

YOUTH INCLUSION AND MOBILITY STRATEGIES FROM 2020

26-27 NOVEMBER 2019, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

This is the third and final complementary event in the framework of a Strategic EVS Project, “Young People for Europe of Inclusion, Solidarity and Social Justice”, which Volunteering Matters has been delivering since February 2018. The event, themed around the topic of “Youth inclusion and mobility strategies from 2020”, takes place in the context of many challenges, changes and opportunities taking place across Europe. Brexit is a reality, the new EU legislature is nearly in place, the arrangements for the new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) are being negotiated. Youth inclusion and mobility must not disappear from political agendas and therefore the event is very timely: it ensures that the outcomes of the project and voices of the volunteers and organisations, are brought together, alongside European-level contributions, at this major one-day event in Brussels.

The discussions will provide evidence and arguments for why European youth inclusion and mobility projects are vital for sustaining European values of solidarity, respect, tolerance, inclusion and social justice, and why they must continue and be robustly supported in the new MFF. The event will show why this Strategic EVS Project has been necessary and how it has been successful, giving the young people who benefitted from it the primary voice on the European dissemination scene.

Tuesday, 26th November 2019: “Volunteer Voices” Reception *Social Platform, 18 Square de Meeûs, B-1040 Brussels, Belgium*

18:30 – 18:45 Welcoming remarks from Volunteering Matters, UK:

- **Piotr Sadowski**, Head of International Affairs
- **Paul Reddish**, Chief Executive
- **Cara Battrick**, European Solidarity Corps Manager

18:45 – 19:30 Testimonies from EVS Volunteers, informal debate with participants

Moderation: **Lou Boyd**, Statutory Partnership Manager, Volunteering Matters, UK

- **Elsa Nieto Gonzalez**, Spain
- **Alfredo Serrano de Haro Sanchez**, Spain
- **Ariadna Grigaliunas Nicolás**, Spain
- **Paul Minow**, Germany
- **Sara El Rhazi Moreno**, Spain

19:30 – 21:00 Reception



Wednesday, 27th November 2019: “Youth inclusion & mobility strategies from 2020” Event
European Economic and Social Committee, Room TRE 7701 (7th Floor), 74 Rue de Trèves, B-1040 Brussels

Seminar moderation: **Piotr Sadowski**, Head of International Affairs, Volunteering Matters, UK

09:30 – 10:00 Registration & coffee

10:00 – 10:30 Welcoming remarks:

- **Paul Reddish**, Chief Executive, Volunteering Matters, UK
- **SOC Section Representative**, European Economic and Social Committee, EU
- **Marcos Ramirez**, Advisory Consultant, Alianza por la Solidaridad, Spain

10:30 – 11:30 Panel debate: “Youth inclusion and mobility strategies promoting community cohesion, inclusion and social justice”

Moderation: **Paul Reddish**, Chief Executive, Volunteering Matters, UK

- **Tonia Wilson**, Project Manager, Volunteering Matters, UK
- **Mart van Damme**, Youth in Focus, Netherlands
- **Lisa Laidlaw**, Youth Engagement Manager, ProjectScotland, UK
- **Sun Young Park**, Associate Professor, Korea National Sports University, South Korea

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 13:00 Panel debate: “The case for the importance of European youth inclusion and mobility programmes in the future”

Moderation: **Piotr Sadowski**, Head of International Affairs, Volunteering Matters, UK

- **Pauline Boivin**, Project and Policy Coordinator, Lifelong Learning Platform, Belgium
- **Gabriella Civico**, Director, CEV European Volunteer Centre, Belgium
- **Nicolò Triacca**, Manager of Europe Department, CSVnet, Italy
- **Oonagh Aitken**, International Affairs Consultant, Volunteering Matters, UK

13:00 – 13:15 Dramatic piece

- **Tonia Wilson**, Project Manager, Volunteering Matters, UK
- **Lanai Collis-Phillips**, Volunteer, Volunteering Matters

13:15 – 13:30 Closing remarks

- **SOC Section Representative**, European Economic and Social Committee, EU
- **Paul Reddish**, Chief Executive

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch & departures