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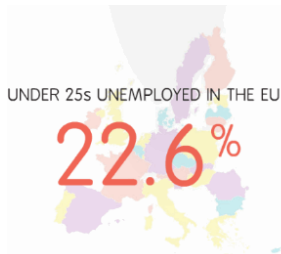


UNICEF and the Council of Europe join forces to stop sexual violence against children

According to available estimates, about 20% of children are victims of some form of sexual violence. The Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse contains a detailed catalogue of measures that governments should take to prevent sexual violence, to protect the children and to end with the impunity of the criminals.

UNICEF has therefore decided to join the Council of Europe in the promotion of these measures in Europe and Central Asia. In addition to the promotion of the necessary changes in legislation and data collection, it is foreseen to invest in the dissemination of awareness raising material so that children, their parents and professionals working with them can better prevent, identify and report sexual violence. The Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign to stop sexual violence against children is being promoted in 17 countries.

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A Guarantee against Youth Unemployment

The current youth unemployment situation in Europe has proved to be complex and has presented significant challenges. The European Youth Forum believes that all young people have a right to quality, stable employment and urges European governments and social partners to commit to investing in young people by introducing youth guarantees. With the Guarantee against Youth Unemployment the European Youth Forum has established the core principles behind a youth guarantee and established what will work and what will not work for young people. Read the full publication at

http://issuu.com/yomag/docs/youth_guarantee

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Symposium on Youth Policy Cooperation in South East Europe: focus on recognition of youth work & non-formal learning

1-3 October 2012, Albania

This Symposium aims to continue the reflection and exchange on youth policy cooperation in the region and – more specifically – to place the topic of recognition of non-formal learning/education and of youth work on the political agenda of the countries of the South East Europe region.

The event is organised by the European Commission and Council of Europe through their partnership in the field of youth (EU-CoE youth partnership) and in cooperation with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Sport of Albania; SALTO SEE RC, SALTO Training and Cooperation RC, SALTO EECA and Interkulturelles Zentrum - Austrian National Agency for the YiA Programme.

Deadline: 15th July at 23:59pm CET.

For more details on the event please check the [call for participants](#)

For registering use the [on-line application form](#)



ICD Young Leaders' Conferences - Summer Sessions

The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy announces upcoming Young Leaders Programs hosted by the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy.

The ICD Young Leaders Forums are international networks of like-minded young individuals with an interest in developing, supporting and sustaining intercultural relations.

More information here: www.culturaldiplomacy.org



International UNITED Conference in Finland "Wake Up Europe: It's Time to Act! Creative approaches to tackle discrimination"

12-17 November 2012, in Finland

All across Europe political groups and subcultures that feed off racist ideologies are on the move, penetrating mainstream politics with devastating consequences for the minorities targeted.

The impact of racism and discrimination on our societies today is severe: it affects all of us in various ways - whether we are its subjects or objects - making social cohesion impossible and paving the way for conflict.

On the background of these examples and many others, UNITED is organising this upcoming international conference to be held in Finland.

Organisations interested in nominating a delegate should send their nomination before the deadline: 19 September 2012 - 24:00 to finland@unitedagainstracism.org