

Tools and Resources



What we can offer as youth organisations is to bridge the gap: the gap between young people themselves, experiencing the effects of national and international policies and globalisation at first hand, and high-level policy makers.

YCG representative, at the launch of the World Development Report 2007

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This section of the guide catalogues a range of useful tools, resources and potential partner organisations which can assist youth organisations to participate more effectively in decision-making processes. This selection is not meant to be exhaustive, and only aims to give youth organisations a flavour of the types of support available to assist them in their endeavours.

1. Mandates

Youth participation – generic

- United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989)
- Lisbon Declaration on Youth Policies and Programmes adopted at the World Conference of Ministers responsible for youth in 1998 and Braga Youth Action Plan (A/53/378)
- The World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (A/RES/50/81)
- 2005 – UN General Assembly resolution on Policies and Programmes involving youth (A/RES/60/2)
- 2004 – UN General Assembly resolution on tenth anniversary of WPAY (A/RES/59/148)
- 2003 – UN General Assembly resolution on Policies and Programmes Involving Youth (A/RES/58/133)
- 2002 – UN General Assembly resolution on Youth (A/RES/56/117)
- 2001 - Dakar Youth Empowerment Strategy adopted at the fourth session World Youth Forum of the United Nations System

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Youth participation employment specific

- 2006 - Commission for Social Development resolution on Youth Employment (2006/15)
- 2003 - UN General Assembly resolution on Policies and Programmes Involving Youth (A/RES/58/133)
- 2002 - UN General Assembly Resolution on Promoting Youth Employment (A/RES/57/165)

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Youth employment

- 2006 - Commission for Social Development resolution on Youth Employment (2006/15)
- 2006 - ECOSOC High Level Segment 2006 Final Declaration
<http://www.un.org/Docs/ecosoc/meetings/2006/hls2006/outcome.shtml>
- 2006 – UN Commission for Social Development resolution on Youth Employment
<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/nyin/library.htm>
- 2005 - International Labour Conference Resolution on youth employment
<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/standards/relm/ilc/ilc93/pdf/resolutions.pdf>

- 2002 - UN General Assembly Resolution on Promoting Youth Employment (A/RES/57/165) <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/nyin/library.htm>
- 2001 - Millennium Development Goal 8 <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>
- 2000 - United Nations Millennium Declaration <http://www.un.org/millennium/>
- 1995 World Summit for Social Development www.un.org/esa/socdev/wssd/
International Labour Standards relevant to work and young persons
<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/employment/yett/ilstrong.htm>

2. Tools and resources

Youth participation – generic

- World Youth Report 2007 (forthcoming)
- World Youth Report 2005 and Report of the Secretary-General (A/60/61 & E/2005/7)
- 2005 - Making commitments matter: young people's input to the 10-year review of the World
- Programme of Action for Youth - Report of the Secretary-General (A/60/156)
- World Youth Report 2003 and Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/79 & E/CN.5/2003/4)

Available to download at <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/nyin/library.htm>

- European Youth Forum Policy Paper on the Independence of National Youth Councils http://www.youthforum.org/Downloads/policy_docs/youth_work/0735-01.pdf
- World Development Report 2007: Development and the Next Generation <http://www.worldbank.org/wdr2007>
- Children and Youth: A Framework for Action (WB, 2005) (summary document) and
- Children and Youth: A Resource Guide for World Bank Staff (WB, 2005) (case studies and recommendations). <http://www.worldbank.org/childrenandyouth>
- Nothing for us... without us. – a youth-led development start kit, 2005 World Youth Congress. <http://www.scotland2005.com/wyc/files/Actiontoolkit.pdf>
- Co-Management - Becoming Equal Partners. 2005, Peace Child International /EC <http://www.peacechild.org/comanagement/pdfs/CoManagementBooklet.pdf>
- The Participation Rights of Adolescents: A Strategic Approach, UNICEF http://www.unicef.org/adolescence/index_resources.html
- Working for and with adolescents, some UNICEF examples http://www.unicef.org/adolescence/index_resources.html
- Empowering Young Women to Lead Change, a UNFPA Training Manual <http://www.unfpa.org/publications/detail.cfm?ID=304&filterListType=>
- Case for Investing in Young People as part of a National Poverty Reduction Strategy, UNFPA <http://www.unfpa.org/publications/detail.cfm?ID=236&filterListType=>
- Map of programmes for adolescent participation during conflict and post-conflict situations, UNFPA <http://www.unfpa.org/adolescents/index.htm>
- UNFPA / Youth Action for Change (YAC) e-course on Youth and PRSPs (forthcoming 2007) <http://www.unfpa.org/adolescents/index.htm>
- The Participation Rights of Adolescents: A Strategic Approach, UNFPA http://www.unicef.org/adolescence/index_documents.html
- What Works in Youth Participation: Case Studies from Around the World, International Youth Foundation http://www.iyfnet.org/uploads/what_works_in_youth_par.pdf

