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CONFERENCE

**YOUNG PEOPLE:
PARTNERS IN PREVENTING VIOLENCE**

ROOM 8, PALAIS DE L'EUROPE
COUNCIL OF EUROPE
STRASBOURG, FRANCE
7-8 JUNE 2004

PROGRAMME

Organised by the Council of Europe under the framework of the
Integrated project "Responses to violence in everyday life in a democratic society"

1. Why young people and violence?

Violence is a serious issue in the lives of most young people, and various types of violence inflict crushing damage on their well-being, integrity and life possibilities. In Europe today, many young people are acting to alter this 'existing state of affairs' by placing violence prevention at the heart of human rights advocacy. Instead of viewing themselves as either natural perpetrators of violence in need of correction or maturation, or as helpless victims in need of protection, they emphasise the key role that young people can and do play as protagonists of violence prevention. Tackling the consequences and causes of violence against, committed by and experienced by young people can only be achieved with their active participation and consultation, and through the involvement of young people and civil society at large.

Questions related to young people and violence have been given particular prominence in the work undertaken by the Council of Europe under the framework of the Integrated project "Responses to violence in everyday life in a democratic society" (2002-2004). A series of seminars, workshops, training courses and other activities involving participants from all over Europe and beyond has acted as fora for young people and those that work with them to exchange their experiences of violence, and of working to prevent it. The results of this work have been summarised by Gavan Titley in *Youth Policy Recommendations on Violence and Young People* which serves as the background document for the conference.

Now it is time to push this agenda for action a step further. It is the moment to find space and a serious role for young people in partnerships for violence prevention at all levels. Through its plenary presentations and workshops the Conference *Young people: partners in preventing violence* will demonstrate how new alliances are forged and doors of decision-making opened to put young people at the heart of violence prevention efforts in Europe.

2. Date and place of the Conference

The Conference will be held on 7 and 8 June 2004 in Room 8 at the Palais de l'Europe, Council of Europe, avenue de l'Europe, Strasbourg, France.

3. Aims of the conference

The conference will:

- debate and prepare recommendations about youth participation in different partnerships for the prevention of violence;
- explore key elements for effective and sustainable efforts to prevent violence.

The conclusions of the Conference will be incorporated into the revised *Youth Policy Recommendations on Violence and Young People* which will be presented to the European Steering Committee for Youth and a Ministerial Conference "Human dignity and social cohesion: youth policy response to violence" to be held in Budapest, Hungary, in September 2005. They will also be taken into account in the

final report of the Integrated project which will be submitted to a final conference and an *ad hoc* Conference of Ministers in autumn 2004.

4. Organisers

The following Council of Europe bodies and departments have participated in the organisation of the Conference:

- Directorate of Youth and Sport (DG IV)
- Directorate of School, Out-of-School and Higher Education (DG IV)
- Equality Division (DG II)
- Social Policy Department (DG III)
- Congress of Local and Regional Authorities in Europe
- Parliamentary Assembly
- Secretariat of the Integrated project 2.

5. Languages

Simultaneous interpretation in English and French.

6. Participants and registration

The conference is aimed at young people, local and national decision-makers, educators, sports people, police officers, NGO representatives and other people and partners involved in violence prevention. The number of participants is limited to 80 people.

Please send your registration form (enclosed as an appendix) to the contact person below. The Council of Europe will be able to reimburse the travelling and accommodation costs of most participants (the official invitation letter confirming participation will also specify issues related to reimbursement).

Information about accommodation in Strasbourg can be found at the Strasbourg Tourism website: www.strasbourg.com

7. Contact person

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Monday, 7 June 2004

Chair during the first day:

Ms Beàta PETES, Vice-Chair, European Steering Committee for Youth

8:30 Registration

9:30 Opening addresses

Ms Maud DE BOER-BUQUICCHIO, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Lord RUSSELL-JOHNSTON, Chair of the Sub-Committee on youth and sport, Committee on Culture, Science and Education, Parliamentary Assembly

Mr Pierre CORNELOUP, Representative of the Chamber of Local Authorities, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities in Europe

10:00 Setting the scene

Violence and young people: victims, perpetrators and structural causes of violence
Prof. Frédéric LAPEYRE, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium

Discussion

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 Keynote

Young people as partners in preventing violence

Mr Ronni ABERGEL, European Youth Against Violence Network and Danish Crime Prevention Council

Discussion

12:15 Introduction to the afternoon's workshops

Facilitators and rapporteurs of the afternoon's workshops

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Afternoon workshops

Partnerships for violence prevention: young people as partners against violence

The workshops will discuss the actual and potential role of young people in partnerships for the prevention of violence in different contexts in the light of selected case studies. Each workshop should come up with a few recommendations for facilitating youth participation in each partnership context and identify some elements for the added value young people can bring into the partnership.

