

A STRONG SECTOR FOR STRONG YOUTH



youth houses youth organisations
youth services

**The
youth
sector**

Imprint

Publisher: National Youth Service (SNJ)
Graphic Design and Layout: Comed SA
Year of Publication: 2025 (1st Edition)
ISBN: 978-2-919828-81-4

Jo nker

staark maachen

Empowering young people



INTRODUCTION

The youth sector is a diverse field where, despite the variety of missions specific to each actor, many common traits emerge. All offer young people opportunities to explore, experiment, and develop their skills, contributing to shaping them into strong members of our society.

In this brochure, we present the unifying factors between youth sector actors and what they represent. Our aim is to develop a “narrative” that clearly outlines the sector’s objectives, missions, values, and approaches while describing its various fields of action.

While not all actors are involved in every domain mentioned here, they all share a common goal: the “strong young people”. This goal is the *raison d’être* of the youth sector and forms the foundation of the narrative.

Through this narrative, we aim to strengthen the sector’s identity, foster a sense of belonging, and enhance external communication. A clear presentation of what the sector represents generates the necessary interest and trust. The public, parents, institutions, and organisations can better understand our objectives, values, methods, and services. A clear image also reinforces the sector’s professionalism and facilitates collaboration with actors in other domains.

A well-crafted narrative for the youth sector is an effective means of making youth work more efficient and sustainable while providing it with the visibility it deserves. It serves as a foundation for better external communication, which is a longstanding request from the sector.

The SNJ

A POLICY FOR YOUTH

Youth policy has both a sectoral and a transversal dimension.

It establishes the framework and provides the resources enabling the various actors in the youth sector to carry out work tailored to young people's needs.

Beyond this sectoral aspect, youth policy also has a transversal dimension. This is reflected in research on the situation of young people, adopting a comprehensive approach to their journeys. Moreover, youth participation is encouraged in all areas concerning them, further reinforcing this transversal dimension.

Youth policy is developed through a structured dialogue with actors such as youth houses, youth organisations, youth services, and municipalities.





THE YOUTH SECTOR IN NUMBERS

66 youth houses
with annexes

89 local
scout groups

7 support services
for voluntary
youth work

10 “youth housing”
services

10 specialised
youth services

70 FTE
in youth services

17 FTE in youth
housing services

270 FTE in youth houses

Approximately
2000
animators

Nearly
900
new animator certificates
per year

A paved path lined with birch trees, with text labels for various sectors overlaid. The path is shaded by the trees, and a person is visible in the distance. The labels are: health sector, social sector, work sector, school, and youth sector.

health sector

social sector

work sector

school

youth sector

A SECTOR FOR YOUTH

The youth sector has its own identity.

The youth sector is characterised by its openness to a broad audience and accessibility to all. It focuses on young people during their leisure time. The approaches and methods used belong to non-formal education. Learning by doing, group work, and youth participation are essential elements of this approach.

While the youth sector occasionally overlaps with other sectors, it remains true to its foundational approaches and principles.



EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE

The mission of the youth sector is to empower young people.

Youth work takes place in many different settings. However, it is within the youth sector that it is most intensely experienced.

The youth sector includes all services and organisations that work with qualified professionals or trained volunteers who have completed youth leadership training.

In Luxembourg, the youth sector is highly diverse, featuring a robust network of youth houses, several organisations in the youth housing domain, a range of specialised services, and dynamic voluntary youth organisations.

The youth sector's objective is to make young people stronger.

Strong young people are those who:

- Feel good about themselves;
- Are autonomous;
- Act responsibly;
- Think critically;
- Are supportive;
- Know their strengths and are creative.

The youth sector strengthens young people's capacities by providing an environment where they can meet freely and have varied experiences. They can express themselves, are encouraged to be active, learn from their mistakes, and receive support.

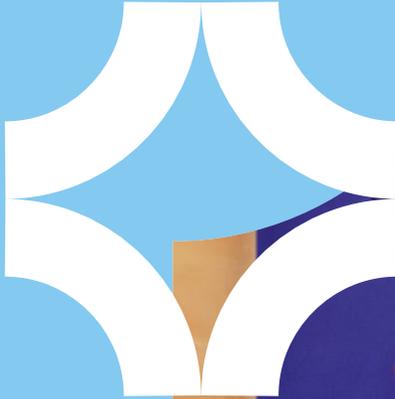


Space, time, and opportunities
to experiment and discover
one's strengths.

