

**INVITATION YOUTH CARE PLATFORM MEETING 4TH AND 5TH OF  
DECEMBER 2019 IN VENICE (IT)**

**Dear member of the Youth Care Platform,**

*Ms Christine Gaschler-Andreasch, Head of Youth Welfare in Carinthia and chair of the Youth Care Platform is pleased to invite you for the next meeting of the European Youth Care Platform.*

**Date: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2019**

**Venue: Palazzo Grandi Stazioni - Cannaregio 23, 30121 Venice**

This meeting is a joint event of the European Network of Social Authorities (ENSA), the European Projects "A Way Home" and "We Hear You", the Veneto Region and the Youth Care Platform. It is followed by a joint meeting of the ENSA Working Groups 'Child' and 'Youth and Family' **on the 5th of April**. Youth Care Platform members are invited to these meetings and all side events.

Places are limited, so we ask you to register quickly. The language of the event is English.

**[Registration for all meetings](#)**

*(Registration is free of charge)*

**PROGRAM**

**Youth Care Platform meeting 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 (8:45 – 16:30)**

The main topic of this meeting "AFTER CARE STRATEGIES IN THE YOUTH CARE SECTOR " was decided earlier in the [workplan 2018 – 2020](#). The theme is described as follows:

*"Meeting in cooperation with the 'A Way Home project' (the Youth Care Platform acts as the advisory board of this project).*

*Presentations by the work package leaders and partners in the project on the 'after care protocol', a toolbox for after care guidance, training for after care workers, the 'A Way Home approach' (structural local approach to tackle youth homelessness).*

*Feedback and input from local experiences of the Youth Care Platform (Are there regions already working with a formal after care strategy and 'predefined' after care plans and case management: how does the plan look like in the different regions? At which age starts the plan? How 'formal' is the aftercare strategy? What 'tools' and programs are used / do exist in the aftercare work? How to have enough attention for empowerment and talents of the youngster? How to bring it into action and monitor the follow-up of the plan?*

*Other (semi-)social institutions on employment, housing, social insurance, guidance, budgeting play an important role in the social inclusion of young care leavers, but they are not always open and adapted to the needs of the target group (and they mostly do not fall under the jurisdiction of social authorities). How to tackle this major barrier for social inclusion of our target group?"*

In 3 workshops the actual findings and experimentations of the 'A Way Home' project will be presented and discussed:

1. Young Care Leavers and their experiences with care
2. The preparation of youth care leaving: what can youth care workers do?
3. How to launch A Way Home local coalition in your city?

2 workshops are provided by the 'We hear you' project:

1. Helping practitioners to enhance young people's democratic participation
2. Promoting Democratic Dialogue and civic participation.

See the program hereby for a detailed agenda and a short description of all workshops.

*It is obvious that the presented workshops are of most importance and relevance for all policy actors in the youth care and youth homeless sectors!*

**ENSA Working Groups 'Child' and 'Youth and Family' 5th of April (8:45 – 14:00)**

*See the invitation and the detailed program in annex.*

*We hereby invite you to start preparing your trip to Venice (see a list of proposed hotels hereby).*

Looking forwards to meet you there,

On behalf of Christine Gaschler-Andreasch,  
Chair of the Youth Care Platform

Jos Sterckx  
Secretariat of the Youth Care Platform

## COMMENTS

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