



IMPACT

REPORT

2023

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the YEU Cyprus Annual Impact and Progress Report! We are thrilled to present the achievements and progress of our initiative over the past year.

Our dedication to fostering resilient, collaborative, and equitable ecosystems for youth remains unwavering. This past year has demonstrated the remarkable outcomes we can achieve by breaking down barriers, connecting youth, and equipping them with the tools to become agents of change.

As we reflect on an incredible 2023, we are excited to share our Annual Impact Report, highlighting the milestones we've reached together. The progress of the past year underscores the significant impact we are making, not only in the lives of those we serve but also in the broader society we aim to cultivate.

This year, we celebrate several key achievements, including our rebranding, relocating our offices, and the successful implementation of numerous projects that...

In 2023, we are particularly proud of forming new partnerships and collaborations both in Cyprus and across Europe. These alliances have significantly enhanced our outreach and positive impact.

Looking ahead, we are enthusiastic about the coming year. With more educational programs and community engagement projects planned, we anticipate even greater accomplishments. Your unwavering support has been the cornerstone of our journey. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to our mission and your belief in our vision of empowering and engaging youth.

With gratitude,
YEU's office and board



**President of the YEU Cyprus Board
Kleovoulos Stylianos**

YEU CYPRUS IN A NUTSHELL

OUR MISSION & VISION

Our organization is dedicated to advocating for the rights of young individuals, nurturing their potential to emerge as influential contributors to society. We are committed to fostering a culture of engagement and empowerment, both within our immediate community and extending far beyond the borders of Cyprus. Through dynamic initiatives, activities and projects, we aspire to create a world where young people are equipped, inspired, and connected to shape positive change, not only locally but on a global scale.

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REGISTERED FULL MEMBERS

IN 2023

***19% SELF IDENTIFY AS YOUTH WITH FEWER OPPORTUNITIES**

OUR VALUES

- **Active Citizenship**
 - Cultivate an environment of open dialogue and idea exchange.
 - Enable youth to become impactful contributors at local and global levels.
- **Awareness & Inclusion**
 - Forge partnerships to amplify awareness and understanding.
 - Champion youth rights, fostering participation and influence.
 - Promote mental health and well-being awareness for all.
- **Cultural Exchange & Dialogue**
 - Encourage intercultural empathy and effective communication.
 - Facilitate collaboration, fostering a spirit of unity among young people.
- **Human Rights**
 - Advocate for equal rights of all, with a particular focus on youth.
 - Confront racism, xenophobia, and radicalization, upholding equality.
- **Sustainability**
 - Equip youth to be agents of positive change, driving societal and global progress.
 - Embrace sustainability and peace-building as shared responsibilities.
- **Transparency & Accountability**
 - Embody principles of integrity, honesty, and equitable conduct.
 - Foster a transparent dialogue between youth and decision-makers.
 - Combat corruption and promote effective governance through active involvement.

OUR 2023 STRATEGIC GOALS

YEU'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ARE INTERLINKED WITH THE YOUTH GOALS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION. AND THE FEEDBACK WE COLLECT FROM OUR MEMBERS AND GENERALLY THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

1 Enhance young people's participation in democratic processes



2 Promote and cultivate environmental awareness and education



3 Encourage learning and intercultural exchange between young people



4 Promote inclusive societies for young people and protect human rights

OUR 2023 TEAM

YEU CYPRUS BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Kleovoulos Stylianou



Annita Tsolaki



Andri Koumidou



Pantelis Kiriakidis



Andriani Antoniadou



Angeliki Haliou



Maria Karolidou

YEU CYPRUS TEAM



**Annagrace
Messa
Executive
Director**



**Charalambos
Papacharalambous
ESC
Officer
(until November 2023)**



**Nina
Poulouzasvili
Project
Officer**



**Maria
Mavronicola
Project
Officer**



**Kemal
Ashik
Project/Communication
Officer
(since November 2023)**



YEU Cyprus is dedicated to creating meaningful experiences and implementing impactful youth oriented projects, at a local and transnational level. We specialize in a range of activities, including organizing and facilitating workshops, conducting training courses, and orchestrating dynamic youth exchanges. At the heart of our approach is a dedication to non-formal education. We harness the power of experiential learning to fuel youth development, foster awareness, and build essential capacities. This drive is fueled by our core areas of focus: human rights, sustainable development, intercultural education, and youth participation

OUR 2023 PROJECTS

Types of projects:

- EU projects
- National projects
- Youth mobilities
- European Solidarity Corps

PROJECTS	AIM	MAIN ACTIVITIES
<p>ART - ACT - DISRUPT</p> 	<p>The project aims to bridge the gap between CSO's and the artistic community, to create disruptive and effective public interventions that initiate conversation & action on social issues.</p>	<p>In 2023, these activities were held in scope of the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial project management workshop • 'ARTSHIFT': conference on the intersection of art & social change
<p>YURI PROJECT</p> 	<p>The project provided aspiring young entrepreneurs, mainly those with fewer opportunities, with skills and competences required for green and social entrepreneurship. It offered young people living both in urban and rural areas the space to debate and exchange ideas about ecology and social issues.</p>	<p>In 2023, these activities were held in scope of the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot activities • International training and final conference in Brussels • Local multiplier event

Art.Act.Disrupt is funded under the Active Citizens Fund Cyprus and implemented by YEU Cyprus in partnership with ABR - Alternative Brains Rule.

YURI – Intercultural urban-rural youth dialogues for collective entrepreneurship is cofinanced by Erasmus + programme, KA2 –Cooperation partnerships in youth (KA220).

PROJECTS

AIM

MAIN ACTIVITIES

SUPERHEROES



The project aims to encourage young people to promote social inclusion through identifying positive examples. The project focuses on creating innovative practices in social inclusion education to increase inclusive practices in youth work and increase the capacity of educators, teachers, parents, and others working with young people.

