EUROPEAN CONFERENCE
Regaining Europe – The Role of Youth Work in Supporting European Cohesion

Migration

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homo migratus
Time and space: the temporal and the spatial
Macro – Meso - Micro

The multifaceted person
age, race, gender...

Structure ↔ agency

HR abuses, conflict, persecution, poverty, environ. deg.
Neoliberalism, global inequality
Colonialism & Racism
Nation, Sovereignty, citizenship Rights, and the ‘right to rights’
Globalization, transnational networks, social media
Nationalism, Borders (securitization) and identity

Macro – Meso – Micro
• Forced migration
• Globalization
• Containment
• National Security/Human Security?
• Solidarity?
• Agency, resilience, resistance and vulnerability
• Youth work?
• Dialogue
• Political action – human rights
• Service provision
• Citizenship, nationalism, democracy and human rights
• What are you doing?
• What should you be doing?
• What would you like to do?
• What do you need?
Containment – political crisis?

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Migrants and refugees suffer unimaginable horrors during their transit through and stay in Libya. From the moment they step onto Libyan soil, they become vulnerable to unlawful killings, torture and other ill-treatment, arbitrary detention and unlawful deprivation of liberty, rape and other forms of sexual and gender-based violence, slavery and forced labour, extortion and exploitation by both State and non-State actors.

Deadly crossings - containment
National security/human security
Warehousing: solidarity?
resistance and agency in a globalized world
The missing
Capacity Building, Support and Networking
STOP RACISM
• Populist politics
• Democracy
• Human rights and the right to rights
• Citizenship
NO WAY

"YOU WILL NOT MAKE EUROPE HOME!"
Who are ‘we’? What do we stand for?
For as long as we have inhabited this planet, we have migrated. It is something human beings do. For love, adventure, new opportunities, employment, and survival, human beings have migrated, and we will continue to do so – regardless of walls or fences, the human spirit fights to survive.
The past two decades have witnessed scenes of human strength, resilience and tragedy. Thousands upon thousands of refugees and migrants, predominantly young people, have risked their lives in their attempt to reach safety and security, in the hope of a better tomorrow.

The European Union has responded by making it increasingly difficult and dangerous to make the crossing – policies that are fuelled by populist politics and the rhetoric of the far right.
• The emphasis on strong borders is putting lives at risk, forcing young people in to ever-more precarious experiences, violating human rights and creating bigger divides and inequalities within and across our societies.

• Paradoxically, the emphasis on national security is producing human insecurity.
• How does this relate to your day to day context? experiences? Work? What is the role of youth work within this evolving context?

• What is the role of advocacy in youth work, transectoral engagement, relationships, nonformal education and informal learning, fun, critical dialogue, political mobilization, and new spaces for learning and evolving as youth workers.
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