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1.INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT

Please keep the following in mind while reading this first data snapshot:

- The initial survey was English-only, and we collected 1.718 responses over a duration of six weeks, of which we have considered 938 responses as valid (essential questions answered, no repeated geometric response patterns, no speed responses).
- 560 valid respondents opted for the strand youth workers and youth leaders, whereas 378 respondents opted for the strand for young people participating in and contributing to youth work. As a reminder, the full responses in the branching question were:
 - o "I am usually offering or organising youth work: I am a youth worker or youth leader, I might organise youth projects, coach sports teams, facilitate youth events, moderate trainings, run a makers lab, and so on. I might be paid, or a volunteer, or both."
 - o "I am usually enjoying the benefits of youth work: I might go to youth clubs, join youth projects, use sports clubs, attend youth events, join trainings, tinker in maker labs, and so on. In some projects or activities, I might also volunteer to help and support."
- This response rate is slightly better than typical open European youth field surveys. For comparison and context, the EU/CoE Youth Partnership conducted a survey for its latest Youth Knowledge Book "Youth worker education in Europe: policies, structures, practices", addressed to youth workers in all Council of Europe Member States, which ran from July to September 2018 and yielded 221 responses (Source (pdf), p. 10).
- The majority of questions asked were voluntary in this initial survey, and several quite sensitive the combination of course not being coincidental.
- The number of valid responses and the voluntary/sensitive nature of many questions does not allow for the fine-grained and nuanced disaggregation we are used to in the Network from our large-scale monitoring surveys. While that's fine for now the purpose of this initial survey was to gather a first European snapshot we aim to improve the granularity with the main, multilingual survey.
- Notwithstanding this caveat on disaggregation, we have run disaggregations for a number of factors (age, years of experience, gender, role in youth work, size of organisation, involvement in European youth work, urban/rural youth work setting). Those that were statistically significant are included in this data snapshot.
- We have used four measures of statistical significance, namely *Chi-square* (for nominal, symmetrical data), *Lambda* (for nominal, asymmetrical data), *Tau b* (for ordinal, symmetrical data) and *Somers' D* (for ordinal, asymmetrical data).
- The initial survey contained a series of open-ended questions. The analysis of the text responses is not yet included in this first data snapshot.



2. KEY FINDINGS

Among the key findings of this initial survey are:

- 70% of responding youth workers and youth leaders stated that the coronavirus pandemic has affected their own youth work majorly. For 23%, the pandemic affected their youth work moderately, for 6% slightly and just below 1% said the pandemic has had no effects at all on their youth work.
- 54% of responding young people stated that the coronavirus pandemic has affected their access to youth activities or projects majorly. For 25%, the pandemic affected their youth work access moderately, for 11% slightly and just below 10% said the pandemic has had no effects at all on their access to youth work.
- Almost all aspects of youth work have been affected majorly: youth work spaces (69%), youth work methods (52%), youth work timing (47%) and youth work tools (46%). Most organisations have seen delays and interruptions to much of their youth work for 55% of organisations, two thirds or more of their ongoing work was delayed or interrupted. 40% of all responding youth workers see more than half of their current youth work activities at risk of being cancelled entirely.
- 9% of responding youth workers say they can still reach all young people they normally work with. 22% still reach two thirds or more of their target groups; 34% reach one third or less and 3% say they do not reach any of the young people they used to work with.
- 74% of organisations participating in the survey had to close their office temporarily, and 20% say it is likely they will have to do so still. Budgets have been impacted severely, staff time has been cut, volunteering has decreased. For less than half of all responding youth work organisations, structural support has been available in their context. 30% of responding youth workers and youth leaders say that the support of youth work as a field so far has been somewhat inadequate, and 20% say it has been very inadequate.
- Nonetheless, 84% of responding youth workers and youth leaders say that they are addressing the pandemic and its effects in their own youth work. 29% of responding youth workers and youth leaders consider the youth work response to have been very adequate so far, and another 48% somewhat adequate. Very much in alignment, 29% of responding young people say that they consider the youth work response very adequate, and another 40% somewhat adequate.
- A key aspect of youth work's response across Europe is striving to transfer its work to online environments. 17% of respondents say that all of their youth work has been transferred online already; 7% say that none of their youth work has been transferred yet. The vast majority of the sector lies in between these two points.
- 74% of responding young people agree that being involved in youth work gave them something meaningful to do and something to look forward to.



3. YOUTH WORKERS AND YOUTH LEADERS

3.1. UNDERSTANDING MAIN EFFECTS ON YOUTH WORK

For 70% of the responding youth workers, the corona pandemic has affected their own youth work majorly.

Q03 » Has the corona pandemic affected your own youth work?			
Response options	Frequency	Percent	
It has had no affects at all	4	0,9%	
It has had slight effects	24	5,6%	
It has had moderate effects	101	23,4%	
It has had major effects	303	70,1%	
Total	432	100,0%	

Youth work spaces have been affected most, and then slightly less majorly: methods, timing and tools. Youth work values have been affected least, but even here more than half of all responding youth workers say that their youth work values have been affected at least slightly.

Q04 » Which aspects of your youth work have been affected?				
	Not at all	Slightly	Moderately	Majorly
Our youth work methods have changed	2,8%	10,4%	35,0%	51,8%
Our youth work spaces have changed	4,0%	7,4%	19,5%	69,1%
Our youth work timing has changed	4,8%	15,5%	32,9%	46,9%
Our youth work tools have changed	5,5%	11,0%	37,6%	46,0%
Our youth work values have changed	48,4%	27,9%	12,9%	10,7%



Almost 84% of responding youth workers say that they are addressing the corona pandemic and its effects in their own youth work.

Q05 » Are you addressing the corona pandemic and its effects in your own youth work? Response options Frequency Percer

Response options	Frequency	Percent
Yes, we do address the pandemic and its effects in our youth work	356	83,6%
No, we do not address the pandemic and its effects in our youth work	70	16,4%
Total	426	100,0%

Online group activities and practical advice are most frequently used to address the corona pandemic and its effects in youth work. Discussion of news and fake news is least frequently offered.

Q06 » How are you addressing the corona pandemic and its effects in your youth work?

	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently
We offer group chats to young people	15,7%	14,0%	38,4%	32,0%
We offer 1:1 mentoring to young people	15,2%	22,4%	37,6%	24,7%
We offer online group activities to young people	9,1%	13,6%	33,8%	43,5%
We discuss news/fake news with young people	16,3%	29,5%	38,4%	15,8%
We offer technical support to young people	16,4%	31,0%	32,2%	20,4%
We share practical advice with young people	4,0%	13,5%	43,5%	38,9%
We offer logistical support to young people	18,6%	30,4%	29,8%	21,2%



3.2. ESTIMATING IMPACT ON CURRENT YOUTH WORK

For two thirds of responding youth workers, 60% or more of their youth work has been delayed or interrupted. The median is 70,0%.

Q07 » How much of your youth work, in your rough estimate in percent, has been delayed or interrupted?

Response options	Percent	Cumulative
0 percent (no delays or interruptions at all)	1,7%	1,7%
Between 1 and 10 percent	1,5%	3,2%
Between 10 and 20 percent	2,3%	5,5%
Between 20 and 30 percent	3,2%	8,7%
Between 30 and 40 percent	5,2%	14,0%
Between 40 and 50 percent	5,0%	19,0%
Between 50 and 60 percent	13,7%	32,7%
Between 60 and 70 percent	12,5%	45,2%
Between 70 and 80 percent	11,7%	56,9%
Between 80 and 90 percent	17,8%	74,6%
Between 90 and 100 percent	16,6%	91,3%
100 percent (all was delayed or interrupted)	8,7%	100,0%

Another way of looking at the same data, showing that for more than half of all responding youth workers, more than two thirds of all their youth work was delayed or interrupted.

Q07 » How much of your youth work, in your rough estimate in percent, has been delayed or interrupted?

Response options	Percent	Cumulative
All youth work was delayed or interrupted	8,7%	8,7%
Two thirds or more of youth work was delayed or interrupted	46,1%	54,8%
Between one and two thirds of youth work was delayed or interrupted	32,4%	87,2%
Less than one third of youth work was delayed or interrupted	11,1%	98,3%
No youth work was delayed or interrupted	1,7%	100,0%



Close to 60% of all responding youth workers say that the risk for cancellations extends to a maximum of 50% of their current youth work activities. In other words: more than 40% of all responding youth workers see more than half of their current youth work activities at risk to be cancelled. The median is 40,0%.

Q08 » How much of your youth work, in your rough estimate in percent, has been or is at risk of being cancelled entirely?

Response options	Percent	Cumulative
0 percent (no (risk for) cancellations at all)	7,0%	7,0%
Between 1 and 10 percent	3,5%	10,5%
Between 10 and 20 percent	10,2%	20,7%
Between 20 and 30 percent	12,5%	33,2%
Between 30 and 40 percent	10,2%	43,4%
Between 40 and 50 percent	7,9%	51,3%
Between 50 and 60 percent	13,1%	64,4%
Between 60 and 70 percent	5,0%	69,4%
Between 70 and 80 percent	8,7%	78,1%
Between 80 and 90 percent	7,3%	85,4%
Between 90 and 100 percent	7,0%	92,4%
100 percent (all was or is at risk to be cancelled)	7,6%	100,0%

Another way of looking at the same data:

Q08 » How much of your youth work, in your rough estimate in percent, has been or is at risk of being cancelled entirely?

