

# YOUNG PEOPLE AND SOCIAL CHANGE:

## ACTION REACTION AND INACTION



## Final Conference 8 – 9 April 2019 University of Manchester

### The PROMISE Project

The Horizon 2020 project PROMISE (**P**romoting Youth Involvement and **S**ocial Engagement) is a major EU funded youth research project coordinated by the University of Manchester.

The project brings together 12 European research institutes with complementary expertise.

PROMISE explores young people's role in shaping society by focusing on the different ways they engage with social, environmental and political issues, and how they present opportunities for social change.

PROMISE researchers conducted fieldwork, across Europe, in participation with young people 'in conflict' with authority.

### Invitation to the final conference

We would like to invite you to the project's final conference presenting results of the mixed methods research approach. The meeting will give a platform for researchers, young people, practitioners, policy and decision makers, and create room for reflective discussion about key messages from the project.

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Or visit our webpage for the link to register:

<http://www.promise.manchester.ac.uk>



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# PROMISE Final Conference – Draft Programme\*

With speakers & performers from youth groups, research, policy & practice joining the PROMISE team.

Venue: Schuster Building, Brunswick Street, University of Manchester, M13 9PL

## Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019

12.00-13.00	Registration & light lunch	
13.00-13.45	<b>Welcome and opening</b> A visual story of the project	
13.45-15.15	<b>Setting the context of PROMISE</b> Alternative, imaginative and innovative participation. <i>Speeches &amp; discussions</i>	<b>Alternative Workshops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ever wanted to try juggling?</li> <li>• Always wanted to design your ideal youth-friendly city?</li> </ul> Join our workshop run by <i>Il Tappeto di Iqbal</i> (Italy) & YES Forum!
15.15-15.45	<i>Break with refreshments</i>	
15.45-17.15	<b>Youth-quakes? Desires, needs and actions!</b> <i>Presentations and panel discussion of cluster analysis findings.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth 'at risk'</li> <li>• Politics and culture</li> <li>• Economy and leisure spaces</li> <li>• Gender and sexuality</li> </ul>	
18.30	Walking tour of Manchester ( <i>pre-registration required</i> )	
20.00	<i>Dinner (pre-registration required)</i>	

## Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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

## Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April - for those who are interested:

09.30-11.30	Field visits – insights into realities of youth
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\*For full list of speakers, discussants & performers, and room numbers please see final programme when available on the project's webpage.