



CALL
*Church Action on
Labour and Life*

EUROPEAN CHRISTIAN
EMPLOYMENT AND
ECONOMY NETWORK

Youth employment in Europe – a challenge for the Churches?

Draft programme

24th to 26th March 2014
Chant d'Oiseau, Brussels, Belgium

Monday, 24.03.14

14.00h Registration

15.00h Welcome, opening prayer

CALL – Church Action on Labour and Life: information and presentation

15.30h **Input I: Reality of young people in Europe – testimonies from different European countries**

Exchange and discussion

16.45h Coffee/tea

17.00h **Input II: Causes and consequences of youth unemployment – Experiences of youth and social workers**

Exchange and discussion

- Jim Davis MBE, Good Childhood Advisor, Communications and Policy Directorate, The Children's Society, United Kingdom
- Marie Jüptner Medková, Youth Pastor of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren, Prague, Czech Republic
- Mirco Trielli, Cooperativa Sociale Zefiro, Lucca, Italy

19.00h Dinner

Evening social programme

Tuesday, 25.03.14

08.00h Breakfast

08.30h Bus transfer to the European Parliament

09.00h Registration at the EP

09.30h **Input III: EU policy on youth unemployment – a panel discussion**

- Jürgen Klute, Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left, MEP
- Sari Essayah, European People's Party, MEP
- Max Uebe, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion, European Commission;
- Jure Stajnbaher, Board member of the European Youth Forum;

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10.45h Break

11.00h **Existing solutions: Presentation of projects of churches and church related organisations**

- Laura Nitti, Advocating for the right to work, A project of Protestant congregations in Rome, Italy;
- Ole Meldgaard, Kofoeds Skole, Denmark;
- Debbie Garden, One in a million, Tackling Youth Unemployment, Frontier Youth Trust, Mission with young people at risk, United Kingdom;
- Ulrich Hirsch, Young unemployment people in Romania, German-Romanian cooperation project, Gustav-Adolf-Werk, Germany.

12.30h Bus transfer back to Chant d'Oiseau – lunch

14.30h **Existing solutions – In-depth views behind the scene
Exchange about implementation of projects**

Open space method:

- I. Why and how to start a project on youth employment;
- II. Methodology concerning programmes, projects and partners;
- III. How to finance a project – opportunities of the EU Youth Guarantee;
- IV. Challenges and difficulties of a project on youth employment.

16.00h Coffee/Tea

16.30h **Perspectives into the future – How to address youth employment at home and in Europe**

World café:

- Demands towards policy;
- Pro's and Con's about European networking on youth employment;
- Ideas on practical projects – What I take with me from this conference;
- Demands towards the churches.

18.00h Evening Prayer (until 18.15h)

19.00h Dinner

Free evening

Wednesday, 26.03.13

08.00h Breakfast

09.00h Morning Prayer

09.15h **Concluding the conference – next steps**

Working groups on the results of the World Café

10.30h Coffee/Tea

11.00h **Concluding the conference – next steps**

Presentation of Conclusions and feedback

12.30h Lunch