Response options	Percent	Cumulative
All youth work was or is at risk to be cancelled	7,6%	7,6%
Two thirds or more of youth work was or is at risk to be cancelled	23,0%	30,6%
Between one & two thirds of youth work was/is at risk to be cancelled	26,2%	56,9%
Less than one third of youth work was or is at risk to be cancelled	36,2%	93,0%
No youth work was or is at risk to be cancelled	7,0%	100,0%



Almost half of all responding youth workers say that they have transferred up to half of their youth work to online environments. 17% say they have transferred all of their youth work to online environments, whereas 7% say they have not yet transferred anything online. The Median is 45%.

Q09 » How much of your youth work, in your rough estimate in percent, has been transferred to online environments?

Response options	Percent	Cumulative
0 percent (no transfers to online environments at all)	6,8%	6,8%
Between 1 and 10 percent	3,5%	10,3%
Between 10 and 20 percent	10,6%	20,9%
Between 20 and 30 percent	10,6%	31,5%
Between 30 and 40 percent	10,9%	42,4%
Between 40 and 50 percent	7,9%	50,3%
Between 50 and 60 percent	8,2%	58,5%
Between 60 and 70 percent	5,0%	63,5%
Between 70 and 80 percent	7,4%	70,9%
Between 80 and 90 percent	5,6%	76,5%
Between 90 and 100 percent	6,5%	82,9%
100 percent (all was transferred to online environments)	17,1%	100,0%

Another way of looking at the same data.

Q09 » How much of your youth work, in your rough estimate in percent, has been transferred to online environments?

Response options	Percent	Cumulative
All youth work was transferred online	17,1%	17,1%
Two thirds or more of youth work was transferred online	19,4%	36,5%
Between one and two thirds of youth work was transferred online	21,5%	57,9%
Less than one third of youth work was transferred online	35,3%	93,2%
No youth work was transferred online	6,8%	100,0%



For more than a third of responding youth workers, 60% or more of the young people they normally work with are currently out of reach. 9% of all responding youth workers say they still reach all the young people they normally work with.

Q10 » How many of the young people you normally work with, in your estimate in percent, do you currently still reach with your youth work?

Response options	Percent	Cumulative
0 percent (not reaching young people anymore)	3,1%	3,1%
Between 1 and 10 percent	3,7%	6,7%
Between 10 and 20 percent	8,0%	14,7%
Between 20 and 30 percent	12,8%	27,5%
Between 30 and 40 percent	11,0%	38,5%
Between 40 and 50 percent	10,4%	48,9%
Between 50 and 60 percent	12,2%	61,2%
Between 60 and 70 percent	8,0%	69,1%
Between 70 and 80 percent	8,9%	78,0%
Between 80 and 90 percent	9,8%	87,8%
Between 90 and 100 percent	3,7%	91,4%
100 percent (still reaching all young people)	8,6%	100,0%

Another way of looking at the same data, showing that one third of all responding youth workers manage to still reach two thirds or more of the young people they normally work with.

Q10 » How many of the young people you normally work with, in your estimate in percent, do you currently still reach with your youth work?

Response options	Percent	Cumulative
All young people still in reach	8,6%	8,6%
Two thirds or more of young people still in reach	22,3%	30,9%
Between one and two thirds of young people still in reach	32,1%	63,0%
Less than one third of young people still in reach	33,9%	96,9%
None of previously reached young people still in reach	3,1%	100,0%



3.3. KEY IMPACT ON YOUTH WORK STRUCTURES

Close to 50% of the responding youth workers say that the corona pandemic has affected their youth work structure majorly.

Q11 » Has the corona pandemic affected your own youth work structure – be that an organisation, an administration, a network, a department, a team?

Response options	Frequency	Percent
It has had no affects at all	13	4,6%
It has had slight effects	43	15,2%
It has had moderate effects	94	33,3%
It has had major effects	132	46,8%
Total	282	100,0%

Q12 » Which structural aspects of your youth work have been affected?					
Our approach to	mostly disappeared	changed for the worse	changed neutrally (for now)	changed for the better	remained the same
collaboration has:	6,5%	18,3%	40,8%	21,4%	13,0%
communication has:	1,5%	20,2%	36,3%	34,3%	7,6%
coordination has:	3,4%	24,4%	36,3%	22,1%	13,4%
decisionmaking has:	3,1%	25,2%	35,9%	17,6%	17,9%
feedback has:	5,3%	19,8%	38,9%	17,2%	17,9%
leadership has:	3,8%	16,0%	41,6%	14,9%	23.3%
management has:	3,1%	16,4%	38,9%	18,7%	22,1%
mentoring has:	5,7%	20,2%	37,0%	19,1%	17,1%
support has:	4,2%	22,5%	28,2%	29,4%	14,9%
volunteering has:	14,9%	19,8%	30,5%	14,5%	19,5%



We asked respondents to specify which structural aspects of their youth work were affected, and how (see table for Q12 on the previous page). For most aspects, less than 5% of respondents stated that their approach to that aspect had mostly disappeared, with the exception of volunteering (15%). For the majority of aspects respondents stated that these had changed neutrally (for now), with approaches to communication (34%) and support (29%) having changed for the better more than any other aspect. About a quarter of respondents said the approaches to decisionmaking (25%) and coordination (24%) had changed for the worse in their contexts.

3.4. STRUCTURAL SUPPORT FOR YOUTH WORK DURING THE CRISIS

20% of all responding youth workers say that the six typical structural support options were available to their youth work structure – an organisation, an administration, a network, a department, a team – during the Corona crisis.

Q13 » Which structural support have you been able to apply for during the Corona crisis? 1 » Focus on eligibility		
Response options	Frequency	Percent
Available in my context	39	20,3%
Not available in my context	153	79,7%
Total	192	100,0%

Public funding and crowdfunding are the two support options most frequently available. 42% of all responding youth workers say that public funding was available to their youth work structure in their context.

Q13 » Which structural support have you been able to apply for during the Corona crisis? 1 » Focus on eligibility			
	Available in my context	Not available in my context	
Public funding, not repayable	41,7%	58,3%	
State loan, repayable	14,4%	85,6%	
Bank loan, repayable	17,2%	82,8%	
Crowdfunding, not repayable	30,9%	69,1%	
Rent cancellation, not repayable	17,5%	82,5%	
Rent deferral, payable later	18,1%	81,9%	



Where available, 79% of the youth work structures of respondents – which could be an organisation, an administration, a network, a department, a team – applied for public funding, 31% successfully, 7% unsuccessfully, and 41% with a pending application status. The second most frequently used support option is rent cancellation, which 58% of youth work structures applied for when available, 27% successfully, 8% unsuccessfully, 23% pending.

Q13 » Which structural support have you been able to apply for during the Corona crisis? 2 » Focus on status				
Showing only responses where the support option was available	Applied, pending	Applied, granted	Applied, refused	Not applied
Public funding, not repayable	41,0%	31,1%	6,6%	21,3%
State loan, repayable	10,0%	25,0%	5,0%	60,0%
Bank loan, repayable	7,1%	0,0%	0,0%	92,9%
Crowdfunding, not repayable	4,7%	9,3%	0,0%	86,0%
Rent cancellation, not repayable	23,1%	26,9%	7,7%	42,3%
Rent deferral, payable later	26,9%	3,8%	0,0%	69,2%

3.5. IMPACT ON BUDGETS OF YOUTH WORK ORGANISATIONS

For 49.1% of the youth work structures of respondents, the budget has decreased during the pandemic, while for another 49,1%, the budget has remained the same. Five respondents stated that the budget of their organisation had increased (1,9%).

Q14 » Overall, including any Corona-related financial support,
how has your youth work budget been impacted so far?

Response options	Frequency	Percent
Our budget has remained the same.	131	49,1%
Our budget has decreased.	131	49,1%
Our budget has increased.	5	1,9%
Total	267	100,0%



The median across all budget decreases is 40%.

Q47 » How much, in your estimate in percent, has your youth work budget decreased?			
Response options	Percent	Cumulative	
Between 1 and 10 percent	0,8%	0,8%	
Between 10 and 20 percent	11,4%	12,2%	
Between 20 and 30 percent	16,3%	28,5%	
Between 30 and 40 percent	20,3%	48,8%	
Between 40 and 50 percent	10,6%	59,3%	
Between 50 and 60 percent	14,6%	74,0%	
Between 60 and 70 percent	4,9%	78,9%	
Between 70 and 80 percent	2,4%	81,3%	
Between 80 and 90 percent	9,8%	91,1%	
Between 90 and 100 percent	5,7%	96,7%	
100 percent	3,3%	100,0%	

Another way of looking at the data on budget decreases, showing that for more than half of the organisations of respondents, the budget has decreased by more than 33%.

Q47 » How much, in your estimate in percent, has your youth work budget decreased?			
Response options	Percent	Cumulative	
Our budget has decreased by 100%.	3,3%	3,3%	
Our budget has decreased by two thirds or more.	17,9%	21,1%	
Our budget has decreased between one and two thirds.	30,9%	52,0%	
Our budget has decreased by up to one third.	48,0%	100,0%	



The median across all budget increases is 15%.

