

## UNITED NATIONS NEWS



### UN Releases 2011 World Youth Report

This year's focus was on the transition from education and training to the labour market.

The report found that young people are most worried about the lack of job opportunities, insufficient government investment, and the quality and relevance of their education. They feel that some higher education is "overly theoretical" rather than giving them practical skills that are vital to getting hired in the work force. Young people also often feel that they are the last to be hired, and the first to be dismissed creating many instabilities in the workplace.

The report can be downloaded at this address:

<http://unworldyouthreport.org/>

## COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS



Council of Europe Strategy  
for the Rights of the Child 2012-2015

### Council of Europe proposes four-year plan for children's rights

The Council of Europe today adopted a new strategy to implement fundamental standards to protect and promote children's rights.

- The strategy will focus on four main objectives: promoting child-friendly services and systems (in the areas of justice, health and social services);
- eliminating all forms of violence against children (including sexual violence, trafficking, corporal punishment and violence in schools);
- guaranteeing the rights of children in vulnerable situations (such as those with disabilities, in detention, in alternative care, migrant or Roma children)
- promoting child participation.

For more information: [www.coe.int/children](http://www.coe.int/children)



### ONE in FIVE: Council of Europe Campaign to stop sexual violence against children

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities is contributing to the Council of Europe's One in Five Campaign, which sets out to promote the Lanzarote

Convention, the main legal instrument on the subject. The Campaign also seeks to make all those concerned – including the children themselves – more aware of the gravity of this form of violence and of what can be done to prevent it.

The Congress is responsible for the local and regional dimensions of the Campaign, which reflects its 2009 resolution on preventing violence against children. The aim, first and foremost, is to encourage local and regional authorities to establish appropriate multidisciplinary bodies and mechanisms and to promote a more child-friendly culture.

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION NEWS



### The Structured Dialogue on youth participation in democratic life

Split into two levels, the new European page provides links to the latest political outcomes of the process, whereas national level pages allow young people and stakeholders to access their countries' consultation reports and to contact their National Working Groups.

Now in its second 18-month cycle, the structured dialogue is a space for young people and policy makers to discuss and feed into EU youth policy at both national and European levels together. The overall priority of the current cycle is youth participation in democratic life, with the Danish Presidency currently focusing on aspects of creativity and innovation in this area.

[http://europa.eu/youth/active\\_citizenship/structured\\_dialogue/index\\_eu\\_en.html](http://europa.eu/youth/active_citizenship/structured_dialogue/index_eu_en.html)

## COMPETITIONS



### Call for articles: Inclusion of young people marginalised by early school leaving and unemployment

The Foundation P&V (<http://www.fondationpv.be/>) has launched a far-reaching project that aims to bring together the most recent and relevant scientific knowledge on the inclusion of young people marginalised by early school leaving and unemployment.

The deadline for submitting articles is **30th of June 2012**. Further information and the detailed call for articles here: [http://www.fondationpv.be/fileadmin/templates/main/pdf/youngPeople/youngPeopleMarginalised\\_call.pdf](http://www.fondationpv.be/fileadmin/templates/main/pdf/youngPeople/youngPeopleMarginalised_call.pdf)