



Dick Smit

Consultant and trainer youth work and youth policy

After working with heart and soul as a practicing youth worker for more than 20 years I started as a trainer, coach and consultant in 2005. I have been working for several municipalities and organizations in order to increase the many important possibilities that youth work has to offer to up growing young people.

The last 10 years I also collaborated in several European projects on behalf of Poywe, Stichting Jong Rotterdam and the training taskforce of Ericya. I have contributed to various conferences on youth work, trainings and a summer university as facilitator of workshops, keynote speaker and trainer, both on- and off-line.

Fluent languages: Dutch and English

Profile



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Education:

1988 – 1992: University of applied sciences, Social Cultural Work, specialization Youth Work

1999 – 2000: Advanced Education Supervision and coaching

Relevant Work experience

- 1985 – 1995: Practicing youth work in different settings
Youth center, detached youthwork, youth information bus.
- 1995 – 2005: managing new youth work projects:
Detached youth work Rotterdam center, work experience project for young people,
Developing training on youth information
- 2005 – 2021 Consultant and trainer youth work and youth policy at St JONG Rotterdam
Managing transformation projects on youth work on youth on behalf of different local municipalities
Consulting municipalities on subjects on youth work and youth policy
Developing and managing youth work projects
Developing the JIMMY training (youth information mediator)
Conversion from practice to methodology, elaboration of new methodologies.
Organizing conferences on local and regional youth work
Keynote speaker and workshop facilitator on multiple conferences and seminars, on- and off-line.
- 2021 - Freelance consultant and trainer youth work and youth policy
Specialized in competence based youth work, quality development and competence development, methodology and cross-sectoral youth work

Provide Zoom sessions for youth workers to help them cope with the impacts of COVID-19 on youth, facilitator of group sessions.
 Co-worker on the national competence profile of youth workers in the Netherlands
 Developer of the competence matrix for youth workers as a (self-) assessment tool
 Developing and delivering of competence assessments and trainings for youth workers in cooperation with [You-NG](#)
 Counsel and draft grant applications and bids.

International work experience:

- 2012 – 2014 Member of the Eryica training task force
 Developing and delivering of several trainings and workshops on youth information and counseling
 Contributing to the organization of the Sumer University on Youth information and counseling and delivering workshops

- 2015 Seminar “Reflections on the expectations of youth work in Europe”.

 Project presentation and delivering workshop on training needs of youth workers.

- 2015 – 2019 Author of several articles on youth work and youth policy, published in the E-magazine “Logbook” produced by Poywe.

- 2015 – 2016 Erasmus+ project “Developing detached youth work practice” in Malta and Romania.
 Expert and trainer

- 2016 – 2017 Erasmus+ project “Mapping professional open youth work in Europe”
 Member of the project team, co-worker on the “Declaration of Principles”, author of multiple articles on youth work, organizer and facilitator of the multiplier event in the Netherlands.

- 2018 Presentation event of the “International journal of open youth work”
 Keynote speaker on the topic “Detached youth work”, workshop on organizing a professional organization for youth workers.

- 2017 – 2019 Internal Auditor of Poywe

- 23-11-2022 Eryica webinar “Do you kNOw distress: youth information responses to mental health”
 Preparation and facilitating the webinar

- 2022 - ETS advisory group
 Expert member.