

## AGENDA

### **“Supporting Long-term Outcomes with Youth Work” (SLOW Youth Work)**

In cooperation with LJP (National Youth Council of Latvia)

**10 June, 2022 Rīga, Latvia**

Event venue: Kaņieris, Kaņiera street 15, Rīga

More information on the project: <http://slowyouthwork.org/>

#### **11:00-13:00 Interactive Opening Plenary:**

- 11:00 Welcome and ice-breaker. Introducing the “idea” of slowing down in life/work by Janice McGarry Hendrick, Beyond 96 Youth Club Ireland
- 11:15 Short introduction to the project “Supporting Long-term Outcomes with Youth Work” by Dragan Atanasov, board member of ContextED & president of Union for Youth Work, North Macedonia
- 11:25 Presentation of the outcomes of the project research and concept of “Slow Youth Work” by Dr Oonagh McArdle, lecturer at Department of Applied Social Studies, University of Ireland Maynooth
- 11:50 Break

#### **12:00-13:00 Open Space conversations**

**Open Space 1: Good youth work practices & how to slow down with an impact? Examples from Latvia, Ireland and North Macedonia.**

*The session participants will be invited to share their experience and reflections from participation in youth work practice, including their solutions on how to deal with any challenges. The Slow Youth Work project team will present their ideas for designing 'slow' youth work practice to kick-start the exchanges.*

**Open Space 2: Advocacy tools for Slow Youth Work & Long-term Outcomes with Youth Work.**

*The aim of the session is to present advocacy tools and messages from the Slow Youth Work project Policy Pack and to invite session participants to give their feedback and suggestions. These will be included in project outcomes and disseminated and communicated widely across Europe.*

### **Open Space 3: Sustainability & long-term impact of youth work amidst major changes.**

*Youth work, youth participation and youth policy do not take place in a vacuum, it is also affected by what is happening in the world around us. This session will provide space for participants to share their experience and give recommendations as to how to better ensure that things are remaining on track in the youth field despite adverse circumstances and major changes and reforms*

13:00 – 14:15 Lunch

#### **14:15 – 16:00 Closing Plenary:**

14:15 – 14:45 Feedback from the participants of the Open Spaces

14:45 – 15:45 Panel discussion focusing on better decisions in youth work policy and practice to avoid short term solutions and keeping the needs of young people in the center, with the participation of youth policy makers from national and municipal level.

15:45 – 16:00 Rounding-up & Linking-up to the European level, by Santa Ozolina “Supporting Long-term Outcomes with Youth Work” project manager and Dragan Atanasov, ContextEd/Union for Youth Work