

# Youth Support Centre

Flemish knowledge and expertise centre for  
Youth, Youth policy and Youth work



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## History

### 1998 Flemish youth sector reforms

- Youth council
  - Advisory body on all youth issues
  - Connection to local and provincial youth councils
- Youth work
  - More need for support
  - Need for cooperation among the various ideological pillars

### 2000 impulse of the Minister of Youth

- Category children and young people is important
- The youth(work)sector needs to grow stronger
- Working beyond ideological pillars

### 2001: birth of independent youth support service

- Act on Flemish Youth Policy
- Creation of independent knowledge and expertise centre



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## Youth Work Structure in Flanders

	Governmental	Non-governmental	Participation
<b>Flemish</b>	Agency for socio-cultural work for youth and adults	Youth organisations Umbrella organisations <b>Youth Support Centre</b>	Flemish Youth Council
<b>Provincial</b>	Provincial youth services	Regional branches of youth organisations and services	Provincial Youth Council
<b>Local</b>	Local youth services/Local youth coordinator	local initiatives and organisations Play ground activities Youth houses	Municipal Youth Council



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## Relation with FYC

### Relation with Flemish Youth Council

- Complementary work
- Cooperation in strengthening youth policy
- Sharing information

### Difference

- YSP
  - Training, support, expertise, knowledge
  - Create a vision on integrated youth policy
- FYC
  - Advisory and advocacy



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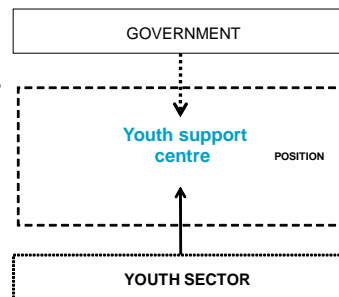
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## Special position


- General Assembly: youth organizations are shareholders of SPJ
- Board: elected members from GA + experts in youth policy + 1 observer from public administration



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## Now

### Mission


*We want to clarify and strengthen - in co-operation with several actors- the position of children, young people and youth work in society. Therefore we work on a dynamic and integrated youth policy and we support youth work*

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3 pillars




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## Aims

### Youth support service

- Support an integrated youth policy within the framework of the Flemish Youth Policy Plan
- Offer different services to the youth sector
  - Youth practice development and support
  - Organizational development of Flemish youth ngo's
- Be a knowledge and expertise centre for youth, youth work and youth policy




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## Organization chart

Local Flemish international	Practice development integrated youth policy	Practice support
	<i>Basic needs</i>	<i>Special support</i>
	<b>Supply</b>	<b>Demand</b>
Knowledge management	...	New publications
Communication	Congress report	Bizar book
Services		Support for recognition
Helpdesk	Partypoint helpdesk	Intervision
Consultation		Regulation
		Platform diversity
Research		Screening organizations policy plans
		...


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## Practice development

### Integrated youth policy

- Promoting integrated youth policy
  - Co-operation new Flemish youth policy plan
  - Partner in executing the Flemish youth policy
- JET Congress:
  - <http://vimeo.com/9322818>
  - <http://www.livestream.com/jetcongres>
- Vision on integrated youth policy



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## Practice development

### Vision on integrated youth policy

- Horizontal
  - Education, Employment, Environment, Social well-being,
- Vertical
  - Local and international tendencies translated into the Flemish context and reality



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## Practice support

- Basic needs
- Special support
  - Demand
  - Supply



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## Centre of expertise

- 6 functions
  - Knowledge management
  - Communication
  - Service
  - Helpdesk
  - Consultation
  - Research



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## Centre of expertise

### Knowledge management

- Library and digital knowledge centre

### Communication

- Krax Magazine for youth workers
- Publications
  - All different all equal booklet
  - Locomotief
  - Nugames
- Websites and e-zines
  - [www.steunpuntjeugd.be](http://www.steunpuntjeugd.be)
  - [www.fuifpunt.be](http://www.fuifpunt.be)
  - Kreten / Humus for local youth workers



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## Centre of expertise

**Service**

- Trip Local / Koppen XL Training
- Intervisions
- Individual support of organizations
- Nitrox Study Days

**Helpdesk**

- Website
- Mail
- Telephone

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## Centre of expertise

**Consultation**

- Expertise platforms for youth workers
  - Local youth work
  - Youth-tourism
  - Space/environment
  - Training
  - Diversity
- Participation at external consultations

**Research**

- Do research
- Participate in research of others

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## Further information

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