Q48 » How much, in your estimate in percent, has your youth work budget increased?			
Response options	Percent	Cumulative	
Between 1 and 10 percent	25,0%	25,0%	
Between 10 and 20 percent	25,0%	50,0%	
Between 20 and 30 percent	25,0%	75,0%	
Between 30 and 40 percent	25,0%	100,0%	

Another way of looking at the same data.

Q48 » How much, in your estimate in percent, has your youth work budget increased?			
Response options	Percent	Cumulative	
Our budget has increased by 100%.	0,0%	0,0%	
Our budget has increased by two thirds or more.	0,0%	0,0%	
Our budget has increased between one and two thirds.	0,0%	0,0%	
Our budget has increased by up to one third.	100,0%	100,0%	

3.6. TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT CLOSURES

74% of youth work organisations have had to close temporarily, and another 20% think it is likely they will have to. So far, permanent closures – at least among the respondents and their youth work structures – remain exceptions.

Q50 » As an organisation, did you or will you have to close temporarily or permanently?			
Response options	Percent	Cumulative	
We have had to close temporarily.	73,6%	0,0%	
We have had to close permanently.	3,0%	0,0%	
It is likely that we will have to close temporarily.	19,8%	0,0%	
It is likely that we will have to close permanently.	3,6%	100,0%	



3.7. IMPACT ON YOUTH WORK TEAMS

38% of all responding youth workers say that their youth work structure – an organisation, an administration, a network, a department, a team – reduced work time of paid staff members. In 15% of the youth work structures of respondents, staff time was increased. 25% say that further staff time reductions are likely, another 22% are unsure whether that will be necessary; 15% say further increases are likely. In 12% of the youth work structures of respondents, some staff members were let go, for 11% it is likely that more paid staff members will need to let go. In 8% of the youth work structures of respondents, new staff members were hired, for 9% it is likely that more new staff members will need to be hired.

Q49 » How has your youth work team been impacted so far by the crisis?

1 » with a focus on paid staff

Response options	<i>y</i> es	no	unsure	prefer not to say	not applicable
Work time of paid staff members has been reduced.	37,5%	39,6%	5,0%	1,7%	16,3%
Further reductions of work time of paid staff members are likely.	24,5%	35,0%	21,5%	1,7%	17,3%
Work time of paid staff members has been increased.	14,8%	64,8&	4,7%	0,8%	14,8%
Further increases of work time of paid staff members are likely.	14,5%	56,6&	12,8%	0,9%	15,3%
Some of our paid staff members were let go.	12,3%	65,3%	3,8%	0,8%	17,8%
More of our paid staff members will likely need to let go.	11,0%	52,1%	16,1%	1,7%	19,1%
All of our paid staff members will likely need to let go.	3,0%	67,7%	9,4%	2,1%	17,9%
New members of staff were hired.	7,6%	73,3%	2,5%	0,8%	15,7%
More new staff will likely need to be hired.	9,1%	61,2%	13,4%	2,2%	14,2%



65% of all responding youth workers say that their youth work structure – an organisation, an administration, a network, a department, a team – has seen an overall reduction of volunteering time. 49% of all responding youth workers say that a further reduction in volunteering time is likely, with another 24% being unsure. In 63% of the youth work structures of respondents, some volunteers have suspended their engagement temporarily, and in 26% of the youth work structures of respondents, some volunteers have resigned permanently. 20% of the youth work structures of respondents have seen new volunteers join their team.

Q67 » How has your youth work team been impacted so far by the crisis?

2 » with a focus on volunteers

Response options	<i>y</i> es	no	unsure	prefer not to say	not applicable
Overall, the volunteering time has decreased.	65,1%	15,6%	9,2%	1,8%	8,3%
A further reduction of volunteering time is likely.	48,6%	15,6%	23,9%	0,0%	11,9%
Overall, the volunteering time has increased.	21,5%	58,9%	6,5%	0,9%	12,1%
A further increase of volunteering time is likely.	20,6%	41,1%	25,2%	0,9%	12,1%
Some of our volunteers have suspended their engagement temporarily.	62,6%	17,8%	7,5%	0,0%	12,1%
Some of our volunteers have resigned permanently.	26,2%	46,7%	11,2%	0,0%	15,9%
New volunteers have joined our team.	19,8%	63,2&	4,7%	0,0%	12,3%
More new volunteers will likely join our team.	20,4%	34,3%	34,3%	0,0%	11,1%



3.8. IMPACT ON THE YOUTH WORK FIELD

49% of responding youth workers think that youth work in their context will suffer greatly or much in the short-term. Overall, respondents think that the impact and severity of effects will decrease over time. There is less fluctuation across intensity and time of potential benefits.

Q16 » What do you think will be the overall effect of the Corona crisis on youth work as a field in your context? (Multiple responses possible)

Youth work in my context will	in the short-term	in the mid-term	in the long-term
suffer greatly	26,6%	15,2%	5,9%
suffer much	22,1%	15,0%	5,2%
suffer somewhat	16,8%	13,6%	10,0%
suffer little	12,7%	8,2%	12,1%
suffer not at all	9,8%	5,2%	16,3%
benefit little	13,0%	9,8%	11,1%
benefit somewhat	9,8%	9,5%	12,0%
benefit much	8,2%	8,9%	12,5%
benefit greatly	9,6%	6,3%	12,9%

29% of responding youth workers consider the response of the youth work field to the crisis so far as very adequate, and 48% as somewhat adequate. 19% consider the response of the field as somewhat inadequate, and 4% as very inadequate.

Q17 » In your opinion and context, how well has	youth work
as a field responded to the crisis so far?	

Response options	Percent	Cumulative
The response of youth work so far has been very adequate.	29,1%	29,1%
The response of youth work so far has been somewhat adequate.	47,7%	76,8%
The response of youth work so far has been somewhat inadequate.	19,0%	95,8%
The response of youth work so far has been very inadequate.	4,2%	100,0%



50% of responding youth workers consider the support that youth work as a field has received during the crisis as very or somewhat adequate – whereas the other 50% say that the support that youth work as a field has received during the crisis has been somewhat or very inadequate.

Q18 » In your opinion and context, how well has youth work
as a field been supported during the crisis so far?

Response options	Percent	Cumulative
The support of youth work so far has been very adequate.	15,0%	15,0%
The support of youth work so far has been somewhat adequate.	35,5%	50,4%
The support of youth work so far has been somewhat inadequate.	29,5%	79,9%
The support of youth work so far has been very inadequate.	20,1%	100,0%

3.9. IMPACT ON YOUTH WORKERS & YOUTH LEADERS

45% of all responding youth workers say the pandemic affected them majorly as youth workers or youth leaders.

Q20 » Has the corona pandemic affected you as a youth worker or youth leader?			
Response options	Percent	Cumulative	
It has had no effects at all.	2,5%	2,5%	
It has had slight effects (can be negative, neutral, positive).	13,5%	16,0%	
It has had moderate effects (can be negative, neutral, positive).	38,7%	54,6%	
It has had major effects (can be negative, neutral, positive).	45,4%	100,0%	

So far, 50% of all responding youth workers say they received most or all of the support they need during these times, whereas 38% say they received some of the needed support, and 16% say they received none of the needed support.

Response options	Percent	Cumulative
So far, I have received all the support I need.	17,0%	17,0%
So far, I have received most of the support I need.	29,6%	49,5%
So far, I have received some of the support I need.	37,7%	84,3%
So far, I have received none of the support I need.	15,7%	100,0%



Most of the contact with peers and colleagues as well as members and participations have moved online and are conducted from home.

Q21 » How has your youth work environment changed?					
Response options	exclusively	more than before	same as before	less than before	not at all
I am doing youth work from home	43,1%	43,1%	5,0%	0,5%	6,3%
I am doing youth work from my regular youth work space	1,3%	6,6&	11,2%	32,9%	48,0%
I am in touch with my colleagues or peers face-to-face	1,3%	5,1%	5,7%	47,8%	40,1%
I am in touch with my participants or members face-to-face	0,0%	2,6%	5,8%	37,2%	54,5%
I am in touch with my colleagues or peers online	36,9%	48,1%	4,4%	9,4%	1,3%
I am in touch with my participants or members online	38,0%	44,3%	5,7%	8,9%	3,2%



3.10. PROFILE OF RESPONDENTS (YOUTH WORKERS & YOUTH LEADERS)

230 respondents shared the country they currently live in. Respondents who shared their location resided in 39 different countries, 37 of them European.

45% of responding youth workers and youth leaders have been involved in youth work at European level, meaning that more than half of the respondents to this initial survey came from outside the European youth work 'bubble'. That's good!

Q25 » At which levels have you been involved in youth work?		
Response options (multiple choices possible)	Percent	
At local level	64,9%	
At regional level	42,3%	
At national level	33,1%	
At European level	44,8%	
At international level	32,3%	

Distribution across youth work contexts is quite varied:

Q54 » In which context do you currently do youth work?		
Response options	Percent	
Not applicable: my youth work focus is on digital youth work	4,8%	
A city or metropolitan area with more than 500,000 inhabitants	28,4%	
A town or urban area with 100,000 to 500,000 inhabitants	21,8%	
A suburb of a city or an urban or metropolitan area	3,1%	
A mid-sized town with 25,000 to 100,000 inhabitants	22,7%	
A small town with less than 25,000 inhabitants	8,7%	
A well-connected village/rural area with less than 45 minutes travel to a town/city	6,6%	
A remote village/rural area with more than 45 minutes travel to a town/city	3,9%	



43% of responding youth workers were engaged full-time in youth work at the time of responding to the survey:

Q26 » What are your primary roles in the youth field?	
Response options (role-independent extraction)	Percent
Full-time	42,9%
Part-time	57,1%

55% of responding youth workers were in an employed role, with 23% in a freelancing and 22% in a volunteering role.

