



EUROCITIES working group work plans 2019-2020

Children and Young people

Leeds

Objective 1

Mitigating the effects of child poverty

How do you want to achieve it? - Exchange of knowledge: Mutual learning activity on 'how cities can address the child poverty' in Leeds, on 19-20 March.

- Policy focus: children and youth poverty
- EU policy to follow: Child Guarantee (EU commissioner on democracy and demography)

Objective 2

Reducing the amount of 'looked-after children' in our cities (children in public care)

How do you want to achieve it? - Exchange of knowledge: good practices to address children in public care

- Policy focus: protect vulnerable children, protect their rights online, foster child-friendly justice and prevent and fight violence.
- EU policy to follow: EU Strategy on the rights of the child (EU commissioner on democracy and demography)

Objective 3

Improving social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing of children and young people

How do you want to achieve it? - Exchange knowledge:

- > exchange of good practise on how cities address the social, emotional and mental health for children and young people

- > build capacity for cities to be children/youth-friendly, map the existing initiatives on children and young people, and exchange good practices with cities part of these networks: European Youth Capitals and Child Friendly City work, including the UNICEF-led Child Friendly Cities Initiative.
- Policy focus: social, emotional and mental health of children and young people, strategic approach to well-being of children and young people
- EU policy to follow: Youth Guarantee and the European Pillar of Social Rights - including principle 11. Childcare and support to children (EU commissioner on jobs and social rights)

Which EUROCITIES strategic objectives are your objectives contributing to?

- 1.1 Fight urban poverty and social exclusion;
- 1.3 Facilitate the inclusion of refugees, migrants, ethnic minorities and people...;
- 1.5 Deliver quality public services, accessible to all;
- 5.2 Tackle rising inequalities;
- 6.4 Strengthen public participation in decision making;
- 6.6 Promote gender equality and fight all discrimination

Main achievements from 2019

Achievement 01: Creation of the WG children and young people - to empower children and young people to contribute to the design of their own future, cities part of EUROCITIES network have prioritised the work on children rights and youth policies. Therefore, they have established a new transversal working group to exchange good practices, address common challenges and contribute to the EU policy.