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International youth conference to be held by the IARS International Institute at Lewisham and Southwark College on the 16th and 17th July.

The conference shall bring together young people with European and British key decision makers, academics, teachers, policymakers and youth agencies to tackle the issues of opportunity and enterprise, whilst equipping young participants with the skills they need to succeed.

The conference is free for students and youth workers and is supported by the European Commission's Erasmus+ programme. Youthpass and CPD accredited event.

Dr. Theo Gavrielides, IARS Founder and Director, said: "We look forward to welcoming as many young people and decision makers as possible to this international and timely event. At a critical point in time for the UK and Europe, we hope that our youth-led approach and the Erasmus project results that we will be launching will help alleviate poverty and disadvantage for our young people".

By providing access to prominent policymakers, educationalists and employers, young people will pitch their questions to those directly at the heart of Europe's youth unemployment crisis. Speakers include Simon Chambers policy lead at the British Council, Janet Daby MP, renowned academics and members of IARS Youth Advisory Board.

"The UK's membership of the European Union has offered opportunities for learning, training and employment for hundreds of thousands of young people. Programmes like Erasmus+, the Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications and freedom of movement have helped give meaning to aspiration and social mobility for generations of young people who feel they are truly European citizens. With uncertainty at its height it is vital that we fight to protect or replicate these benefits and that the voices of young people are heard." Janet Daby MP for Lewisham East said.

The event will launch the results of 3 Erasmus funded projects aiming at alternative educational pathways (day 1) and youth, social entrepreneurship (day 2). The conference will also launch two new e-books by IARS publications resulting from the Erasmus programmes. The e-books are titled "**Towards social inclusion of early school**

leavers in Europe” and **“Youth Social Entrepreneurship Matters”**. They include free accredited training courses for young people and youth professionals, as well as the latest research on the issues of youth entrepreneurship, education and employment.

Drop-in and **Promyse** - two more great examples from IARS of how young people can work together with counterparts across Europe to make a difference in their own lives and in their wider communities. Focusing on the situation of early school-leavers and young unemployed people, these projects use funding from the EU’s Erasmus+ programme, to find what works best in supporting young people into employment and enterprise. Both projects make important recommendations about how government (local as well as national), businesses and social partners can work constructively with young people, enabling them to make more of their skills and interests” Simon Chambers, Erasmus+ Programme Lead – Youth, British Council said.

“I’m looking forward to the conference so that I can take on opportunities for new experiences, gain insights into how to move forward in my career, and learn more about politics and our community. I’m especially interested in hearing experts discussing social entrepreneurship and in participating in the wide choice of workshops” said Rebecca from Youth Advisory Board.

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Notes to Editors:

[IARS International Institute](#) has a mission to give everyone a chance to forge a safer, fairer and more inclusive society. The Erasmus + funded programmes are

Drop-in (GRANT agreement: 2017-1-UK01-KA205-035400)

Promyse (GRANT agreement: 2017-1-UK01-KA205-035438)

Eyee (GRANT agreement: 2017-1-IT02-KA201-036519)

A series of workshops and talks will allow young people to engage with inspiring young entrepreneurs, to impart their knowledge upon future leaders, whilst gaining the skills needed to succeed. Informal lunch sessions as well as drop in sessions, formal talks and networking opportunities are designed to foster an inclusive environment that ensures the fullest impact for all participants.

Young people will also benefit from free services that will be offered such as free CV surgeries and to access other services that will be promoted at the event from other youth charities and national agencies.

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