



Innovative School Education
Methodologies and Tools for Guaranteeing
Social Inclusion of Young Carers

EdyCARE

Final dissemination event

Wednesday, 19 February 2020

9:00 - 12:30

(followed by a networking lunch)

Palais des Académies

Rue Ducale 1, 1000 Brussels

AGENDA

Agenda

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The impact of caring responsibilities on education and social inclusion of young carers

- What are the challenges faced by young carers in relation with their educational experience?

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Participants can hear directly from young carers, members of the Eurocarers Young carers working group.

- **09:00 – 09:15** - Welcome and introduction to the meeting, **Stecy Yghemonos**, Executive Director, Eurocarers
- **09:15 – 09:20** - **Jessica Lerner**, member of the Eurocarers Young Carers Working Group, Sweden
- **09:20 – 09:30** - **Sean Collins**, member of the Eurocarers Young Carers Working Group, Ireland

The Edy-Care project activities: towards young carers friendly schools

The Edy-Care project partners will present the innovative tools developed in the framework of the project:

- **09:30 – 09:35** - The Edy-Care Project: An introduction, **Pauline Johansson**, Head of the Department of Medicine and Optometry, Linnaeus University (Sweden)
- **09:35 – 09:45** - The Edy Care assessment tool to help school professionals to identify young carers, **Karina Sirk and Maja Mrzel**, Centre for Welfare Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana
- **09:45 - 09:55** - The handbook providing guidelines and recommendations on how teachers and school staff can work at best with young carers, **José Bruno Alves and Ana Ribas Teixeira**, Cuidadores Portugal
- **09:55 – 10:05** - The massive open online course (MOOC) for training teachers and school staff on the young carers phenomenon, their needs and preferences, **Licia Boccaletti**, President Anziani e non solo soc. coop. (Italy)

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School professionals involved in the project will present the innovative activities they implemented in their countries to support young carers in schools:

The Portuguese experience (Moderator & interpreter: José Bruno Alves, National Coordinator)

- **10:05 – 10:15** - **Margarida Ferreira** (representing the City Councilor for Health) and **Cláudia Araújo** (International Relations), Gaia City Council
- **10:15 - 10:30** - **Prof. Alvaro Santos** (Director Secondary School Dr. Joaquim Gomes Ferreira Alves) and **Anabela Sampaio** (School Nurse)

The Italian experience (Moderator & interpreter: Licia Boccaletti, President Anziani e non solo soc. coop.)

- **10:30 – 11:00** - Piloting of a new model of Individual Educational Plan including young carers: **Cristina Bertolla**, Educational Coordinator of CFP Nazareno

Good practices from Europe

11.00 The Edy-Care project partners have followed in the footsteps of other organisations, from countries at a more advanced level of awareness and support for young carers.

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Participants will be provided with examples of good practices from other European countries.

- **The Young carers in school programme**, **Holly-Rae Smith**, Education and quality manager, Carers Trust, UK



The need for a multi-stakeholders approach to support young carers

The Edy-Care Project activities confirmed the vital role that can be played by educational systems: small changes in schools can result in big changes for the life of young carers! They can also trigger – with time- a broader support system, involving different categories of stakeholders.

- 11.15 – 12.15 *An effective and long-lasting way to address young carers' needs requires the involvement of different stakeholders: in addition to schools, health professionals, NGOs, general public, policymakers and young carers themselves. We all have a role to play to support young carers!*

What concrete actions can we undertake to enable young carers to reach their goals in life and to thrive?

- **11:15 -11:30** - Dr Karen McAuley, Head of Policy, Ombudsman for Children's Office (Ireland)
- **11:30- 11:45** - Fernanda Almeida (National Commission for the Promotion of the Rights and Protection of Child and Young People). "Protective Seal: Ensuring the rights of the child in all contexts of life".
- **11:45-12:15** - Q&A/ Interventions from the audience

12.15 Concluding remarks & next steps

- 12.30 • Stecy Yghemonos, Executive Director, Eurocarers



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