Q26 » What are your primary roles in the youth field?	
Response options (role-independent extraction)	Percent
Employed	55,2%
Freelancing	22,6%
Volunteering	22,2%

47% of respondents consider youth work trainer to be their primary role, followed by youth work managers (18%) and youth workers (13%).

Q26 » What are your primary roles in the youth field?		
Response options (status-independent extraction)	Percent	
Youth worker	13,1%	
Youth work administrator	8,1%	
Youth work educator	7,2%	
Youth work manager	18,1%	
Youth work policymaker	3,6%	
Youth work researcher	3,2%	
Youth work trainer	46,6%	



Years of experience in youth work is well distributed and covers newcomers to the youth field as well as long-term youth workers and youth leaders.

Q27 » For how many years have you been involved in the youth field, approximately?	
Responses (clustered)	Percent
Less than 2 years	9,3%
Between 2 and 5 years	16,9%
Between 5 and 8 years	19,1%
Between 8 and 10 years	6,7%
Between 10 and 15 years	16,9%
Between 15 and 20 years	12,4%
Between 20 and 25 years	10,7%
More than 25 years	8,0%

The same is true for those involved in international youth work specifically:

Q55 » For how many years have you been involved in international youth work, approximately?	
Responses (clustered)	Percent
Less than 2 years	12,7%
Between 2 and 5 years	23,9%
Between 5 and 8 years	19,4%
Between 8 and 10 years	8,2%
Between 10 and 15 years	20,9%
Between 15 and 20 years	10,4%
Between 20 and 25 years	3,0%
More than 25 years	1,5%



Age distribution is as shown below:

Q57 » What is your current age?	
Responses (clustered)	Percent
24 years or younger	9,7%
Between 25 and 30 years	15,0%
Between 30 and 35 years	25,1%
Between 35 and 40 years	18,1%
Between 40 and 50 years	18,5%
50 years or older	13,7%

Size of organisation is distributed as shown:

Q56 » How big or small is your youth work organisation/association/body/structure?		
Response options	Percent	
Our annual turnover is below 50.000 Euro.	31,8%	
Our annual turnover is between 50.000 Euro and 100.000 Euro.	22,3%	
Our annual turnover is between 100.000 Euro and 500.000 Euro.	28,4%	
Our annual turnover is between 500.000 Euro and 1.000.000 Euro.	7,1%	
Our annual turnover is above 1.000.000 Euro.	10,4%	

Gender distribution of respondents is as shown below:

Q58 » What is your gender?	
Response options	Percent
female	64,9%
male	34,2%
non-binary	0,9%



4. KEY DISAGGREGATIONS AND CORRELATIONS

4.1. AGE OF RESPONDING YOUTH WORKERS AND YOUTH LEADERS

Question Q03 "Has the corona pandemic affected your own youth work?" shows no statistically significant difference between respondents connected to their age. In other words: youth workers and youth leaders have so far, overall, been affected with comparable intensity by the coronavirus pandemic, independent of their own age.

Question Q06 shows a slight and statistically significant difference (d = 0.115, p = 0.030) between youth workers and youth leaders in relation to their age for the aspect of 1:1 mentoring, which older respondents offer more frequently than younger ones.

Q06 » How are you addressing the corona pandemic and its effects in your youth work?

"We offer 1:1 mentoring to young people."

Response options {by age of responding youth workers and youth leaders, p = 0,030}	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently
24 years or younger	21,4%	42,9%	28,6%	7,1%
Between 25 and 30 years	22,6%	9,7%	48,4%	19,4%
Between 30 and 35 years	23,3%	18,6%	32,6%	25,6%
Between 35 and 40 years	12,5%	27,5%	37,5%	22,5%
Between 40 and 50 years	8,3%	22,2%	36,1%	33,3%
50 years or older	10,7%	21,4%	39,3%	28,6%
Across all respondents and all ages	15,2%	22,4%	37,6%	24,7%



Question Q16 shows another slight and statistically significant difference (d=0,123, p=0,017) between youth workers and youth leaders in relation to their age, concerning the estimated short-term impact of the crisis on youth work. Older respondents estimate short-term benefits to be higher than younger respondents. Note that there is no statistically significant age-based difference in the estimates for the mid- and long-term effects on youth work.

Q16 » What do you think will be the overall *short-term* effect of the Corona crisis on youth work as a field in your context? (Multiple responses possible)

"Youth work in my context will..."

Response options, clustered {by age of responding youth workers and youth leaders, p = 0,017}	suffer greatly / suffer much	suffer somewhat / suffer little	suffer not at all	benefit little / benefit somewhat	benefit much / benefit greatly
24 years or younger	42,2%	21,1%	0,0%	31,6%	5,3%
Between 25 and 30 years	40,6%	25,1%	6,3%	18,8%	9,4%
Between 30 and 35 years	24,4%	21,5%	2,0%	19,6%	29,5%
Between 35 and 40 years	39,5%	10,6%	2,6%	23,7%	23,7%
Between 40 and 50 years	32,5%	12,5%	0,0%	10,0%	45,0%
50 years or older	29,6%	22,2%	7,4%	11,1%	29,6%
Across all respondents and all ages	48,7%	29,5%	9,8%	22,8%	17,8%

4.2. GENDER OF RESPONDING YOUTH WORKERS AND YOUTH LEADERS

There are no statistically significant differences between female and male respondents.



4.3. SPATIAL LEVEL

Question Q03 "Has the corona pandemic affected your own youth work?" shows no statistically significant difference between spatial levels. In other words: youth work has so far, overall, been affected with comparable intensity by the coronavirus pandemic, independent of whether it is being organised at local, regional, national, European and/or international level.

Offering logistical support to young people is an aspect that shows spatial differences with statistical significance. With increasing distances, youth work responds more often to the coronavirus pandemic and its effects by offering logistical support to young people – which makes sense: international travel plans, for example for youth exchanges, are more difficult to rearrange than local or regional travel plans.

Q06 » How are you addressing the corona pandemic and its effects in your youth work? "We offer logistical support to young people."

Response options {by level, p = 0,019}	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently
In youth work at local level	25,6%	44,2%	16,3%	14,0%
In youth work at regional level	16,0%	40,0%	32,0%	12,0%
In youth work at national level	35,3%	17,6%	35,3%	11,8%
In youth work at European level	16,3%	34,9%	27,9%	20,9%
In youth work at international level	11,4%	18,6%	37,1%	32,9%
Across all levels of youth work	18,6%	30,4%	29,8%	21,2%

The table for Question Q14 shows that budgets for local youth work have been more stable, and that budgets for European and international youth work have decreased more often.

Q14 » Overall, including any Corona-related financial support, how has your youth work budget been impacted so far?

Response options {by level, p = 0,021}	Budget has not changed	Budget has decreased	Budget has increased
In youth work at local level	60,9%	39,1%	0,0%
In youth work at regional level	50,0%	50,0%	0,0%
In youth work at national level	55,0%	45,0%	0,0%
In youth work at European level	51,7%	48,3%	0,0%
In youth work at international level	35,0%	58,8%	6,3%
Across all levels of youth work	49,1%	49,1%	1,9%



The following two tables show how much youth work budgets have decreased:

Q47 » How much, in your est	imate in pe	ercent, has	your yout	h work bu	dget decre	ased?
Response options {by level, p = 0,029}	In youth work at local level	In youth work at regional level	In youth work at national level	In youth work at European level	In youth work at international level	In youth work across all levels
Between 1 and 10 percent	0,0%	0,0%	11,1%	0,0%	0,0%	0,8%
Between 10 and 20 percent	18,8%	41,7%	11,1%	8,0%	6,5%	11,4%
Between 20 and 30 percent	43,8%	8,3%	0,0%	24,0%	4,3%	16,3%
Between 30 and 40 percent	18,8%	16,7%	55,6%	4,0%	21,7%	20,3%
Between 40 and 50 percent	0,0%	16,7%	0,0%	16,0%	10,9%	10,6%
Between 50 and 60 percent	6,3%	0,0%	0,0%	16,0%	23,9%	14,6%
Between 60 and 70 percent	6,3%	0,0%	0,0%	4,0%	2,2%	4,9%
Between 70 and 80 percent	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	4,0%	2,2%	2,4%
Between 80 and 90 percent	0,0%	16,7%	11,1%	16,0%	10,9%	9,8%
Between 90 and 100 percent	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	4,0%	13,0%	5,7%
100 percent	6,3%	0,0%	11,1%	4,0%	2,2%	3,3%

Q47 » How much, in your estimate in percent, has your youth work budget decreased?							
Response options {by level, p = 0,029}	In youth work at local level	In youth work at regional level	In youth work at national level	In youth work at European level	In youth work at international level	In youth work across all levels	
Our budget has decreased by 100%.	6,3%	0,0%	11,1%	4,0%	2,2%	3,3%	
Our budget has decreased by two thirds or more.	0,0%	16,7%	11,1%	24,0%	26,1%	17,9%	
Our budget has decreased between one and two thirds.	12,5%	16,7%	11,1%	36,0%	39,1%	30,9%	
Our budget has decreased by up to one third.	81,3%	66,7%	66,7%	36,0%	32,6%	48,0%	



At local level, youth workers and youth leaders have managed to stay in touch with their participants and/or members **face-to-face** more frequently than at other spatial levels:

Q21 » How has your youth work environment changed?							
"I am in touch with my participants or members face-to-face"							
Response options {by level, p = 0,011}	exclusively	more than before	same as before	less than before	not at all		
In youth work at local level	0,0%	10,3%	17,2%	44,8%	27,6%		
In youth work at regional level	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	52,9%	47,1%		
In youth work at national level	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	50,0%	50,0%		
In youth work at European level	0,0%	0,0%	2,8%	36,0%	61,1%		
In youth work at international level	0,0%	1,7%	5,1%	28,8%	64,4%		
Across all levels of youth work	0,0%	2,6%	5,8%	37,2%	54,5%		



4.4. URBANITY & RURALITY

Question Q03 "Has the corona pandemic affected your own youth work?" shows no statistically significant difference between rural and urban contexts. In other words: youth work has so far, overall, been affected with comparable intensity by the coronavirus pandemic, independent of whether it is being organised in a small rural village, a medium-sized town, or a larger city.