Workshop 1 (Room 8): Urban violence and violence during sports events

Forms of partnership: local violence/crime prevention councils, projects for violence prevention in particular neighbourhoods, projects and procedures to prevent violence at stadiums, other sports facilities and their surroundings.

Issues: youth representation and consultation, CLRAE Charters on youth participation and crime prevention, youth NGOs, role of fan clubs, consultation and awareness raising of young sport spectators.

Facilitator: Ronni ABERGEL

Rapporteur: to be confirmed

Case studies:

- Social integration of young people and violence prevention in an urban neighbourhood (Mr Paul SOTO)
- Fan Coaching in Liège, Belgium (Mr Manuel COMERON)
- Fan Project Co-ordination (KOS), Germany (Mr Thomas SCHNEIDER)

Workshop 2 (Room 10): Violence in schools

Forms of partnership: local partnerships for the prevention of violence in schools, initiatives to learn and practise democratic citizenship and the peaceful resolution of conflicts.

Issues: student participation in school governance, students as mediators, European pupils' charter for a democratic school without violence.

Facilitator and rapporteur: to be confirmed.

Case studies:

- Second opportunity school (Project Chance), Naples, Italy (Mr Marco ROSSO DORIA)
- Youth participation in violence prevention in French schools (Ms Maryvonne PETIT-LOEH)
- Youth participation in violence prevention in Swedish schools (Ms Elin LIDÉN and Mr Patrick CEDERGREN)

17:30 Close

Tuesday, 8 June 2004

Co-Chairs during the second day:

Ms Margareta WIMAN, Ministry of Education, Sweden

Mr Claude CASAGRANDE, Municipal Councilor, Etrechy, France

9:00 Plenary

Reports from Monday's workshops (Rapporteurs of Monday's workshops)

Introduction to the morning's workshops (Chairs and Rapporteurs of Tuesday's workshops)

9:45 Morning workshops

Key elements for effective and sustainable efforts to prevent violence

Through selected case studies or presentations the workshops will discuss certain elements which are central for the success of violence prevention projects and the specific contribution that the approach involving young people brings to these elements. Each workshop should come up with a few recommendations for each element from the youth perspective.

Workshop 1 (Room 8): Sustainability and evaluation of prevention projects

Issues: long-term planning and funding of prevention projects, the need to include evaluation aspects already at the planning stage, how to assess the effectiveness of projects with regard to young people and their participation in the projects.

Facilitator and rapporteur: to be confirmed.

Case studies/presentations:

- Evaluation of prevention projects and youth participation in evaluation (Mr Timo KORANDER, Council of Europe Network of Local Pilot Projects for the Prevention of Everyday Violence)
- Youth participation in the preparation and implementation of the CLRAE Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life (Mr James DOORLEY, National Youth Council of Ireland and Former Member of the Advisory Council on Youth, to be confirmed)

Workshop 2 (Room 11 – English only): Support to young victims of violence

Issues: victim at the centre of prevention policy, the consequences of victimisation and youth participation in victim support.

Facilitator and rapporteur: to be confirmed.

Case studies/presentations:

- Support centre for Young Victims of Crime, Hässelby-Vällingby, Stockholm region, Sweden (Ms Anne HELLSTRÖMER)
- Support Centre for Victims of Domestic Violence, Hungary (Ms Judit WIRTH, NANE Chairperson)

Workshop 3 (Room 10): Mediation and young people as mediators

Issues: mediators working with young people and young people as mediators for example at schools or neighbourhoods, the implication of mediation/mediators to the sustainability of projects.

Facilitator and rapporteur: to be confirmed.

Case studies/presentations:

- Movement “Ni putes ni soumises”, France (Mr. Othman EL GAHALE)
- Youth Action Northern Ireland, Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK (Mr. Martin McMULLAN)

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Plenary

Reports from the morning's workshops (Rapporteurs of Tuesday's workshops)

14:40 Conclusions and recommendations

Ms. Natalie McDONNELL, Rapporteur of the Conference

Discussion

15:20 Closing ceremony

15:30 Close of the Conference