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#3 SHRINKING SPACES FOR
YOUTH WORK!
– CHALLENGES FOR
POST-DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES

KEYNOTES & INPUTS
11th – 12th November 2020

WEDNESDAY, 11th November

09:00 Welcome session

09:20 Keynote address **“The Space for Civil Society: Shrinking? Growing? Changing?”**
What is the issue, what is civil society and its relationship to the state and to the market?
What are influential factors on civil society, what means demographic change and an increasing social inequality, what are the consequences for & expectations of civil society?
Siri Hummel, Maecenata Institute for Philanthropy and Civil Society

- 09:40 Contribution #2 **“Shrinking youth civic spaces”**
Despite the centrality of youth organisations in promoting and safeguarding basic human rights & democracy for young people, the last few years have witnessed a narrowing of the civic space available to youth
 Tomaž Deželan, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 11:00 Contribution #3 **“What the Future Wants – a critical look at digital technologies designed for young people”**
Looking at shrinking civil space from a digital perspective, in particular at the role of digital technologies which are often addictive, unhealthy or unsafe — & what we should be doing about it
 Daisy Kidd, Project Coordinator at Tactical Tech, Berlin, Germany
- 11:20 Contribution #4 **“Using narratives as data to investigate shrinking youth work practices and spaces”**
“Shifting spaces” collects stories (narratives) on how shrinking space for civil society is affecting youth work and young people. Results and normative recommendations
 Rareș Augustin Crăiuț, European Confederation of Youth Clubs (ECYC)

THURSDAY, 12th November

- 09:00 Introduction
- 09:10 Contribution #5 **“What does ‘politics’ mean for youth and youth work?”**
Results and normative recommendations of the transnational Horizon 2020 research project “EURYKA: Reinventing democracy in Europe: Youth doing politics in times of increasing inequalities”
 Niccolò Milanese, European Alternatives
- 09:30 Contribution #6 **“Unlearning European Youth Work and disengaging the XXI century liberal democracy dystopia”**
Possibilities for youth work to challenge and disengage the paradoxical and reproductive nature of liberal democracies
 Sérgio Xavier, Trainer · Facilitator · Policy Advisor · Researcher
- 11:00 Contribution #7 **“An empty bottle? Youth work in Italy, between old challenges and new spaces”**
The re-emergence of youth work at institutional level and of the “crisis” are (silently) converging, while producing a process that seems producing a (maybe nice, but) empty bottle
 Maurizio Merico, University of Salerno
- 11:20 Contribution #8 **“Which space for political commitment within youth work in France?”**
In France, youth work (animation) has an ambiguous and difficult relationship to politics why today, youth work may not be shrinking, but some of its principles and values might be at stake
 Laurent Besse / Jérôme Camus, University of Tours

