

User guide – what is in the Changemakers Kit

The Changemakers Kit offers a lot of possibilities and can be used in many different ways. Depending on who you are (young person, youth worker or a politician), on where you are (in a rural area or a city) and on how youth work is provided (by NGOs or municipal staff) you might want to use this kit in different ways.

It can be used:

- As an agenda for the development of local youth work, discussing aims, means and methods;
- As an advocacy tool for youth work, providing arguments for, and examples of good practices;
- As a basis for planning a study visit or a common project within the EGL community;
- ...

The Changemakers Kit follows the structure of the European Charter on Local Youth Work and consists of five sections:

- *The core principles*
- *Youth work policy*
- *Organisation and practice*
- *The youth worker*
- *Quality development.*

Each section starts with a short video-introduction, giving some background and context. You can also read the text if you prefer. Then follows the bullet points from the Charter.

When you click on the various bullet points you will find:

- A short introduction;
- Links to reference documents (these can also be found in the Library);
- Guiding questions that will help you to have a constructive dialogue. The purpose of these questions is to create a common understanding of the current state of play and what steps that might be needed to move forward. They should be seen as starting points for discussion and not as a comprehensive set. First come some general questions that are the same for all bullet points, then come some more specific ones;
- An on-spot self-assessment tool that helps you to see how your youth work matches the Charter. The assessment can be done in relation to the overall impression of your youth work or in relation to one or more of the guiding questions. When having assessed all the bullet points in one section you will get a spider chart with your results on the Personal page;
- Examples of tools and good practices. These tools and practices have been gathered in order for you to be inspired and not having to re-invent the wheel, but to build on the knowledge and progress already made.
- A future steps section where you will find some more guiding questions and the possibility to make notes.

OBS! To be able to save your self-assessment and your notes from the future step section, you need to create an account and log in. You will find your saved assessments and notes on your Personal page.

You can of course use these measures in any order. Someone might want to start with an on-spot assessment, while others would discuss first the guiding questions, yet one would choose to be inspired by a good practice. You can read more about how to use the Changemakers Kit under What's in it for you, and how to get going.

Have a nice process! Go for change!

