

Youth work in Europe – the great unknown?

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Abstract

The English term “youth work” is used to denote the European concept of youth (social) work, yet it has not yet gained much traction in Germany’s youth work community. Not many youth workers identify with youth work in the European sense, and many fail to recognise its practical benefits. The article begins with a definition of the term, then outlines its history and political framework, and finally suggests a number of reasons for the situation that persists in many parts of the field.