Question Q12 shows a statistically highly significant relation between the approaches to communication during the crisis and the urban/rural context of youth work. In more rural contexts, communication has more often changed to the better:

Q12 » Which structural aspects of your youth work have been affected?								
"Our approach to communication has"								
Response options {by urbanity/rurality, p = 0,009}	mostly disappeared	changed for the worse	changed neutrally (for now)	changed for the better	remained the same			
in cities or metropolitan areas with more than 500000 inhabitants	3,0%	23,1%	30,8%	35,4%	7,7%			
in towns or urban areas with 100000 to 500000 inhabitants	2,0%	22,0%	24,0%	40,0%	12,0%			
in suburbs of cities or urban or metropolitan areas	0,0%	0,0%	28,6%	57,1%	14,3%			
in mid-sized towns with 25000 to 100000 inhabitants	1,9%	19,2%	48,1%	23,1%	7,7%			
in small towns with less than 25000 inhabitants	10,0%	25,0%	35,0%	25,0%	5,0%			
in well-connected villages or rural areas (< 45 minutes travel to a town/city)	20,0%	6,7%	53,3%	20,0%	0,0%			
in remote villages or rural areas (> 45 minutes travel to a town/city)	0,0%	11,1%	22,2%	55,6%	11,1%			
Across all urban and rural contexts	1,5%	20,2%	36,3%	34,3%	7,6%			



The same is true for approaches to coordination, which have changed more frequently to the worst in the most urban contexts and more frequently to the better in the most rural contexts:

Q12 » Which structural aspects of your youth work have been affected? "Our approach to coordination has"						
Response options {by urbanity/rurality, p = 0,046}	mostly disappeared	changed for the worse	changed neutrally (for now)	changed for the better	remained the same	
in cities or metropolitan areas with more than 500000 inhabitants	6,1%	26,2%	32,3%	23,1%	12,3%	
in towns or urban areas with 100000 to 500000 inhabitants	4,0%	30,0%	20,0%	32,0%	14,0%	
in suburbs of cities or urban or metropolitan areas	0,0%	14,3%	28,6%	14,3%	42,9%	
in mid-sized towns with 25000 to 100000 inhabitants	3,8%	23,1%	51,9%	11,5%	9,6%	
in small towns with less than 25000 inhabitants	10,0%	15,0%	45,0%	25,0%	5,0%	
in well-connected villages or rural areas (< 45 minutes travel to a town/city)	20,0%	20,0%	40,0%	6,7%	13,3%	
in remote villages or rural areas (> 45 minutes travel to a town/city)	0,0%	11,1%	22,2%	55,6%	11,1%	
Across all urban and rural contexts	3,4%	24,4%	36,3%	22,1%	13,4%	



Question Q17 shows a statistically significant difference between urban and rural contexts and how well respondents think that youth work, as a field, has responded to the crisis so far. In metropolitan contexts, the response of youth work is less frequently judged to have been very adequate, so far, and more frequently judged to have been somewhat inadequate.

Q17 » In your opinion and context, how well has youth work as a field responded to the crisis so far?

"The response of youth work so far has been..."

Response options {by urbanity/rurality, p = 0,019}	very adequate	somewhat adequate	somewhat inadequate	very inadequate
in cities or metropolitan areas with more than 500000 inhabitants	27,7%	41,5%	27,7%	3,1%
in towns or urban areas with 100000 to 500000 inhabitants	24,0%	52,0%	22,0%	2,0%
in suburbs of cities or urban or metropolitan areas	0,0%	85,7%	14,3%	0,0%
in mid-sized towns with 25000 to 100000 inhabitants	24,0%	58,0%	10,0%	8,0%
in small towns with less than 25000 inhabitants	30,0%	55,0%	15,0%	0,0%
in well-connected villages or rural areas (< 45 minutes travel to a town/city)	28,6%	50,0%	21,4%	0,0%
in remote villages or rural areas (> 45 minutes travel to a town/city)	88,9%	0,0%	0,0%	11,1%
Across all urban and rural contexts	29,1%	47,7%	19,0%	4,2%



4.5. STATUS IN YOUTH WORK

Question Q03 "Has the corona pandemic affected your own youth work?" shows no statistically significant difference between employed, freelancing and volunteering youth workers and youth leaders, and between youth workers and youth leaders working or engaging part-time or full-time in youth work. In other words: youth workers have so far, overall, been affected with comparable intensity by the coronavirus pandemic, independent of the employment or engagement status they have in youth work, and of the time they invest into youth work.

There are no statistically significant differences for any of the other questions either in relation to the status of youth workers and youth leaders.

4.6. ROLES IN YOUTH WORK

Question Q03 "Has the corona pandemic affected your own youth work?" shows no statistically significant difference between respondents with different roles in youth work. In other words: youth workers, administrators, educators, managers, policymakers, researchers and trainers have so far, overall, been affected with comparable intensity by the coronavirus pandemic, independent of the time they invest into youth work.

Question Q13 shows a statistically highly significant relation between youth work roles and availability of public funding. Youth work policymakers (75%), managers and trainers (both 64%) state more frequently than any of the other groups that there is no public, non-repayable funding available for their youth work in their context.

Q13 » Which structural support have you been able to apply for during the Corona crisis? "Public funding, not repayable"

Response options {by role, p = 0,005}	Available in my context	Not available in my context
Youth worker	72,2%	27,8%
Youth work administrator	45,5%	54,5%
Youth work educator	80,0%	20,0%
Youth work manager	36,0%	64,0%
Youth work policymaker	25,0%	75,0%
Youth work researcher	66,7%	33,3%
Youth work trainer	36,1%	63,9%
Across all youth work roles	41,7%	58,3%



Question Q20 shows a statistically significant relation between youth work roles and how the corona pandemic has affected respondents. Youth work researchers (80%) and educators (73%) say much more frequently that the pandemic has, so far, had major effects on them

Q20 » Has the corona pandemic affected you as a youth worker or youth leader? "It has had"							
Response options {by role, p = 0,038}	no effects at all	slight effects (can be negative, neutral, positive)	moderate effects (can be negative, neutral, positive)	major effects (can be negative, neutral, positive)			
Youth worker	0,0%	18,2%	54,5%	27,3%			
Youth work administrator	0,0%	12,5%	50,0%	37,5%			
Youth work educator	0,0%	0,0%	27,3%	72,7%			
Youth work manager	0,0%	22,2%	33,3%	44,4%			
Youth work policymaker	20,0%	0,0%	80,0%	0,0%			
Youth work researcher	0,0%	0,0%	20,0%	80,0%			
Youth work trainer	2,6%	13,0%	36,4%	48,1%			

Across all youth work roles

45,4%

38,7%

13,5%

2,5%



Question Q21 shows a statistically significant relation between youth work roles and how frequently respondents are in touch **face-to-face** with their colleagues and peers. 82% of youth work educators and 60% of youth work researchers say that there are not at all in any face-to-face contact with their peers or colleagues, compared to 29% of youth workers – and 0% of youth work administrators.

Q21 » How has your youth work environment changed?					
"I am in touch with my colleagues o	or peers fa	ce-to-fac	e"		
Response options {by role, p = 0,018}	exclusively	more than before	same as before	less than before	not at all
Youth worker	0,0%	4,8%	4,8%	61,9%	28,6%
Youth work administrator	0,0%	25,0%	12,5%	62,5%	0,0%
Youth work educator	0,0%	9,1%	0,0%	9,1%	81,8%
Youth work manager	0,0%	0,0%	7,7%	53,8%	38,5%
Youth work policymaker	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	50,0%	50,0%
Youth work researcher	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	40,0%	60,0%
Youth work trainer	2,7%	5,3%	6,7%	45,3%	40,0%
Across all youth work roles	1,3%	5,1%	5,7%	47,8%	40,1%



4.7. SIZE OF ORGANISATION

Question Q03 "Has the corona pandemic affected your own youth work?" shows no statistically significant difference between respondents involved in youth work structures of different sizes (which could be organisations, associations, networks, authorities, or bodies). In other words: youth work structures have so far, overall, been affected with comparable intensity by the coronavirus pandemic, independent of how big or small the organisation/association/network/authority/body is.

