

IFS Europe Workshop Descriptions

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Organizational Speed Dating Surprise and Organizational Match Making:

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These morning sessions will give you the chance to learn more about your IFS colleagues and their work through participation in a variety of small and larger group activities.

Showcasing Youth Programs from the United Kingdom, Sweden and Russia

Presenters: Maria Stephens, (Toynbee Hall) Staffan Lindqvist, (Fritidsforum) and Help to Youth and Families (panel discussion)

Aspire Project at Toynbee Hall

In its third year, the Aspire Project aims to engage young people who are 'overlooked' at school, and are 'excluded within education not from education', to enable them to enjoy, achieve, participation, and make positive contributions within and outside of school. The project focuses on citizenship, arts and outdoor activities. Young people increase their confidence, aspirations, self esteem and self worth and gain opportunities to develop interpersonal and organizational skills through a variety of self-directed projects. A goal of the Aspire Project is to better educate, and increase the sectors understanding of the needs of 'overlooked' young people within school systems, resulting in policy changes that will further support the aspirations of school-aged youth.

Youth and Democracy in Youth Centers

This project focuses on the important connections between democracy and empowerment and the bridge between power and responsibility. Using both an ideological framework and practical methods (circular communications techniques), learn how Fritidsforum youth staff integrate lessons on democracy into daily club life.

Thriving in Modern Times: Clear Messages and Strong Communication

Presenters: Rosalind Goodrich, (bassac) and Tiia Sammallahtie, (Finnish Federation)

This workshop will examine how organizations and federations are perceived by the external world. What do we stand for and how do we want to be perceived? What does our visual identity say about our organizations? Whether it is for fundraising purposes or to increase the number of volunteers, this interactive workshop will provide practical tools on how to strengthen our messages. (This workshop will be repeated)

The Role of the Social Animator: Internal or External Change Agent

Presenters: Pawel Jordan and Bohdan Skrzypczak (CAL Association) and Paul Vlaar (Movisie)

The social animator serves as a community change agent, initiator, leader, motivator, policy-maker and even warrior! Come and participate in a discussion about the various roles and dilemmas this important position can hold in mobilizing the community.

