the work of various working groups, committees, councils and round tables to develop youth work at the local, regional and country level, as well as stand for the acknowledgement and recognition of the youth worker profession.

The Association offers inspiring trainings, seminars and conferences for its members. We have a lively mailing list and a Facebook page to keep the members always up to date and well-informed about the new developments in the sector.



International activities

EAYW works together with other associations, state agencies, private companies and individuals both in Estonia and abroad. Several international projects are ongoing, recently the Association hosted a study visit to Estonia for a group of youth workers from Island. EAYW is a partner of the DCI of Youth Work project together with UK, France, Italy and Finland. There is a Youth Work e-Learning partnership going on with partners from Australia, Ireland and Finland. The Association have hosted interns from Germany and organized a training program with colleagues from Malta, Ireland and UK etc.

EAYW is active in European Network Contact-2103 recognized by the European Commission (www.contact-2103.org).