

Youth in Action Programme Objectives and Priorities, 2010

The general objectives of the Youth in Action Programme are:

- Active European citizenship
- Solidarity among young people
- Mutual understanding
- Quality of support systems for youth activities
- Cooperation in youth policies

The permanent priorities of the Youth in Action Programme are:

- European citizenship
- Participation of young people
- Cultural diversity
- Inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities.

In line with the priorities proposed by the European Commission for 2010, Léargas will support project proposals taking into account one or more of the following priorities:

In the context of the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion:

- Projects aimed at stimulating young people's reflection on the prevention, ways out of and consequences of poverty.
- Projects tackling the issue of marginalisation and various forms of discrimination, such as those based on gender, disability or ethnic, religious, linguistic or migrant grounds. In this context, particular attention will be paid in particular to projects promoting the active involvement of:
 - disabled young people, encouraging exchange between young people with and without disabilities, as well as projects focusing on the issue of disability in our society
 - young people from migrant backgrounds or ethnic, religious or linguistic minorities.
- Projects tackling the issue of youth unemployment and aimed at stimulating young unemployed people's active participation in society
- Projects dealing with young people's awareness-raising and mobilization around global challenges, such as sustainable development, climate change, migrations, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

- Projects aimed at raising young people's consciousness of their role as active citizens in a globalized world as well as at fostering their sense of global solidarity and commitment

In preparation for The European Year of Volunteering 2011, it will be a priority to build awareness of European Voluntary Service.

Léargas also wishes to encourage applications specifically focusing on:

- Participation by Irish groups in Youth Exchanges
- Participation by young people from Ireland in European Voluntary Service