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**BRIDGES
TO WORK**

LINKING YOUTH (WORK), EMPLOYMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

18-20 October 2011, Antwerp, Belgium

www.SALTO-YOUTH.net/BridgesToWork/

inspiration | networking | funding
projects | visibility | support | inclusion

**FOR PEOPLE WORKING ON YOUTH
EMPLOYMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

Wanted

- 25 youth employment projects
- 25 job-seekers from these projects
- 25 job centres and employers
- 25 support & funding programmes (YiA, LLP, ESF,...)
- 25 experts, researchers, policy makers, VIPs...

Apply now online!



7 GOOD REASONS to participate in Bridges to Work

1. Expert inputs on youth employment & entrepreneurship
2. Inspiration from great employment practices
3. Network with relevant stakeholders
4. Visibility for your employment actions
5. Info about funding, support programmes & tools
6. Feedback on your employment projects & strategies
7. Influence European approaches to work

Also for young job-seekers!

Parallel to the big stakeholder conference, an inclusion seminar will take place for young people who face a variety of obstacles finding a job. The two groups will discuss the same employment issues but from different perspectives.

At strategic moments in the programme, their respective views will be shared to enrich the discussions and to root the different suggestions, programmes & initiatives in reality.

- An ideal occasion to give and get feedback on employment & entrepreneurship initiatives.

Programme in the back of this leaflet



You are running...

EMPLOYMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROJECTS for YOUNG PEOPLE

Bridges to Work invites staff working for **youth employment & entrepreneurship projects** in the widest sense (NGOs, youth work, private,...). This is a great opportunity for you to:

- Come and present your employment project
- Get inspired by other job projects in Europe
- Network with people from the job sector
- Find ideas and partners for future projects
- Influence European approaches to work & entrepreneurship

Bring a young job-seeker!

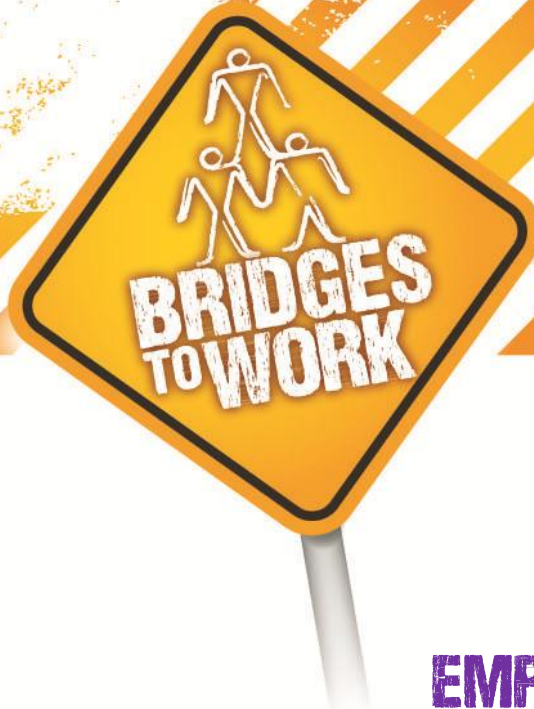
A **young person** (< 26) from your project is invited to attend the parallel youth seminar on employment. Give them the chance to:

- Exchange experiences with other job-seekers
- Develop strategies to work on their employability
- Give their opinion to improve employment projects
- Practice their English (basic English required)
- Have fun and get an international boost to get a job

Note: The programme for young job-seekers & their coaches will start already on **17 October afternoon** to allow more time for group building.

Coaches/workers in youth employment projects are invited to **apply online** for both yourself and one young job-seeker. If selected, SALTO Inclusion will pay for your travel, hotel & food.

- More info at www.SALTO-YOUTH.net/BridgesEmploymentProject/ or ask bridges@salto-youth.net



You work for...

PROGRAMMES & STRUCTURES

SUPPORTING YOUTH

EMPLOYMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

A variety of (institutional) programmes and structures contribute to young people's chances on the labour market or stimulate their entrepreneurship (e.g. Youth in Action, Lifelong Learning, European Social Fund, Progress, Eurodyssee, EURES, DG Employment, Youth Unit, Youth Employment Action,...).

Staff of these programmes who specifically focus on employment or entrepreneurship within their tasks are invited to apply!

Join Bridges to Work!

- Promote the contribution of your programme to youth employment & entrepreneurship
- Get inspired by innovative youth employment projects
- Receive feedback from young job-seekers on your programme to improve its impact
- Grasp the complementarity of different programmes in the field
- Network with different stakeholders working on work

Staff of these programmes are invited to apply online. **The participation fee is 600 €** - this covers your participation, food and hotel during the conference. You are asked to organise and pay for your travel to Antwerp.

■ More info at
www.SALTO-YOUTH.net/BridgesEmploymentProgramme/
or ask bridges@salto-youth.net



You are/know...

RESEARCHERS, POLICY MAKERS, SPEAKERS, VIPs,...

Bridges to Work is also the place to bring expertise, policy & theory together with practice. We would like to invite a number of speakers, researchers, policy makers and VIP-participants that can enrich the discussions on youth un/employment and entrepreneurship.

There are several parts of the programme in which specific stakeholders will be asked to share their experience and views. However, it is also possible to participate in Bridges to Work to take temperature of the discussions and challenges in the field and share your views in the working groups.

Be part of it!

Please contact Tony Geudens (Bridges coordinator) via bridges@salto-youth.net if you are (or know) someone that can contribute to the programme and to the discussions with interesting insights, research findings or food for thought.

- The conditions for your participation will be negotiated on a one-by-one basis.
- More info at www.SALTO-YOUTH.net/BridgesEmploymentVIP/ or ask bridges@salto-youth.net



Draft programme

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Mon 17	Tue 18 Oct	Wed 19 Oct	Thu 20 Oct
Noon: arrival young Job-seekers (Y) & their job coaches (C)	Noon: arrival delegates, Coaches join big group Overview youth unemployment in Europe (intro, stats, differences, policies,...) Y: intro to the theme	Available tools & programmes for intervention Y: present the work projects young people are involved in	Develop ways forward to create win-win situations (new interventions) Y: own strategy to work
Y+C: get to know each other, setting the scene & ice-breaking	Y: why are you out of a job? creative methods Causes of unemployment: employers perspective Obstacles to youth entrepreneurship	Y: join project visits Good practices (int'l) & project visits in Antwerp Feedback of employers & young people (reality check)	Action planning: concrete initiatives, cooperation, research ideas Y: next steps - sharing with the other group in visual way
Y+C: welcome dinner	Intervention: which obstacles can different stakeholders address? Y: young people's view on solutions - sharing	Analysis of what works and what doesn't Y: pros & cons of work projects	Celebrating - good bye party & networking Departure: Fri 21 Oct

Bridges between Partners

Bridges to Work brings together three years of youth employment initiatives & policies, relevant stakeholders, young job-seekers and support programmes.

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