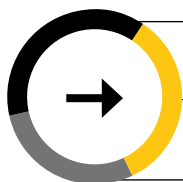


Young people in outreach youth work

20,339



Coming to outreach youth work



- 39%** from other services
- 34%** from educational institutions
- 27%** by themselves or via a close friend or relative

Age distribution



Typical life situation

- unemployed
- student (at risk of dropping out / dropped out)
- living off social security
- outside services



Positive steps forward in

- 77%** life management
- 75%** daily life skills
- 73%** study and employment preparedness
- 67%** social skills

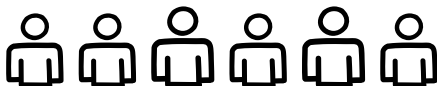


Young people's paths to other services

- services related to livelihood
- services related to housing
- mental health care
- applying to study

92%

of young people have experienced social empowerment during outreach youth work



Young people directed to training and work

5,614

to training

3,414

to workshops, job trials and paid work



What is outreach youth work?

Outreach youth work offers 15–28-year-olds an opportunity for confidential contact with adults. Together with young people, outreach youth work looks for answers to their questions, promotes growth and participation in society, and helps young people get the support they need. Outreach youth work follows the Youth Act. There are nearly 600 outreach youth workers in Finland.

Objectives

- Social strengthening and supporting the daily life of young people.
- Supporting the growth and independence of young people so that they can live a life of their choosing.
- Strengthening young people's skills and resources in finding services and paths forward.

Values

- **Voluntary, youth-oriented, confidentiality**
Outreach youth work stands by young people's side and works together with them, not on their behalf. Co-operation is based on voluntary participation and trust.
- **Holistic approach**
Young people are helped in a comprehensive way and, when necessary, we implement cross-sectoral cooperation.
- **No thresholds, listening to young people**
Outreach youth work is free of charge, easily accessible and responds to the needs of young people. Young people are heard, and information is used to further develop the work.

Young people want to discuss

1. Discussion support
2. Agency services
3. Studying
4. Mental health

Young people give outreach youth work a very high score:

4.6

Scale 1–5

Into – Association for Outreach Youth Work and Workshop Activities strengthens the prerequisites for the operation of outreach youth work and workshops.



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