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Young citizens on the margins

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Time frame	4 th February 2021 – 31 st December 2023
Capacity	10 persons
Description	This working group has as its objective to explore the issue of young people on the margins in relation to European Values and citizenship. This working group will review the literature and research on the situation facing young citizens that find themselves on the margins of society. The focus will be on the place in Europe of groups such as, but not limited to, migrants, minorities, at-risk-groups, and the factors that contribute to their marginalization. The working group focus can also include examples of good practices in relation to means and methods of providing opportunities for young citizens to become empowered and emerge from the margins.
Specialisation	Interdisciplinary specialisation to include education, sociology, psychology
Methodology	Topic delineation, literature review, a mixed methods approach will be adopted by the working group (and potential subgroups), to deliver the aims and objectives.
Tasks	This working group will provide resource material for teaching and research, counselors, youth groups, as well as NGO staff on topics related to young citizens on the margins of society. The members of this working group and its sub-groups will establish the identification of appropriate outputs, including the dissemination strategies to be adopted, and these will include meeting the outputs identified in the Network application.
Work plan	The WG work plan will be collectively created by its members after the groups are established.
Outputs	Examples of the type of outputs the group may include are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Publications (sample titles)<ul style="list-style-type: none">1st Factors influencing the social and political identities of young persons on the margins.2nd Young citizens on the margins and social inclusion3rd Empowerment, active citizenship and young citizens on the margins4th Who are the young citizens on the margins?5th Integrating young citizens on the margin's themes in tertiary syllabiB. A Network policy briefing paper (sample title) Young citizens on the margins and European Values: Who, What, Where and How".C. Infographics, Podcasts, Experiential Activities Toolkits – for teaching, research, and counseling staff as well as the young people themselves.
Rationale	<p>In today's complex world, there are ongoing debates involving young people, European values and citizenship. Issues revolving around young people on the margins in Europe and elsewhere have been an overarching subject of interest both in terms of research and policy (Kutsar, D., Helve, H., Niemeyer, B., & Krzaklewska, E., 2012; Huttova, J, McDonald, C. & Harper, C. 2008; Williamson H. 2007; Barry, M. 2005).</p> <p>Within these debates, issues of finding expression include diversity, inclusion, identity, and how to facilitate the engagement of all young people and especially those that find themselves living in marginalized circumstances due to a variety of reasons. Questions as to who they are, how diversity impacts their identity, access and involvement in society, why they are not part of the in-group and how they can become stakeholders are relevant to engagement and their civic empowerment.</p>

NOTES & REMARKS