

Action plans of the youth committees 2018 2022

On May 4-5 During its first full face to face meeting in Athens, the EDF Youth Committee co-hosted and organised by the NCDP in Greece, examined the proposed activities for the next four years linked to the issues of youth and decided for an action plan, here described, to be approved by the EDF Executive Committee and adopted by the EDF Board. The board has already received a communication where most of the actions have been presented but extra points have been added taking into account the evolving policies at European Level or the funding of new programmes for young people such as the Discover EU Initiative. The Committee wants to make sure that all youth programmes respect the principal of equality and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) which they adopted to leave no one behind and include young people with disabilities.

The Committee certainly shares the values of EDF in general, but identified also its own five core values which will guide its work and are reflected in the proposed actions. These are: **equality, cooperation, transparency, democracy and participation.**

The Youth Committee has an ambitious plan for the coming years: to strengthen the voice of youth in EDF, to raise the voice of youth with disabilities involved in the youth movement across Europe and to build the capacity for the next generation of youth leaders with disabilities.

The Committee decided to set up priority (but not exclusive) themes for every year of its mandate. For these themes, the Committee with the support of EDF will try to do things such as exhibitions, surveys, reports, conferences/workshops etc. These priority themes will be:

- 2018- Education and Erasmus
- 2019- Employment
- 2020- Freedom of Movement
- 2021- Housing and Independent Living

These themes align well with EDF's strategic framework and plan. The action plan below does not include all the activities or advocacy actions contained in the four year EDF working plan, which was adopted by the board and General Assembly. It includes the activities that need more resources than planned, and actions that are not included in the plan but suit the objectives of EDF's strategic framework.

Action Plan:

The youth committee would like to propose the following concrete actions for the following four years

- The development of a youth Manifesto in EDF to be adopted in the beginning of 2019 (you will all be consulted on this in the framework of Board meetings)
- Capacity building including online trainings run by the EDF secretariat in important issues like the SDGs, the CRPD, the semester and other topics/areas of EDF work, so the Youth Committee understands them and be able to contribute when needed. Some of the trainings given in webinar form may be accessible for other youth groups committees from the EDF membership.
- An EDF newsletter - Disability Voice, to mark international youth day on August 12, focusing on youth (every year).
- Follow up of the new Discover EU programme: Develop a guide for travelling in the EU when you are young and disabled; gather stories from users and report to the commission and make recommendations.
- Join the Inclusive Disability Alliance and provide this with expertise (the setup of this alliance is a 6 month Erasmus+ Project coordinated by our partner Erasmus Students Network)
- The planning of a conference with EDF on youth employment, planned if possible with the Romanian presidency in spring 2019.
- A training for the EDF AGA in 2019 on youth issues.
- A hearing in collaboration with the European and Economic Social Committee (EESC) on one of the main topics chosen, depending on the year when this event will take place.
- Long term plan to mobilise resources towards an EDF Youth conference
- After a successful Skype discussion with Ville Majamaa from the European Youth Forum board, and the support later by the EDF President, it was decided for EDF to join the European Youth Forum in order to be more formally involved in the youth movement. In addition to help influence their work on youth with disabilities and to bring the perspective of youth with disabilities in the case a Convention on Youth Rights were to be adopted.
- Increase the involvement of the youth committee within EDF's work; to officially request to have (at least) two different Youth Committee members in EDF board meetings and AGAs (the chairperson and one rotating member, so all get experience and learn EDF

better). This can happen in many ways, like for example with having contributions in this the agenda on issues important for youth.

- Continuously updating the mapping of youth groups committee within the EDF membership that the Youth Committee will make sure that no one will be left behind. As not all disabilities are represented in the Committee, its members will do their best to include their interests and voice.
- The Youth committee decided the specific areas each Committee member wants to work and be expert. EDF staff and board in the future should reach directly the responsible Committee person to the member following the area of expertise needed as appointed:
 - Communication Dominique Erika (for visual)
 - Freedom of Movement Mathieu Francesca
 - Independent living Kamil
 - Employment Francesca Danny
 - Inclusive Education Danny Sigridur
 - International Cooperation Dominique
 - SDGs Sigridur
 - Social Security Mathieu
 - UN-CRPD Mathieu Danny Francesca
 - Cross disability Kamil Sigridur
 - Youth Mobility Francesca Danny & Kamil
 - EU Citizenship Mathieu
 - Arts & Culture Erika

The youth committee will use all opportunities to ensure that the voice of young people with disabilities is taken into account and thus other actions may result from. Should this be the case this will be brought on the Agenda of the Executive Committee or Board depending on the resources needed and advise of the EDF secretariat.

The fulfilling of these actions are done mostly virtually, but a yearly meeting ensures the good follow up and planning of the actions. Thus, the Youth Committee call onto all EDF members to consider hosting EDF youth committee meetings in the future or joining hands with its youth members in the activities the committee has planned to do. The members of the youth committee are looking forward to being an integral part of EDF.

The members of the youth committee are as follows:

Kamil GOUNGOR- ENIL/NCDP

Victor REHN- EFHOH- European Federation of Hard of Hearing
Dominique DE MARN• Mental Health Europe
Matthieu CHATELIN- Cerebral Palsy European Communities' Association
Sigríður FOSSBERG THORLACIUS- OBI- Icelandic National Council (OBI)
Francesca SBIANCHI- Italian Disability Forum
Erika BECERRA-Autism Europe
Danny CANAL- EUD- European Union of the Deaf

Annexe: Youth Committee areas of interest (up to 5)

For the website

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- Dominique:
 - Mental Health
 - Communication (esp. Social Media)
 - Travel
 - International Cooperations

 - Matthieu:
 - Freedom of movement
 - Social security coordination with regards to point 1.
 - EU citizenship

- UN-CRPD
- Danny:
 - Mobility
 - Inclusive education
 - UN-CRPD
 - Employment
 - Sign-language
- Francesca:
 - Erasmus + and youth mobility
 - Accessible tourism
 - Employment
 - Freedom of movement
 - UNCRPD
- Sigridur:
 - Education
 - Employment
 - Democracy
 - Sustainability
 - Intersectionality
- Erika:
 - Art, Graphic and Design
 - Advocacy policy officer
 - Community worker
- Kamil:
 - Independent Living
 - Inclusion
 - Youth mobility
 - Cross disability
 - Traveling