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- Children & Young People: Participating in Decision-Making, The Alliance of Youth CEOs <http://www.ifrc.org/Docs/pubs/youth/children-and-young-people-participating-in-decision-making-english.pdf>
- YES Action Planning Toolkit <http://www.yesweb.org/docs/action-plan-tk.doc>
- The State of the YES Campaign Report 2006 http://www.yesweb.org/2006/library/thematic/state_of_the_yes_campaign.pdf

Support documentation for the developing of national youth policy

- Making Commitments Matter: A Toolkit for young people to evaluate national youth policy (UN DESA, 2004); <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/untoolkit.htm>
- Youth Policy Formulation Manual of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP, 1999) <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/documents/escap.pdf>
- United Nations steps to National Youth Policy formulation <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/nationalpolicy.htm>
- UNICEF Seminar on National Youth Policies for the Middle East and North Africa Region <http://www.icnyp.net/www/files/bulletin7mar2005.doc>
- UNFPA Addressing the Needs and Rights of Young People at the Policy Level <http://www.unfpa.org/adolescents/policy.htm>
- UNDP and National Youth Policy http://www.icnyp.net/www/files/report_addis.pdf
- Empowering Youth through National Policies: UNESCO's Contribution <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0013/001345/134502e.pdf>
- FAO and National Youth Policy <http://www.fao.org/ruralityouth/program.html>
- National Youth Policies - Towards an autonomous, supportive, responsible and committed youth, The Alliance of Youth CEOs <http://www.ifrc.org/youth/activities/partnerships/alliance-of-youth-ceos/joint-publications.asp>

Youth employment

- 2007 - Report of the Secretary-General on Promoting Full Employment and Decent Work for All, E/CN.5/2007/2, <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/csocd2007.htm>
- 2007 - Report of the Secretary-General on the Follow up to the World Programme of Action for Youth, E/2007/7, <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/csocd2007.htm>
- 2007 - A Review of National Action Plans on youth employment – Putting Commitment into Action, YEN Secretariat / UN DESA <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/social/documents/National.Action.Plans.2007.pdf>
- 2005 - Report of the Secretary-General A global analysis and evaluation of national action plans on youth employment (A/60/133) <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/60/133&Lang=E>
- 2003 - Report of the Secretary-General on Promoting Youth Employment (A58/229)

Available to download at <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/library.htm>

- 2007 Global inventory of interventions to support young workers http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTLM/Resources/YEI_Synthesis_DRAFT.pdf?resourceurlname=YEI_Synthesis_DRAFT.pdf
- World Bank youth employment page <http://go.worldbank.org/48Z06GMD70>

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- 2006 - Youth Unemployment and Regional Insecurity in West Africa, United Nations Office for West Africa (UNOWA)
- 2006 - A Resource Directory for Lead Countries of the YEN, YEN Secretariat
- 2004 - Improving prospects for young women and men in the world of work: A guide to youth employment, YEN Secretariat / ILO

Available to download at www.ilo.org/yen

- 2006 - ILO Guidelines for the development of National Action Plans on youth employment <http://www.ilo.org/public/english/employment/yett/download/good.pdf>
- 2005 - Youth: Pathways to decent work, Background report of the International Labour Conference, 93rd Session
- 2004 - Starting right: Decent work for young people, Background report of the ILO Tripartite meeting on youth employment: The way forward
- 2004 - Starting right: Decent work for young people, Conclusions of the ILO Tripartite meeting on youth employment: The way forward
- 2002 - Decent work: a common goal of youth and trade unions, ILO / ICFTU
- 2001 - Meeting the youth employment challenge: A guide for employers, ILO

Available to download at <http://www.ilo.org/public/english/employment/yett/publ.htm>

3. Supportive organisations

- YEN Secretariat, www.ilo.org/yen
- ILO Youth Employment Programme www.ilo.org/youth
- World Bank Youth Unit <http://www.worldbank.org/childrenandyouth>
- World Bank Youth Employment Website <http://go.worldbank.org/48Z06GMD70>
- WB Youth Development and Peace Network www.worldbank.communityzero.com/ydp
- UN Programme on Youth/DESA www.un.org/youth
- European Commission Youth in Action Programme http://ec.europa.eu/youth/yia/index_en.html
- Council of Europe Youth Programme <http://www.salto-youth.net/abouteuromed/>
- CoEs North South Centre http://www.coe.int/t/e/north-south_centre
- The International Council of National Youth Policies (ICNYP) <http://www.icnyp.net>
- IYMCO <http://www.icmyo.net/>
- European Youth Forum www.youthforum.org/
- European Youth Foundation <http://galadriel.coe.int/fej/index.jsp>
- International Youth Foundation www.iyfn.org
- Youth Employment Summit <http://www.yesweb.org>
- Institute for the Mainstreaming of Marginalized Youth <http://www.marginalizedyouth.org>

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