Question Q04 shows a statistically significant relation between organisational size (as measured by annual turnover) and how youth work **methods** have changed through the coronavirus pandemic:

Q04 » Which aspects of your youth work have been affected? "Our youth work <i>methods</i> have changed."						
Response options {by turnover, p = 0,041}	Not at all	Slightly	Moderately	Majorly		
Annual turnover < 50k Euro	4,5%	10,6%	39,4%	45,5%		
Annual turnover 50k < 100k Euro	2,1%	17,0%	31,9%	48,9%		
Annual turnover 100k < 500k Euro	0,0%	3,3%	35,0%	61,7%		
Annual turnover 500k < 1m Euro	0,0%	13,3%	46,7%	40,0%		
Annual turnover > 1m Euro	0,0%	9,1%	22,7%	68,2%		
Across all organisational sizes	2,8%	10,4%	35,0%	51,8%		

Question Q04 also shows statistically significant relations between organisational size (as measured by annual turnover) and how youth work **tools** and **values** have changed through the coronavirus pandemic (see the disaggregation tables for Q04 on the following page). Tools have changed more frequently in the context of larger organisations, whereas respondents observe a change in values for frequently for smaller organisations.



Q04 » Which aspects of your youth work have been affected? "Our youth work tools have changed."

Response options {by turnover, p = 0,019}	Not at all	Slightly	Moderately	Majorly
Annual turnover < 50k Euro	6,1%	15,2%	30,3%	48,5%
Annual turnover 50k < 100k Euro	8,5%	12,8%	46,8%	31,9%
Annual turnover 100k < 500k Euro	1,7%	1,7%	38,3%	58,3%
Annual turnover 500k < 1m Euro	0,0%	6,7%	53,3%	40,0%
Annual turnover > 1m Euro	4,5%	0,0%	27,3%	68,2%
Across all organisational sizes	5,5%	11,0%	37,6%	46,0%

Q04 » Which aspects of your youth work have been affected?

"Our youth work *values* have changed."

Response options {by turnover, p = 0,022}	Not at all	Slightly	Moderately	Majorly
Annual turnover < 50k Euro	40,9%	34,8%	15,2%	9,1%
Annual turnover 50k < 100k Euro	56,5%	28,3%	6,5%	8,7%
Annual turnover 100k < 500k Euro	54,25	20,3%	13,6%	11,9%
Annual turnover 500k < 1m Euro	73,3%	26,7%	0,0%	0,0%
Annual turnover > 1m Euro	68,2%	13,6%	4,5%	13,6%
Across all organisational sizes	48,4%	27,9%	12,9%	10,7%



Question Q06 shows a statistically significant relation between organisational size (as measured by annual turnover) and what organisations offer to young people during the pandemic.

Q06 » How are you addressing the corona pandemic and its effects in your youth work?

"We offer 1:1 mentoring to young people."

Response options $\{by\ turnover,\ p=0,050\}$	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently
Annual turnover < 50k Euro	19,0%	24,1%	37,9%	19,0%
Annual turnover 50k < 100k Euro	20,0%	22,5%	37,5%	20,0%
Annual turnover 100k < 500k Euro	8,0%	20,0%	48,0%	24,0%
Annual turnover 500k < 1m Euro	21,4%	14,3%	28,6%	35,7%
Annual turnover > 1m Euro	15,8%	21,1%	15,8%	47,4%
Across all organisational sizes	15,2%	22,4%	37,6%	24,7%

Both 1:1 mentoring and online group activities are offers made more frequently by larger organisations than smaller ones.

Q06 » How are you addressing the corona pandemic and its effects in your youth work?

"We offer online group activities to young people."

Response options $\{by\ turnover,\ p=0,042\}$	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently
Annual turnover < 50k Euro	3,4%	24,1%	37,9%	34,5%
Annual turnover 50k < 100k Euro	15,0%	12,5%	30,0%	42,5%
Annual turnover 100k < 500k Euro	5,9%	7,8%	29,4%	56,9%
Annual turnover 500k < 1m Euro	14,3%	21,4%	14,3%	50,0%
Annual turnover > 1m Euro	15,8%	5,3%	15,8%	63,2%
Across all organisational sizes	9,1%	13,6%	33,8%	43,5%



Question Q11 shows a statistically highly significant relation between organisational size (as measured by annual turnover) and how respondents judge the effects of the pandemic on their own youth work structure. Respondents from larger organisations more frequently say that the pandemic has had major effects than respondents from smaller organisations:

Q11 » Has the corona pandemic affected your own youth work structure – be that an organisation, an administration, a network, a department, a team?

Response options {by turnover, p = 0,001}	No effects	Slight effects	Moderate effects	Major effects
Annual turnover < 50k Euro	3,0%	25,4%	35,8%	35,8%
Annual turnover 50k < 100k Euro	12,8%	10,6%	27,7%	48,9%
Annual turnover 100k < 500k Euro	1,7%	20,0%	35,0%	43,3%
Annual turnover 500k < 1m Euro	0,0%	6,7%	40,0%	53,3%
Annual turnover > 1m Euro	0,0%	4,5%	18,2%	77,3%
Across all organisational sizes	4,6%	15,2%	33,3%	46,8%

Question Q49 shows a statistically highly significant relation between organisational size (as measured by annual turnover) and the impact on the work time of paid staff members. The larger the organisation, the more likely it is that work time of paid staff members has been reduced: 60% of the largest youth work organisations say they reduced the work time of paid staff members, compared to the average of 38% across all organisations.

Q49 » How has your youth work team been impacted so far by the crisis?

"Work time of paid staff members has been reduced."

Response options $\{by\ turnover,\ p=<0,001\}$	<i>y</i> es	no	unsure	prefer not to say	not applicable
Annual turnover < 50k Euro	22,6%	30,2%	13,2%	0,0%	34,0%
Annual turnover 50k < 100k Euro	46,7%	37,8%	2,2%	2,2%	11,1%
Annual turnover 100k < 500k Euro	44,1%	47,5%	0,0%	1,7%	6,8%
Annual turnover 500k < 1m Euro	50,0%	50,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%
Annual turnover > 1m Euro	60,0%	30,0%	5,0%	5,0%	0,0%
Across all organisational sizes	37,5%	39,6%	5,0%	1,7%	16,3%



55% of organisations with a turnover of 1 million Euro or more also say that further reductions of work time of paid staff members are likely – compared to 25% across all organisations of all sizes.

Q49 » How has your youth work team been impacted so far by the crisis?

"Further reductions of work time of paid staff members are likely."

Response options $\{by\ turnover,\ p=<0,001\}$	<i>y</i> es	no	unsure	prefer not to say	not applicable
Annual turnover < 50k Euro	15,1%	18,9%	24,5%	3,8%	37,7%
Annual turnover 50k < 100k Euro	20,0%	42,2%	22,2%	2,2%	13,3%
Annual turnover 100k < 500k Euro	32,8%	34,5%	27,6%	0,0%	5,2%
Annual turnover 500k < 1m Euro	21,4%	64,3%	14,3%	0,0%	0,0%
Annual turnover > 1m Euro	55,0%	30,0%	10,0%	5,0%	0,0%
Across all organisational sizes	24,5%	35,0%	21,5%	1,7%	17,3%

The impact on the volunteering dimension of youth work teams, on the other hand, shows no statistically significant differences between organisations of different sizes (as measured by their annual turnover).



4.8. YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE YOUTH FIELD

Question Q03 "Has the corona pandemic affected your own youth work?" shows no statistically significant difference between respondents connected to their years of experience in the youth field. In other words: youth workers and youth leaders have so far, overall, been affected with comparable intensity by the coronavirus pandemic, independent of long they have been involved in the youth field.

There are also no other statistically significant differences between respondents connected to their years of experience in the youth field.

4.9. YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL YOUTH WORK

Question Q03 "Has the corona pandemic affected your own youth work?" shows a slight and statistically significant difference between respondents connected to their years of experience in international youth work (d = 0,109, p = 0,027).

Q03 » Has the corona pandemic affected your own youth work?						
Response options {by years of experience in international youth work, p = 0,027}	No effects at all	Slight effects	Moderate effects	Major effects		
International youth work experience < 2 years	0,0%	0,0%	29,4%	70,6%		
International youth work experience 2 < 5 years	0,0%	3,1%	40,6%	56,3%		
International youth work experience 5 < 8 years	0,0%	7,7%	3,8%	88,5%		
International youth work experience 8 < 10 years	0,0%	0,0%	36,4%	63,6%		
International youth work experience 10 < 15 years	0,0%	0,0%	21,4%	78,6%		
International youth work experience 15 < 20 years	7,1%	0,0%	7,1%	85,7%		
International youth work experience 20 < 25 years	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	100,0%		
International youth work experience > 25 years	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	100,0%		
Across all years of experience	0,9%	5,6%	23,4%	70,1%		



Question Q06 shows a moderate and statistically highly significant difference (d = 0,227, p = 0,001) between youth workers and youth leaders in relation to experience in international youth work for the aspect of 1:1 mentoring, which more experienced respondents offer more frequently than younger ones.

Q06 » How are you addressing the corona pandemic and its effects in your youth work?

"We offer 1:1 mentoring to young people."

