



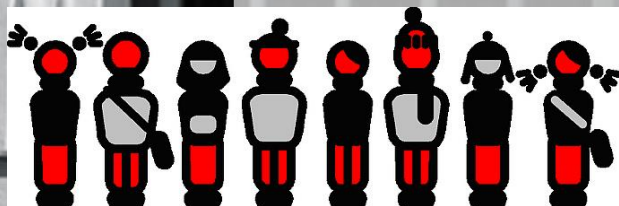
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Youth policy at the local level

Youth Office of City of Ljubljana

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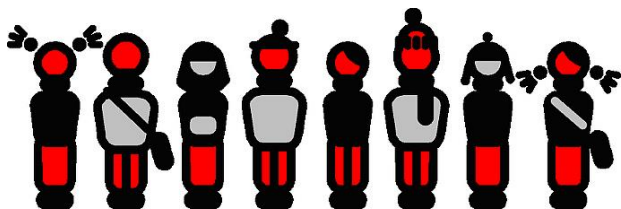


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Background

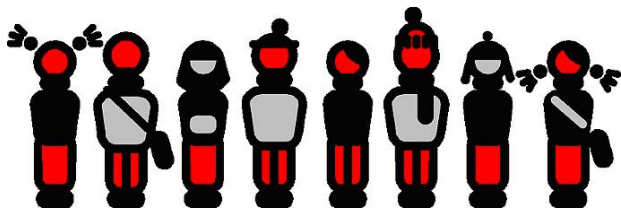
Youth Office was established in 1995 with an aim to co-ordinate free time activities in the youth field, to support existing and new activities, to promote activities of public institutions aimed at youth and to respond to the needs of young people in Ljubljana.





Tasks of Youth Office

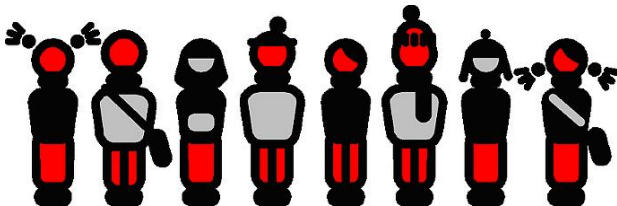
- to monitor the situation of young people in Ljubljana, especially population between 15 and 29 years old,
- to prepare expert basis and co-ordinate comprehensive youth policy in Ljubljana,
- to co-operate with all actors that influence the situation of young people in City Administration, i.e. education, culture, sports, housing, health, social services and others,
- to enable opportunities for active participation of young people in the design of various public policies that affect their lives,





Tasks of Youth Office

- to promote the creation and operation of district youth centers and implementation of programmes and projects for young people,
- to provide information and advice to youth organizations and organizations dealing with young people,
- to prepare and implement public tenders for the implementation of programmes and youth projects,
- to prepare training programs for youth workers and to carry out support activities for youth organizations.



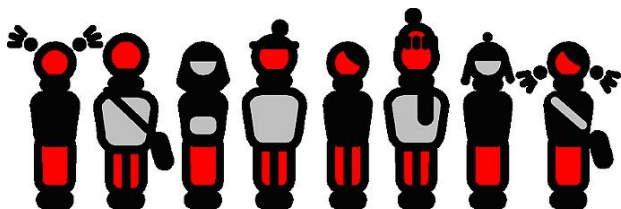


Support for youth organisations and youth projects

Youth Office supports youth projects and Non-governmental organisations in the field of youth by:

- allocating office space and work space for implementation of programmes free of charge,
- funding of youth projects through yearly public tender,
- supporting the networking of the organisation in the youth sector – for the exchange of good practices, better promotion and visibility of organisations.

Currently there are four thematic networks: (1) information, (2) youth street work, (3) prevention of violence and (4) career counselling.



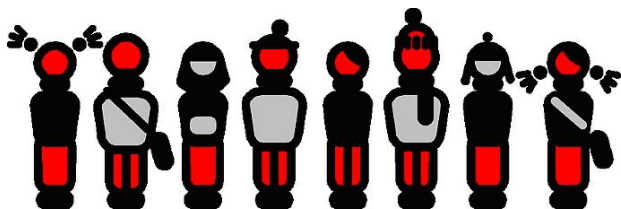


Strategy of City of Ljubljana for Youth 2016-2025

Adopted at the end of 2015 at City Council, it is the key strategic document that shows Ljubljana's commitment to youth and gives the direction for youth policy.

