

## Effective youth policies for active youngsters

- **What is youth policy?**

Youth policy is a strategy implemented by public authorities with a view to providing young people with opportunities and experiences that support their successful integration into society and enable them to be active and responsible members of their societies, as well as agents of change.

Youth policy as a special field of policy is designed to improve young people's living conditions and opportunities as well as to support their equal possibilities to participate in economic, social and political life.

The purpose of youth policy is to create conditions for learning, opportunity and experience, which enable young people to develop knowledge, skills and competences.

This allows young people to be actors of democracy, integrate into society and, in particular, play an active role in both civil society and the labor market.

To empower young people to achieve their full potential and prosper in today's society, we need quality youth policy.

Youth policy should aim to fulfil the rights of all young people regardless of their background, to provide support, resources and opportunities in all areas of their lives.

Young voices are key to ensuring this becomes a reality and it is crucial that young people and youth organizations are involved at all stages of policy-making - from problem identification to, development, implementation and evaluation of policies.

In Lisbon 12 August 1998, youth ministers and representatives of 146 States committed their governments to placing national youth policy formulation, implementation, follow-up processes and funding at the highest political levels.

Link to Lisbon Declaration on Youth Policies and Programmes: [https://www.youthpolicy.org/library/wp-content/uploads/library/1998\\_Lisbon\\_Declaration\\_Eng.pdf](https://www.youthpolicy.org/library/wp-content/uploads/library/1998_Lisbon_Declaration_Eng.pdf)