In 2023, these activities were held in scope of the project:

- Youth exchange in Nicosia

The project 'Superheroes' is funded by the European Union.

EMYS (ENGAGING MARGINALIZED YOUTH FOR SUSTAINABILITY)



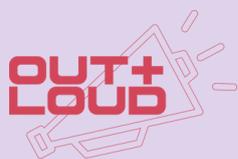
The project aimed to trigger the motivation and enhance the capacity of young people to take actions and implement initiatives on local, regional, national and European level. By doing so, young people will become change makers equipped to advocate and deal with the challenges they face in their communities but also on a European level.

In 2023, these activities were held in scope of the project:

- Local advocacy workshops
- Consultation meetings
- Public debates
- Youth networking event

The project 'EMYS' is funded by the Erasmus+ Programme (European Youth Together).

OUT AND LOUD



The project aimed to spread awareness about the power and impact that social movements can have, build bridges between activist groups from both sides of the island, investigate the needs of local young leaders of social movements and support them in order to enhance the culture of non-violent protests, ultimately contributing to fruitful public dialogue for social change.

In 2023, these activities were held in scope of the project:

- Capacity building training

The project 'Out & Loud' is funded by the European Youth Foundation.

PROJECTS

AIM

MAIN ACTIVITIES

SEX EDU



The project aims to positively influence inclusive sexual and emotional education programmes at national and European level to foster well-being among young people with diverse backgrounds including those who are often marginalized such as second-generation immigrants, people with disabilities, members of the queer community, and more.

In 2023, these activities were held in scope of the project:

- Kick off meeting

The SEX Edu project is funded by the Erasmus+ programme.

CAP THE GAP



The project brought together volunteers from different backgrounds in scope of the European Solidarity Corps framework. Cap the Gap focused on fostering inclusivity and supporting marginalized groups, such as young women, LGBTQ+ youth, migrants, and other underrepresented segments of society, in public engagement, particularly in decision-making roles.

In 2023, these activities were held in scope of the project:

- Events and activities
- Campaigns
- Policy recommendation

ESC project Cap the Gap is funded by the European Union.

GREEN IT UP



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In 2023, these activities were held in scope of the project:

- Recruitment of volunteers
- Design of project ideas
- Implementation of projects/actions

ESC project Green It Up is funded by the European Union.

MILESTONES ACHIEVED

2023 was a challenging yet fruitful year as many changes happened to our organisation regarding staff, locations and branding.



NEW LOGOS



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF YOUTH WORK!

200+

Number of young people reached

25

Number of people supported in training courses and youth exchanges abroad

5

Number of people supported in ESC projects abroad

7

Number of ESC volunteers

11

Staff and board members

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023



ARTSHIFT CONFERENCE

Artshift: A Conference on the Intersection of Art & Social Change took place in June 2023 in scope of the Art.Act.Disrupt project. The conference hosted local and international artists discussing their experiences about art as a tool to create positive social change.



SUPERHEROES LTTA

The Learning, Training, Teaching, Activity of the Superheroes project gathered 18 young people, 3 group leaders, and 3 accompanied persons from the 3 partner countries with the aim for participants to interact and contribute to the creation of a series of comic books.



GREEN IT UP

YEU Cyprus hosted 7 volunteers in scope of the ESC Green It Up project focusing on sustainability and green practices. As part of the project, the volunteers organized a variety of actions including workshops, bazaars, exhibitions, campaigns, panel discussions and even created a cook book.



YURI HANDBOOK

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EMYS - INTERNATIONAL YOUTH NETWORKING EVENT

YEU Cyprus hosted 55 individuals from partner countries Cyprus, Spain, Sweden, North Macedonia and Austria in December 2023. The participants got the opportunity to share good practices, learn more about local initiatives, and to work on developing the EMYS manifesto.

2023 IN NUMBERS

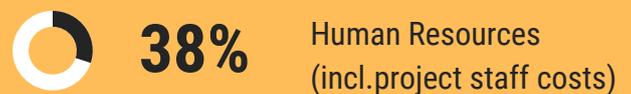
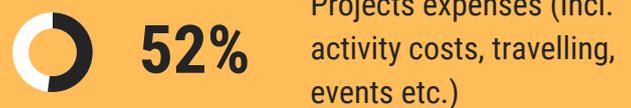
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Financial resources are vital for realizing our vision and strategic objectives. How we do that is through securing funding for the organization in the form of projects, memberships, and fundraising activities/donations .



INCOME

EXPENSES



*based on the Audited Financial Statements of 2023.

WHAT'S NEXT?



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF YOUTH WORK!

2024 marks the 20th anniversary of Youth for Exchange and Understanding Cyprus (YEU Cyprus) as an official NGO!

Our celebrations will include a YEU Cyprus flashback, several non-formal activities and events to celebrate old and new members and contributors. Stay tuned!



More educational programmes

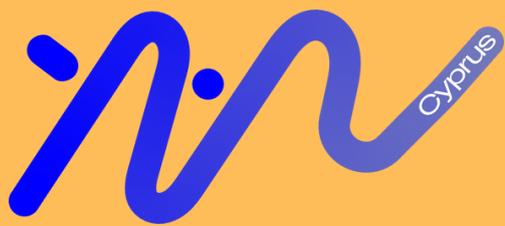


More mobilities and exchanges



More events and interventions

**We couldn't
have done it
without your
continued
support and
participation
in our
programmes.**



THANK YOU

to all our members and
volunteers.

Special thanks to our dedicated staff, who pour their hearts into youth work and contribute to creating a positive impact in our local and European communities. We are also deeply grateful to our board members, whose time and passion have been instrumental in the growth and evolution of YEU.

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