



Youth-led Solutions to Unemployment: The Voices of Young Marginalised Carers

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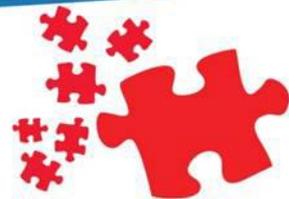
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Care 2 Work – Aims and Objectives

- ***Understand and help tackle the barriers faced*** by young carers from Black and Minority ethnic groups (BME) in accessing employment, education and training.
- ***Empower young BME carers*** by recognising and cultivating skills developed through caring and turning them into a sustainable skill-set that can be transferred to employment.
- ***Increase the capacity of service providers***, youth professionals and educational services in the areas of integration, equity, inclusion and discrimination.
- ***Promote cultural and institutional change*** that can be embedded within our modern European societies.



Working in partnership

The programme was delivered in partnership with our 3 European Partners, namely:

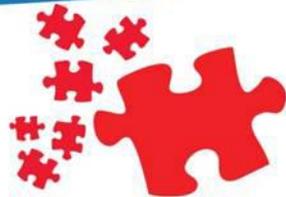
- ✓ Anziani e non solo (Italy)
- ✓ Linnaeus University (Sweden) and
- ✓ KMOP(Greece).

The IARS International Institute (UK) was the Coordinator.



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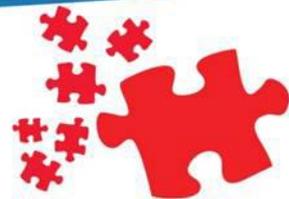


Care 2 Work & European Policy Framework

The Care 2 Work project is inspired and motivated by the priorities of the ***European Youth Strategy*** and is developed *aligned with the provisions of **Lisbon Treaty***:

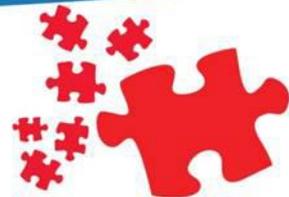
In 2009, the *Council of Ministers Responsible for Youth* adopted the new European Youth Strategy aiming to guide both the EU institutions and the member states in pursuing policies to improve the lives of all young people.

Lisbon Treaty: “Encourage the participation of young people in democratic life in Europe”



Lost in translation!

- **Young Carers:** Young people who provide assistance or support to other family members and are between the ages of **15-30**. They carry out, on a regular basis significant caring tasks and assume a level of responsibility.
- **Care receiver:** Parent, a sibling, grandparent or other relative who is disabled, with chronic illness, mental health problem or other condition with need for care/support/supervision.
- **Next of kin and young carers:** Not all “next of kin” are young carers
- **“Black and minority ethnic”:** Not defined consistently – used interchangeably for young people from ethnic minority or foreign background.

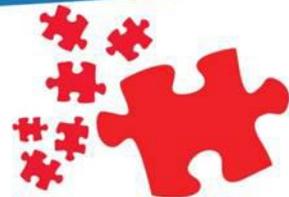


The Numbers

There are more than 100 million carers in Europe today. This accounts for about one fifth of the entire European population.

The economic value of unpaid informal care in the community and at home is estimated from 50-90% of the overall cost of formal care provision

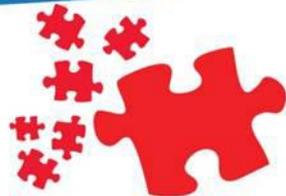
- **UK:** 1.5 million carers below the age of 35
- **Italy:** 170,000 young carers below the age of 17
- **Sweden:** 25,000 below the age of 17
- **Greece:** national statistics are unavailable



What did we do?

- ✓ Youth-led research x 4 countries (evidence base)
- ✓ Curriculum (training material)
 - ✓ Young people
 - ✓ Professionals
- ✓ Pilot the curriculum (face to face and online)

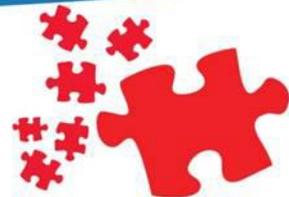
Independent Youth Advisory Board, Care 2 Work utilises a youth-led methodology that directly involves young carers in the development, delivery and evaluation of the project. Through their active engagement and involvement not only they learn their rights but also shape, influence and inform policies and practices that affect them directly.



Results

Over the last 24 months Sweden, Italy, Greece and United Kingdom developed in their native national language:

- 2 national reports taking into consideration their national differences including cultural, societal, financial, Institutional.
- Accredited Face to face training from professionals:
“Empowering Professionals to work with BAME young carers.”
- Certified face to face training courses for young carers:
“Empowering young people in their transition to their education and employment”
- Accredited E-learning awareness and empowerment courses for both professionals and young carers freely available.



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TEARING DOWN BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION FOR YOUNG, BLACK AND MINORITY ETHNIC CARERS



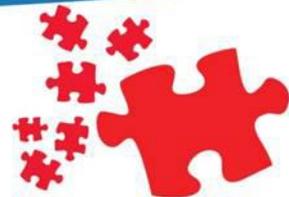
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Recommendations for Europe

- Continuous support to strategic partnership programmes with emphasis to programmes that develop the skills and competencies of young carers.
- Development of learning opportunities from other countries, sharing knowledge and experience.
- Adoption of legislation on recognition of non-formal and informal skills.
- Professional development opportunities for youth workers that support young carers.
- Recognition of the skills of professionals in a wider EU level.
- Continuous building on the intelligence of community based organisations.

Thank You!

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