

YES FORUM 2019 ANNUAL EVENT

GENERAL ASSEMBLY & PROMISE FINAL CONFERENCE

8-9 APRIL, MANCHESTER

It is now a tradition: New year, New location!

In 2019, YES Forum's **Annual Event** will be organized from **8th April (11:30) to 9th April (16:00) in Manchester**, in collaboration with the University of Manchester.

Join us to contribute to YES Forum's continuous development, learn more about PROMISE's conclusions and build a stronger link between the youth and research fields!

The Annual Event will include:

YES Forum's 2019 General Assembly

On 8 April, YES Forum members and partners will review the latest network activities, the progress made towards achieving our Strategy 2020, welcome new member organisations... and last but not least: elect a new Board for the next two years!

PROMISE Final Conference, "Young People and Social Change: Action, Reaction and Inaction"

On both 8 and 9 April, the University of Manchester, YES Forum and their academic partners will present the results of the H2020 research project PROMISE (www.promise.manchester.ac.uk), which explores how young people in 'conflict' with society are nevertheless engaged and present opportunities for positive social change across Europe.

Field Visit

In the morning of 10 April (9:30 – 11:30) you will have the opportunity to visit organisations such as the Together Trust and Inclusion Network working locally with disadvantaged youth.

PARTICIPANTS

As usual, the event is open to both **practitioners and young people!**

All **YES Forum EEIG and Associate Members** are invited, and **non-member organisations** are also welcome to this perfect opportunity to discover the YES Forum's and its members' work.

Moreover, the PROMISE Final Conference will include a **Poster Session**: all participants are invited to contribute with their own poster, presenting how their organization involves young people, especially conflicted youth, and showing ways of alternative participation in society.

PARTICIPATING CONDITIONS

Travel:

- All participants are responsible for their **travel**.
- YES Forum EEIG Members whose participation would create a significant financial burden for the organisation can apply for a Solidarity Contribution by contacting the YES Forum secretariat.

Financial Conditions:

- For **EEIG members**, accommodation for 1 night and catering during the whole event will be covered by the YES Forum for one participant.
- A participation fee will apply to **Associate members (150€)** and **Guest organisations (190€)**, covering accommodation for 1 night and catering for one participant as well.

Participation fees and additional nights will be paid in advance. If you cancel less than 14 days before the start of your stay, you will be charged for all the nights you reserved.

REGISTRATIONS

The detailed Programme and all useful information will be sent in the next weeks. **To register, please use the Eventbrite- tool and follow the green button “Register” by 28th February:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/h2020promise-young-people-and-social-change-action-reaction-and-inaction-tickets-53261628966?err=29> . If you have any question, do not hesitate to contact diana.neugebauer@yes-forum.eu.

Looking forward to meeting you,

The YES Forum Secretariat



Draft Programme
Venue: Schuster Building, University of Manchester, M13 9PL

Monday, 8th April

12.00-13.00	Registration & light lunch	
13.00-13.45	Welcome and opening A visual story of the project	
13.45-15.15	Setting the context of PROMISE Alternative, imaginative and innovative participation. <i>Speeches and discussions.</i>	Young people's programme (YES Forum & IL TAPPETO DI IQBAL) Ever wanted to try juggling? Always wanted to design your ideal youth-friendly city? Join our workshops!
15.15-15.45	<i>Break with refreshments</i>	
15.45-17.15	Youth-quakes? Desires, needs and actions <i>Discussion of cluster analysis findings. Presentations and panel discussion.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth 'at risk'. • Politics and culture. • Economy and leisure spaces. • Gender and sexuality. 	
18.30	Walking tour of Manchester	
20.00	<i>Dinner</i>	

Tuesday, 9th April

09.00-09.30	Registration & light lunch	
09.30-09.50	Introduction to the day: Trusting all youth to build a better Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message from MEP – Young people in Europe • Video of project 	
9.50-10.45	Panel discussion on key findings and implication for practice and policy Organised around four main recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise diverse life paths of young people • Enhance the recognition and support of youth-led initiatives • Promote support structures for young people • Create safe (urban) spaces for youth 	
10.45-11.15	<i>Break with refreshments</i>	
11.15-12.45	SPOTLIGHT ON... Eclectic performances and presentations from the youth groups at the heart of PROMISE	
12.45-13.45	Lunch break	
13.45-15.00	Moving towards alternative participation: From discussion to games to direct action Parallel workshops for policy makers, professionals, youth groups and academics	
14.45-15.15	Moving towards alternative participation: Summary and conclusions	
15.15-15.30	PROMISE legacy - future work and ongoing impact	
15.30-16.00	A final celebration Performance by <i>Virtual Migrants</i> and afternoon tea.	

Wednesday, 10th April - for those who are interested:

09.30-11.30	Field visits – insights into realities of youth
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With speakers and performers from youth groups, research, policy and practice joining the PROMISE team.



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