It's main areas, directly connected to youth work are the Network of youth Centres of Ljubljana, and strengthening the support to youth organisations and youth programmes.

Other areas and goals were set together with other offices and services of the city – education, social affairs and health, sport, culture, housing, environment...





Strategy of City of Ljubljana for Youth 2016-2025

Strategy is based on the following general principles:

- principle of participation of young people in creating, implementing and evaluating of policy, with which active and responsible citizenship is supported;
- principles of sustainable development, intergenerational solidarity and social inclusion;
- principle of ensuring equal opportunities and equal treatment, and absence of direct or indirect discrimination based on any personal circumstance;
- principle of co-operation with all other organisations, active in the field of youth.

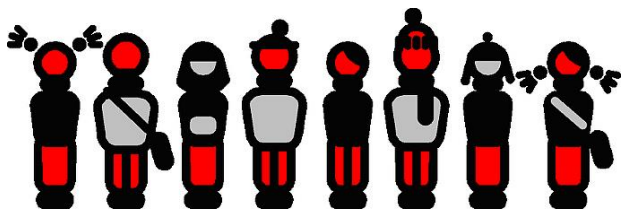


Council for Youth

Advisory body of mayor, for strengthening the dialogue between youth and the city.

Comprised of:

- All the city councillors who were younger than 30 when taking position;
- 1 member by the Youth Office;
- 1 member named by the public institution Young Dragons;
- 1 member named by the Youth Council of Ljubljana;
- 4 members of expert or interested public named by mayor on a base of public invitation.



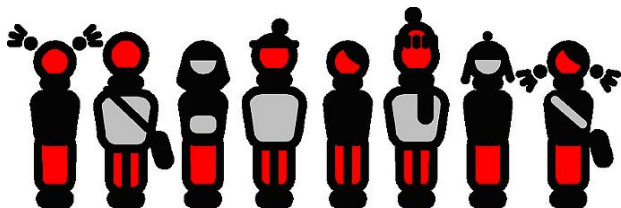


Quality youth work for all young people in Ljubljana

Public Institute Young Dragons and it's network of youth centres in 4 districts

City of Ljubljana has established Young Dragons in 2009 with an aim to implement programmes for quality leisure time of young people and their families, and to maintain the premises and programmes in spaces owned by the city and intended for youth.

Young Dragons enable young people to enjoy their free time in a safe environment in youth centres where there are always two youth workers and volunteers who work by the methods of non-formal education.





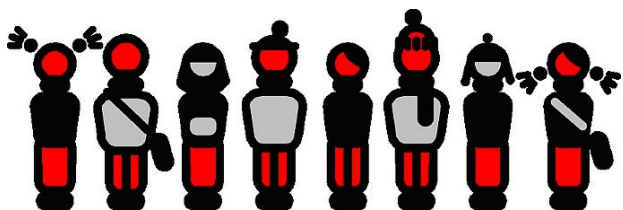
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Year 2017 was the first year of the establishment of the Network of Youth Centres in Ljubljana.

By 2020 network is comprised by 4 district youth centres od Young dragons + mobile youth centre Ljuba and Drago
8 NGO operated youth centres funded by the city
2 governmental organisations under the Centre for Social work

The vision started in the Strategy of City of Ljubljana for Youth 2016-2025.

To cover all residential areas and districts with quality services for young people that are available on daily basis, to stimulate the co-operation of youth organisations, to strengthen the youth infrastructure.





Systematic approach to quality development in youth work

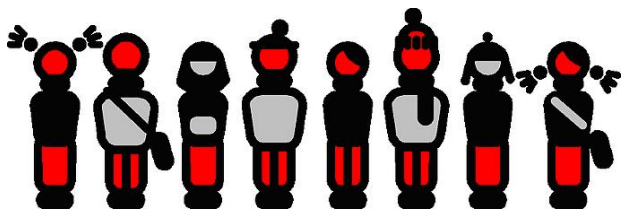
Europe goes Local – Study visit to Gothenburg in June 2018.

Learned about KEKS network and Logbook - a web-based system for documentation and follow up of youth work

A reflective practice and development

- gather information to use for reflection and development of youth work
- Give providers better overview and possibilities to manage youth work

Communication of outcomes – visibility of youth work and youth sector.





Thank you!

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