LET YOUTH BE YOUTH

The youth sector provides an environment where young people can be themselves.

Camps, group stays abroad, and youth projects act as “time islands,” offering a space for young people to grow freely, away from school or family expectations. In a secure setting, they can experiment, make mistakes, and discover and develop their strengths. These intense, unforgettable experiences leave a lasting impact on their personal development.



Plaz
fir
**Jo
nker**

Space for young people



The youth sector provides spaces where young people can meet freely and engage in activities together.

Deliberately created to meet the needs of young people, these spaces allow them to spend time with peers, organise their free time autonomously, and express their creativity. They are supported by actors who help them realise their ideas and projects.

Additionally, the youth sector advocates for public spaces where young people can gather without supervision.

Jonker

Bringing young people together

zesumme
bréngen



2022



The youth sector fosters connections and helps young people form friendships.

Through shared activities, projects, or events, the youth sector encourages exchange and collaboration among young people, facilitating social relationships. These interactions strengthen the sense of community, offering guidance and support.

JO nker

Erfarunge
fir

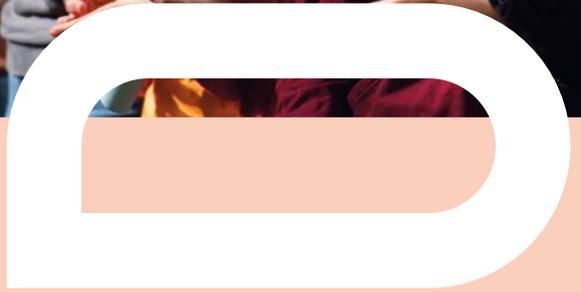
Experiences for young people



The youth sector offers young people opportunities for enriching and varied experiences.



From activities in youth houses or organisations, volunteering services, European exchanges, and other projects, young people gain practical skills while developing social competencies such as teamwork, empathy, and responsibility.



Eng
Stëmm fir
Jo nker

A voice for young people



The youth sector ensures young people are heard and can actively participate.

Participation is a central priority of youth work. The youth sector offers numerous opportunities for young people to inform themselves on current issues and express their opinions, and thus participate as active members of society.

The youth sector works to ensure that young people have a voice in society and that their concerns and demands are taken seriously. The actors in the sector also play a spokesperson role for young people.

Brücke
baue fir

JO nker

Building bridges for young people



The youth sector connects young people with services and organisations that support their development.



Through partnerships, the youth sector helps young people access information, services, and local actors, such as associations. They identify individual needs and provide them with guidance to appropriate support structures when necessary.

Encouraging young people

Jonker

encourag ieren





The youth sector encourages young people to develop and express their talents and strengths.

The youth sector offers young people numerous opportunities to explore and develop their interests and skills. Through creative workshops, engaging activities, and exciting projects, they can try out new domains and discover new talents. Feedback and recognition from organisers and actors motivate young people to continue strengthening their abilities.



Verantwortung
fir
Jonker

Entrusting young people with responsibility



The youth sector encourages young people to take on responsibilities and grow through them.

In the youth sector, young people are systematically entrusted with responsibilities. They are involved in organising and carrying out projects, making decisions, and taking on tasks, learning that they share responsibility for the success of activities. This not only boosts their self-confidence but also develops their organisational and social skills. By assuming responsibilities, they gain a greater sense of community and awareness of the impact of their actions.

Do si fir Jonker

Standing by young people





The youth sector is there for young people, listens to them, and responds to their questions.

In working with young people, each individual receives special attention, with a focus on their personal concerns. This is achieved through relationships based on trust and equality. Efforts are made to find answers to their questions and seek solutions together. Young people are encouraged to find their own path and take charge of their journey. Promoting autonomy is a key objective of the youth sector's work.

PERSPECTIVES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

**The vision of the youth sector is to be
a strong partner for young people.**

A sector that:

- Provides young people with spaces, time, and opportunities to meet, experiment, and discover their strengths;
- Supports their personal development through a variety of offerings;
- Helps them build perspectives for an independent future;
- Enables them to express themselves, take responsibility, and play an active role in society,

thus, contributing to social cohesion.

Jonger

staark maachen
Empowering young people



LE GOUVERNEMENT
DU GRAND-DUCHÉ DE LUXEMBOURG
Ministère de l'Éducation nationale,
de l'Enfance et de la Jeunesse



Service national
de la jeunesse