Response options {by years of experience in international youth work, p = 0,001}	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently
International youth work experience < 2 years	23,1%	15,4%	53,8%	7,7%
International youth work experience 2 < 5 years	25,0%	33,3%	33,3%	8,3%
International youth work experience 5 < 8 years	16,7%	20,8%	41,7%	20,8%
International youth work experience 8 < 10 years	0,0%	16,7%	50,0%	33,3%
International youth work experience 10 < 15 years	12,5%	25,0%	41,7%	20,8%
International youth work experience 15 < 20 years	0,0%	25,0%	33,3%	41,7%
International youth work experience 20 < 25 years	0,0%	0,0%	50,0%	50,0%
International youth work experience > 25 years	0,0%	0,0%	50,0%	50,0%
Across all years of experience	15,2%	22,4%	37,6%	24,7%



5. YOUNG PEOPLE ACTIVE IN YOUTH WORK

5.1. UNDERSTANDING MAIN EFFECTS ON ACCESS TO YOUTH WORK

For 54% of responding young people, the corona pandemic has affected their access to youth activities and projects majorly, and for another 25% moderately.

Q28 » Has the corona pandemic affected your access to youth activities or projects?				
Response options	Frequency	Percent		
It has had no affects at all	17	9,9%		
It has had slight effects (can be negative, neutral, positive)	19	11,0%		
It has had moderate effects (can be negative, neutral, positive)	43	25,0%		
It has had major effects (can be negative, neutral, positive)	93	54,1%		
Total	172	100,0%		

The table for Q29 below shows which aspects of youth work have been affected how strongly:

Q29 » How has your access to youth activities or projects been affected?							
	Yes	No	Unsure	Not applicable			
Existing physical/offline spaces remained open.	21,1%	57,1%	15,6%	6,1%			
Existing digital/online spaces were used more.	72,0%	9,1%	13,3%	5,6%			
New physical/offline spaces were opened.	18,2%	65,0%	12,6%	4,2%			
New digital/online spaces were opened.	70,6%	11,9%	17,5%	0,0%			
Youth work has become more relevant.	28,2%	26,8%	38,7%	6,3%			
Youth work has become more creative.	51,1%	19,9%	23,4%	5,7%			



The following two tables show how many young people, in the estimate of respondents, still have access to youth activities and projects they were involved in. The median is 33% – in other words: 50% of respondents say that one third or less of young people previously involved in youth activities and projects still have access to them.

Q30 » In your estimate in percent, how many young people still have access to the youth activities or projects you are involved in, compared to before the crisis started?

Response options	Percent	Cumulative
0 percent (nobody has access anymore)	2,6%	2,6%
Between 1 and 10 percent	7,9%	10,5%
Between 10 and 20 percent	12,3%	22,8%
Between 20 and 30 percent	14,0%	36,8%
Between 30 and 40 percent	15,8%	52,6%
Between 40 and 50 percent	4,4%	57,0%
Between 50 and 60 percent	13,2%	70,2%
Between 60 and 70 percent	8,8%	78,9%
Between 70 and 80 percent	6,1%	85,1%
Between 80 and 90 percent	7,0%	92,1%
Between 90 and 100 percent	4,4%	96,5%
100 percent (all young people still have access)	3,5%	100,0%

Q30 » In your estimate in percent, how many young people still have access to the youth activities or projects you are involved in, compared to before the crisis started?

Response options	Percent	Cumulative
All young people still in reach	3,5%	3,5%
Two thirds or more of young people still in reach	17,5%	21,1%
Between one and two thirds of young people still in reach	28,1%	49,1%
Less than one third of young people still in reach	48,2%	97,4%
None of previously reached young people still in reach	2,6%	100,0%



5.2. UNDERSTANDING YOUTH WORK RESPONSES

The table for Q32 show the offers made to respondents by youth work during the pandemic:

Q32 » How has youth work addressed the corona pandemic in your experience? Never Rarely Occasionally Frequently We were offered group chats 14,4% 20,7% 24,3% 40,5% We were offered 1:1 mentoring 33,6% 27,1% 26,2% 13,1% We were offered online group activities 17,1% 19,8% 31,5% 31,5% We have discussed news/fake news 26,4% 21,8% 32,7% 19,1% We have received practical advice 21,8% 21,8% 30,0% 26,4% We have received technical support 22,9% 29,4% 34,9% 12,8% We have received logistical support 13,9% 33,3% 22,2% 30,6%

29% of responding young people say that the response of youth work to the crisis was very adequate, and 40% say it was somewhat adequate. For 22% the response was somewhat inadequate, and for 9% very inadequate.

Q33 » In your opinion and context, how well has youth work response	onded to the	crisis?
Response options	Percent	Cumulative
The response of youth work was very adequate.	29,0%	29,0%
The response of youth work was somewhat adequate.	40,2%	69,2%
The response of youth work was somewhat inadequate.	21,5%	90,7%
The response of youth work was very inadequate.	9,3%	100,0%



5.3. CHANGING ENGAGEMENT FOR YOUTH WORK

The table for Q34 shows that digital youth work formats play a major role in the changing relation of respondents to youth work: 48% of responding young people say they join digital youth work activities more than before; 35% say they are suggesting changes to digital youth work activities; and 27% say they volunteer to support digital youth work activities.

Q34 » How has your own relation to youth work changed during the corona pandemic?								
Response options	not at all	not anymore	less than before	same as before	more than before	unsure		
I am joining face-to-face youth work activities:	27,1%	20,0%	25,9%	16,5%	7,1%	3,5%		
I am joining digital/virtual youth work activities:	17,4%	4,7%	12,8%	16,3%	47,7%	1,2%		
I am volunteering to support face-to-face youth work:	29,4%	15,3%	17,6%	16,5%	14,1%	7,1%		
I am volunteering to support digital/ virtual youth work:	30,2%	4,75	4,7%	26,7%	25,6%	8,1%		
I am suggesting changes to face-to-face youth work:	28,2%	7,1%	10,6%	17,6%	24,7%	11,8%		
I am suggesting changes to digital/ virtual youth work:	24,7%	3,5%	7,1%	18,8%	35,3%	10,6%		
I am helping to improve face-to-face youth work:	26,2%	3,6%	11,9%	29,8%	21,4%	7,1%		
I am helping to improve digital/virtual youth work:	21,2%	1,2%	11,8%	24,7%	28,2%	12,9%		



5.4. HOW HAS YOUTH WORK HELPED YOUNG PEOPLE?

The table for Q68 shows how responding young people say youth work has helped them during these times. 42% strongly agree that being involved in youth work gave them something to look forward to; 38% strongly agree that being connected with other young people through youth work helped them and that being involved in youth work made them laugh and made their days better.

Q68 » Has your involvement in youth work helped you during these times?								
Response options	strongly agree	partly agree	partly disagree	strongly disagree	unsure	prefer not to say		
Being connected with other young people through youth work helped me.	37,6%	36,5%	2,4%	9,4%	8,2%	5,9%		
Being involved in youth work helped me to deal with the overall situation.	32,9%	40,0%	8,2%	8,2%	7,1%	3,5%		
Being involved in youth work helped me to understand and interpret news.	28,6%	39,3%	9,5%	8,3%	8,3%	6,0%		
Being involved in youth work helped me to recognise and deal with fake news.	23,8%	35,7%	6,0%	10,7%	17,9%	6,0%		
Being involved in youth work helped me to discuss the current situation seriously.	34,5%	36,9%	10,7%	7,1%	8,3%	2,4%		
Being involved in youth work made me laugh and made my days better.	37,6%	32,9%	3,5%	12,9%	8,2%	4,7%		
Being involved in youth work gave me something meaningful to do.	36,5%	37,6%	8,2%	7,1%	8,2%	2,4%		
Being involved in youth work gave me something to look forward to.	41,7%	32,1%	6,0%	10,7%	4,8%	4,8%		



The picture becomes even clearer when clustering responses, as shown in the table below:

Q68 » Has your involvement in youth work helped you during these times?						
Response options (clustered)	strongly or partly agree	partly or strongly disagree	unsure or prefer not to say			
Being connected with other young people through youth work helped me.	74,1%	11,8%	14,1%			
Being involved in youth work helped me to deal with the overall situation.	72,9%	16,5%	10,6%			
Being involved in youth work helped me to understand and interpret news.	67,9%	17,9%	14,3%			
Being involved in youth work helped me to recognise and deal with fake news.	59,5%	16,7%	23,8%			
Being involved in youth work helped me to discuss the current situation seriously.	71,4%	17,9%	10,7%			
Being involved in youth work made me laugh and made my days better.	70,6%	16,5%	12,9%			
Being involved in youth work gave me something meaningful to do.	74,1%	15,3%	10,6%			
Being involved in youth work gave me something to look forward to.	73,8%	16,7%	9,5%			

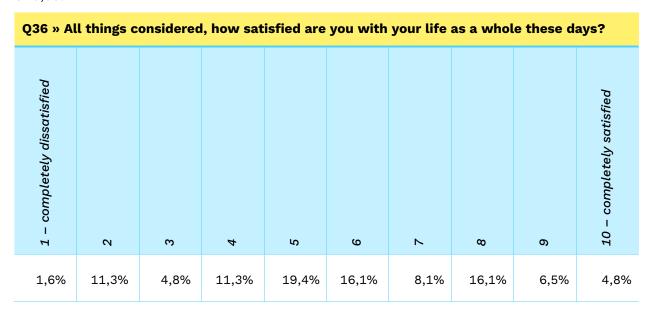
74% of respondents agree (strongly or partly) that being involved in youth work gave them something meaningful to do and something to look forward to.



