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### Europe@DJHT:

## Creating a social and fair Europe for all young people

\* The focus on Europe of the 2014 DJHT had been met with a very good response. For the 16th DJHT AGJ and Youth for Europe have agreed a joint European focus under the slogan of “Europe@DJHT”. We want to use this for showing in many different ways how important Europe is for the practice of children and youth services and to offer opportunities for an intense exchange.

\* Ever more Europe influences the environment in which young people grow up: training, jobs, travels, etc. - all of this takes them across borders ever more often. Moreover European policies influence the opportunities and living conditions of young people. But: 26 million children and young people, i.e. nearly 30 per cent of those who are between 15 and 29 years old, are threatened by poverty and social marginalisation. Among young people with a migration background the unemployment rate is 50% higher than among native young people. Currently also European policy is contributing to the fact that in many places an entire generation of young people is excluded from participating in work, society and politics. During recent years the issues within the EU have not created more European solidarity; rather they have led to a re-nationalisation of politics and created a social climate that is increasingly characterised by lack of tolerance, marginalisation and questioning of democratic values even among young people.

It is particularly this background that highlights the significance of the motto of the 16th DJHT: “22 million young opportunities - together shaping a fair society”. The children and youth services have to ensure that they take into account the European dimension in their activities in line with the task formulated for them in volume VIII of the German Social Code, i.e. providing comprehensive support for young people in shaping their lives and opportunities. Especially at a time when border controls are reintroduced and re-nationalisation is growing it is important to respond with enhancing equal opportunities, with more solidarity and social responsibility vis-à-vis the refugee crisis and the failure of politics in Europe. What is needed are children and youth services that stand up jointly for a fair society and for framework conditions that provide equal opportunities for the young people’s growing up, wellbeing and autonomy.

Europe@DJHT comprises ...

- the European special programme “Creating a social and fair Europe for all young people” with roughly 30 events within the DJHT expert conference,
- the “Market Place Europe” as part of the special exhibition,
- specialised “Guided Tours” for international experts taking them around the special exhibition in collaboration with many exhibitors and
- “Field Visits” to European-minded providers of children and youth services in and around the city of Düsseldorf.

## We invite you

Within the framework of the special programme we invite national and European organisations to hold events during DJHT under the motto of “Creating a social and fair Europe for all young people”. You are cordially invited to arrange events in particular for discussing the topics of **participation of young people, cross-border mobility, EU youth strategy, (European) solidarity as a contribution by children and youth services as well as social integration and participation**. Events held together with European partners will be particularly welcome. You can find more information on the European special programme at [www.djht.de/djht-europa](http://www.djht.de/djht-europa). The special programme will be open for participants who are not members of AGJ, too, either through cooperation with members of AGJ or through cooperation with YOUTH for Europe or with both of these organisations.

## Formats:

The event formats of DJHT offer many different opportunities to deal with the relationship between Europe and child and youth welfare, to discuss it, question it and develop ideas for practice and policy.

1. Expert forum (120 min.): Panel discussion, discussions with experts from science and practice of the children and youth services, at least two speakers and a moderator (costs: € 400)

2. Workshop (120 min.): Examples from practice, insights into methodology, practice-oriented exchange, discussion; input lecture of 45 minutes (max.); sufficient time for exchange, moderation (costs: € 400)
3. Workshop (60 min.): Examples from practice, insights into methodology, practice-oriented exchange, discussion; input lecture of 10 - 15 minutes (max.); sufficient time for exchange, moderation (costs: € 200)
4. Project presentation (60 min.): Presentation of a project from the practice of children and youth services, successful model projects, moderation (costs: € 200)
5. Lecture (60 min.): Theory and practice of children and youth services, discussion of scientific views, statements; two expert (at most) input speeches per event, moderation (costs: € 200)

Please note:

- Each event should offer ample opportunity for the audience to participate.
- We request you to describe your event concepts in as much detail as possible so that we can select those events that promise the best quality.
- Each online registration is a formal and binding event registration and valid without signature and official seal.

## Applications

Interested member organisations of AGJ who want to hold an expert event within the framework of the special programme Europe may register by **29/02/2016** on the website of DJHT under [www.jugendhilfetag.de/fachveranstalter/](http://www.jugendhilfetag.de/fachveranstalter/). Other organisations that are not members of AGJ can register with JUGEND für Europa [YOUTH for Europe] on the same website. **We will send you the information for logging in if you request it in an e-mail to [djht@jfemail.de](mailto:djht@jfemail.de).** Any applications will have a chance to succeed only if they include a brief description of the concept showing the topic, the format, the envisaged active participants (in particular within the European context, e.g. partners from abroad, experts, etc.) and a brief description of the contents of the event.

Any proposals that deal with the topics and activities mentioned above will get preference when the agenda for the special programme Europa@DJHT is determined.

## Market Place Europe

DJHT is also the biggest professional exhibition of child and youth welfare services and as before in 2014 it will also have a European orientation.

- At Market Place Europe YOUTH for Europe offers **information on the EU-programme Erasmus+ YOUTH IN ACTION** and presents its **consulting services** and activities.
- In a specially marked area of the exhibition **national and international organisations with a European dimension** will show their practical work with children and young people.

YOUTH for Europe will approach organisations and institutions in 2016 and invite them to present their European projects at Market Place Europe.

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