

Summary of the Work Plan for 2022

Two years since the beginning of the pandemic, Europe remains in a state of shock and denial. While the effect of the pandemic on public healthcare will eventually subside, the social and economic impact has not yet started unravelling. A grim future lays ahead; particularly for youth. Recent crises exemplified that economic stagnation, unemployment, frustration, poverty and lack of sustainable life prospects hit younger populations the hardest and offer ground to anti-social behaviours and political choices. In this framework, Inter Alia's work plan 2022 aims to:

- Enhance youth engagement and empowerment through democratic education, advocacy and civic participation.
- Empower marginalised youth through activities that will enable them to advocate for their rights and by fostering contact between the "majorities" and "minorities"
- Advocate for effective prioritisation and budget allocation of EU policies in the field of youth.
- Enable contact, exchange and collaboration among youth organisations and with other stakeholders at local, national and European level.
- Enable inter-cultural exchange of youth in Europe and beyond.

Approach & Activities

The work-plan capitalises on the diversity of Inter Alia's partnerships and expertise. Our network combines non-formal learning and scholarly knowhow for dealing with contemporary challenges of youth. By enabling cooperation among different stakeholders, the work plan will enable: a. the exchange and up-scale of existing ideas and projects and their opening to more target groups and population groups b. develop new projects and initiatives with an EU-level scope and a local-level application.

The work plan focuses on education, political engagement, research and cultural awareness. The course of action spreads to the fields of advocacy, active citizenship, civic education, youth work, sustainability, cultural exchange and volunteerism. The methods to be used in the civic and educational activities are peer-learning and learning-by-doing. Regarding research activities, Inter Alia and partners will develop policy documents, organise focus groups, on-line surveys, policy-making debates and structured dialogue activities.

What you should be looking out for

Learning mobility & Volunteering

Following to the lifting of travel restrictions Inter Alia will organise or be actively involved in a series of transnational learning activities – youth exchanges, seminars, trainings, volunteering opportunities – in the fields of advocacy, cultural awareness, theatre and others. Stay tuned through our [website](#) and social media.

Positively Different Short Film Festival & Special screenings

Gender, sexuality, race, class, ethnicity, religion, able-bodiness – are determinants of our present and future, life prospects and obstructions. PDSFF2023 focuses on their intersections and follows stories of characters, individuals and communities that experience oppression due to identities they carry. Shedding light on life paths of “others” – often through realism and humor and other times through abstraction and experimentation – the festival aims to give space to co-creation, networking and shaping of collective claims. Our aspiration is to turn PDSFF into an institution for promoting intersecting identities and raising awareness on issues of discrimination and oppression experienced by individuals and groups that fall through the cracks of representation in contemporary politics. All information [here](#)

Campaign: Life beyond EU Funding. Imagining a Different Role for Youth Organisations in Europe

We campaign across Europe arguing that structural EU funding to youth organisations needs to increase. We request that operational funding reach 5% of the overall Erasmus+ budget in the field of youth on a yearly basis. This can only be sustainable through a series of policy interventions in the system of allocation and the overall terms of operation of the youth sector on the EU level. Check out the campaign [website](#).

Youth Pool

A series of interactive online meetings of young people to present themselves, identify youth issues in their community based on the European Youth Goals, focused on best practices and solutions, proposing and implementing advocacy actions – <https://civilsocietynetwork.weebly.com/>

Public makers – Toolkit/Online Course

The course is divided in 4 modules: (1) Ways of thinking, (2) Ways of working, (3) Tools of work and (4) Living in the community. The first module will give an introduction to the open data to its students. Visualisation of the data and its accessibility are the topics that will be covered in the second module. How to use open data tools and sources to create a change in the community is what will the students of the Public makers course find out in the third module. Last but not least – the fourth module will be focused on the lobbying for change.

STEP Online Series “Social Transformation & Ecology

A series of online local seminars on issues of ecological sustainability, circular economy, environmental justice and activism. During this seminar, activities related to the STEP project will be implemented online. After the completion of the seminar series, participants will develop local sustainable interventions dedicated to important environmental days such as the Global Degrowth Day and the International Environment Day. 5 online meetings have been foreseen.

Youth Work Fair Youth Work Fair promotes the exchange of know-how about experiences and forms of youth work, to highlight the role, prospects and challenges of youth work at local, national, European and international level as well as to inform those interested in training and skills development opportunities, both in Greece and abroad.

Partnerships

Our network in the field of youth involves more than 120 organisations, institutions, networks and municipalities from around the world. Cooperation is primarily made on a project-basis. However, Inter Alia has taken up an effort to include partners in a new decision making body within the organisation, the Board of Members, and to broaden the ground for statutory agreement with other civil society actors.

Expected Results

The work plan aims to empower youth organisations and enable partnerships thus contributing to the proliferation and diversification of networks and stakeholders dealing with needs of youth at the local, national and EU level. In specific, the work plan aims to: a. Raise interest and awareness of young people on EU matters; b. Develop skills and competences for youngsters, youth workers and educators; c. Enable contact and inter-cultural exchange between youngsters

beyond national, ethnic, racial, social and gender divisions; d. Raise awareness among policy-makers on challenges of youth and push for policy reform.

Target Groups

Youngsters residing in Europe; Youth workers & educators; Civic and youth organizations; High-school and university students; Policy-makers; Scholars.

Deliverables

- Educational modules (3);
- Short-films created by youngsters carrying marginalised identities (8);
- Policy recommendations on youth policies, media literacy, open data & democracy (3)
- E-platform on youth participation;
- Performances using theatre as a tool for political engagement (6);
- Open cultural events about shrinking public space (25);
- Awareness campaigns on shrinking public space (2);
- Festivals aimed to empower young artists and raise awareness on oppressed identities (2)

Funding

Apart from EU funding, Inter Alia will continue cooperating with private and public international organisations, local and national authorities and donors.