5.5. UNDERSTANDING PERSONAL IMPACT ON YOUNG PEOPLE

To gauge the personal impact of the coronavirus pandemic and its effects on young people, we opted to include a question that is also being asked as part of the European Values Study (EVS) and World Values Survey (WVS). The tables below show the data from our survey, and for comparison the data from the most recent EVS survey wave (data collection between 2017 and 2019).

On a scale from 1, meaning completely dissatisfied, and 10, meaning completely satisfied, the responding young people in our survey show an average life satisfaction of 5,69, with a median of 6,00.



For comparison: The European values survey shows an average life satisfaction of 7,71 for the age group 15-24 years, with a median of 8,00.1

E	VSV39	» All thing	gs consid	ered, how	satisfied	are you v	with your	life as a v	vhole the	se days?
	1 – completely dissatisfied	7	ო	4	ιQ	G	2	œ	ø,	10 – completely satisfied
	0,7%	0,7%	1,7%	2,8%	6,7%	8,3%	17,9%	25,5%	17,3%	18,4%

¹ EVS (2020): European Values Study 2017: Integrated Dataset (EVS 2017). GESIS Data Archive, Cologne. ZA7500 Data file Version 3.0.0, https://doi.org/10.4232/1.13511



Q37 » How have you been feeling over the last two weeks (1/2)?								
Response options	all of the time	most of the time	more than half of the time	less than half of the time	some of the time	at no time	prefer not to say	
I have felt cheerful and in good spirits.	9,7%	19,4%	9,7%	19,4%	30,6%	8,1%	3,2%	
I have felt calm and relaxed.	6,6%	21,3%	21,3%	16,4%	23,0%	11,5%	0,0%	
I have felt active and vigorous.	4,8%	11,3%	24,2%	32,3%	12,9%	12,9%	1,6%	
I have felt close and connected.	9,7%	22,6%	16,1%	19,4%	12,9%	16,1%	3,2%	
I woke up feeling fresh and rested.	6,5%	16,1%	24,2%	19,4%	19,4%	14,5%	0,0%	
My daily life has been filled with things that interest me.	8,1%	9,7%	21,0%	25,8%	24,2%	11,3%	0,0%	
Q38 » How have you been feeling over	the last	two we	eks (2/2	2)?				
Q38 » How have you been feeling over Response options	all of the time	most of the time	more than half of the time	less than half	some of the time	at no time	prefer not to say	
			·		some of the time	at no time	prefer not to say	
Response options	all of the time	most of the time	more than half of the time	less than half of the time	·			
Response options I have felt downhearted and depressed.	9 all of the time %	most of the time	more than half of the time	less than half of the time	30,6%	6,5%	1,6%	
Response options I have felt downhearted and depressed. I have felt tense and stressed.	6,5% all of the time	19,4%	more than half of the time	less than half of the time	30,6%	6,5% 4,9%	1,6%	
Response options I have felt downhearted and depressed. I have felt tense and stressed. I have felt inactive and lethargic.	6,5% 16,4%	19,4% 19,7%	14,5% 19,7% 21,0%	less than half of the time 17,7%	30,6% 21,3% 17,7%	6,5% 4,9% 8,1%	1,6% 0,0% 1,6%	



5.6. CHANGING MEDIA USE DURING THE PANDEMIC

Q63 » How has your usage of media changed during the past weeks, if at all?								
Response options: I am using	not at all	not anymore	less than before	same as before	more than before	unsure		
Media on traditional channels, such as TV, newspaper or radio	24,2%	6,5%	14,5%	21,0%	33,9%	0,0%		
Media on contemporary channels, such as Instagram, Snapchat or TikTok	19,7%	3,3%	8,2%	24,6%	44,3%	0,0%		
Official briefings or press conferences of the government	16,4%	0,0%	14,8%	11,5%	52,5%	4,9%		
Official briefings or press conferences of academic experts	20,0%	3,3%	11,7%	30,0%	35,0%	0,0%		
Live sessions, podcasts, videos or similar social media formats with academic experts	16,4%	3,3%	4,9%	29,5%	44,3%	1,6%		
Live sessions, podcasts, videos or similar social media formats with influencers	21,3%	3,3%	8,2%	26,2%	37,7%	3,3%		

Q65 » How are young people considered, in your experience and opinion, in policy and media during these times?							
Response options	strongly agree	partly agree	partly disagree	strongly disagree	unsure		
The experience of young people during this crisis is sufficiently present in the media.	11,9%	27,1%	22,0%	27,1%	11,9%		
The realities of young people during this crisis are fairly covered in the media.	13,6%	25,4%	25,4%	28,8%	6,8%		
Policy-makers are well informed about the experience of young people during this crisis.	8,6%	12,1%	41,4%	34,5%	3,4%		
Policy-making fairly reflects the obstacles and needs of young people during this crisis.	10,3%	19,0%	27,6%	39,7%	3,4%		



5.7. PROFILE OF RESPONDENTS (YOUNG PEOPLE)

38% of responding young people have been involved in youth work at European level, compared to 19% at local level, 8% at regional and 10% at national level:

Q31 » At which levels have you been involved in youth work activities or projects?					
Response options (multiple choices possible)	Percent				
At local level	18,8%				
At regional level	7,5%				
At national level	10,0%				
At European level	37,5%				
At international level	26,3%				

Gender distribution of respondents is as shown below:

Q43 » What is your gender?	
Response options	Percent
female	70,9%
male	27,8%
non-binary	1,3%

Age distribution of respondents is as shown below (mean age 23,75 years, median 22,0 years):

Q42 » What is your current age?	
Responses (clustered)	Percent
Between 14 and 17 years	18,8%
Between 18 and 20 years	23,8%
Between 21 and 24 years	28,7%
Between 25 and 29 years	12,5%
30 years or older	16,3%



6.KEY DISAGGREGATIONS AND CORRELATIONS

6.1. AGE OF RESPONDING YOUNG PEOPLE

Question Q28 "Has the corona pandemic affected your access to youth activities or projects?" shows no statistically significant difference between age groups. In other words: young people's access to youth activities and projects was affected similarly, independent of their age.

Question Q37 shows a statistically significant relation between the age of respondents and how close and connected they felt over the last two weeks before taking the survey. Oder respondents felt less often connected and close than younger respondents:

Q37 » How have you been feeling over the last two weeks (1/2)?							
"I have felt close and connected."							
Response options {by age groups, p = 0,019}	all of the time	most of the time	more than half of the time	less than half of the time	some of the time	at no time	prefer not to say
Between 14 and 17 years	7,1%	28,6%	21,4%	14,3%	7,1%	21,4%	0,0%
Between 18 and 20 years	8,3%	25,0%	0,0%	25,0%	16,7%	25,0%	0,0%
Between 21 and 24 years	11,8%	29,4%	11,8%	17,6%	5,9%	11,8%	11,8%
Between 25 and 29 years	0,0%	0,0%	37,5%	25,0%	37,5%	0,0%	0,0%
30 years or older	0,0%	0,0%	28,6%	28,6%	14,3%	28,6%	0,0%
All age groups	9,7%	22,6%	16,1%	19,4%	12,9%	16,1%	3,2%



6.2. GENDER OF RESPONDING YOUNG PEOPLE

The analysis shows that more female respondents indicate a stronger effect of the coronavirus pandemic on their access to youth activities and projects, compared to male respondents – note that non-binary respondents were excluded from the disaggregation by gender due to the low number of respondents (1,3%) who chose that option.

Q28 » Has the corona pandemic affected your access to youth activities or projects?				
Response options {by gender, p = 0,022}	Female	Male		
It has had no affects at all	3,6%	13,6%		
It has had slight effects (can be negative, neutral, positive)	7,1%	13,6%		
It has had moderate effects (can be negative, neutral, positive)	23,2%	31,8%		
It has had major effects (can be negative, neutral, positive)	66,1%	40,9%		

No other question showed a statistically significant difference in response between female and male respondents. Based on that, it seems that youth work is responding adequately to the needs of both boys and young men and girls and young women during the coronavirus pandemic, and that the difference in access to youth activities and projects shown above has reasons outside of youth work.



6.3. SPATIAL LEVEL

Question Q28 "Has the corona pandemic affected your access to youth activities or projects?" shows no statistically significant difference between spatial levels. In other words: young people's access to youth activities and projects was affected similarly, whether they were involved in youth work at local, regional, national, European and/or international level.

Overall, the response of youth work to the coronavirus pandemic shows no statistically significant differences between levels of youth work, with the exception of how often online group activities were offered to young people, which occurred more frequently at local, national and international level and less frequently at regional and European level.

Q32 » How has youth work addressed the corona pandemic in your experience? » "We were offered online group activities."

Response options {by level, p = 0,024}	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently
In youth work at local level	13,3%	0,0%	33,3%	53,3%
In youth work at regional level	16,7%	33,3%	50,0%	0,0%
In youth work at national level	12,5%	12,5%	25,0%	50,0%
In youth work at European level	33,3%	20,0%	33,3%	13,3%
In youth work at international level	0,0%	25,0%	25,0%	50,0%
Across all levels of youth work	17,1%	19,8%	31,5%	31,5%