

POYWE

stands for **P**rofessional **O**pen **Y**outh **W**ork in **E**urope. It was established in 2012 as a member based and bottom up European network for the representation of the profession of open youth work in Europe.

We believe that Professional Open Youth Work is a profession that is practised by trained and educated workers who commit to codes of ethic and quality standards and are paid for their work. It is a practice of non-formal and informal learning, offered on a universal basis and open for all young people who voluntarily choose to participate. It is based on pedagogical concepts that aim to raise the emancipation and empowerment of young people as well as their critical awareness.

We see diverse practice in Europe even within our particular form of youth work, but we also see principles that unite us as described in the [POYWE Principles of Professional Open Youth Work](#).

If you are interested to:

- Stay in contact with like-minded professional youth workers across Europe;
- create common approaches to principles, practice and quality development;
- make the effects, realities and necessities of professional open youth work visible and taken into account on all levels;
- raise your voice for the profession of open youth work and strengthen the position of the field on all levels together with colleagues from all over Europe;
- discuss trends and developments in professional open youth work;
- translate European policy developments for lobbying for professional open youth work on local, regional and national level;
- set up common projects for exchange of experience, mutual learning and innovation;
- ...

come and join us!

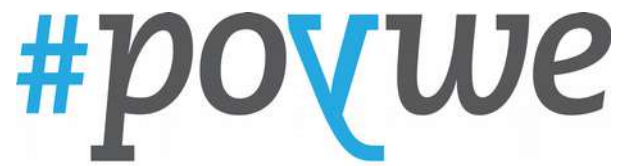
POYWE strives to reach the above mentioned opportunities by:

- organising platforms for debate and learning like conferences, projects, webinars and seminars;
- collecting and spreading knowledge and narratives of the field e.g. via [logbook – our E-Magazine on Professional Open Youth Work](#) or the [International Journal of Open Youth Work](#)
- Designing, coordinating and contributing to projects for mutual learning, development of the field and its quality and innovation;
- Designing and delivering training including digital and online learning offers;
- Lobbying for professional open youth work on all levels e.g. by facilitating and submitting a common statement on European policy proposals

Currently we are concretely working on:

- a common Statement on the proposed EU Youth Strategy 2019 – 2027
- being a member of the Advisory Board of the [European Training Strategy](#)
- responding to calls for expert consultation meetings such as e.g. on the EU Youth Guarantee
- a Strategic Partnership on the role of professional open youth in the prevention of radicalisation and extremism – [Providing Perspectives – Preventing Violence](#)
- a Manual on the Online Training of youth workers – that is the result of a Capacity Building Project – [European Wide Web of Youth Work](#)
- [Aware and Active](#) – a long-term partnership of the National Agencies on active involvement of young people (especially also those with migrant or refugee background), that will soon launch a European Campaign
- A pilot project within the Europe Goes Local initiative that will produce a European Advanced Training for youth workers on Lobbying for youth work
- a seminar on quality of youth work to be held in December 2018 in Norway
- A German speaking partnership on the digital competences of youth workers
- and some more ideas that are under development

If you are interested to join us, have a look at the attached Application form for some more information on Membership and contact us with questions, ideas, comments any time at director@poywe.net



Professional Open Youth Work in Europe

**Application form for membership of
POYWE
Professional Open Youth Work in Europe**

Application for Membership

The organisation:

_____ (pls fill in)

hereby applies for

- Full Membership
- Affiliated Membership

of POYWE Professional Open Youth Work in Europe.

Data of the applying organisation

Country:

Official name of the organisation:

Legal Status (NGO, Public body,...):

Address and public contact:

Street and number:

Zip Code/Postal code:

City:

Country:

Telephone Number:

Email:

Website:

With our signature we also agree that POYWE will register, process and publish these data on their website.

Name and function of the main contact person for POYWE:

The turnover a year is :

(if you don't want to share this just leave it open – check Annex 1)

Professional Background and Motivation

Please describe your organisation (max. 500 words):
(what are your main areas of work? Are you working national, regional or local? Aims, objectives and visions,...)

Why do you want to become a member of POYWE? (Max. 500 words)

Date and Place:

NAME ORGANISATION:

Represented by:

Signature:

Please submit the filled in form to Marc Boes at the email address
director@poywe.net

Please attach to the present application form, in any language

- a) the organisation's Constitution or registered Statutes, or similar document of whichever appropriate kind;
- b) a copy of an ID (passport or ID card) of the person legally signing this form.

Annex 1 – Information on the POYWE Membership Fee

The amount of fee a year is based on the turnover of the member with a minimum of Euro 1.000,- and a maximum of Euro 4.000,- for full members. Affiliated members pay 50% of the full member fee. The member doesn't have to show his books. The system is based on trust. Those who, for whatever reason, don't want to share their turnover, pay automatically the maximum.

| Turnover | Fee full member | Fee affiliated member |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| < 200.000 | 1000 | 500 |
| 200.000 – 300.000 | 2000 | 1000 |
| 300.000 – 400.000 | 3000 | 1500 |
| > 400.000 | 4000 | 2000 |
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