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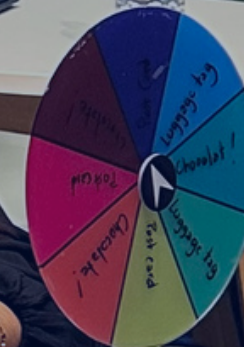
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From Credit Mobility to Empowered Student Mobility

The YUFE model in Transnational Education

REVOLUTIONISING TRANSNATIONAL EDUCATION THROUGH STUDENT EMPOWERMENT

Transforming Mobility

YUFE moves beyond traditional credit mobility by allowing students to create personalised learning paths across Europe, integrating mobility into their degree while engaging with regional stakeholders.

YUFE Empowerment Model

Traditional Mobility

“ There are very few opportunities to interact with this many universities at once, having access to their courses and network is priceless! *Jordan Hammond*
YUFE Student

WHY IT MATTERS:

- increases inclusivity
- strengthens student ownership
- supports flexible learning pathways
- prepares students for complex international careers - global readiness
- transforms mobility from optional experience to integrated learning

Innovative Joint Programmes

Traditionally, credit mobility and joint programme structures are dictated by programme leadership. YUFE shifts this paradigm, empowering students while maintaining academic quality and learning outcomes.

Personalised learning in YUFE's Joint Bachelor in Urban Sustainability Studies

YUFE in numbers

10 universities	3000+ students in YUFE mobility	95 students in YUFE Bachelor cohort 25/26
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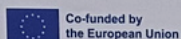
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Young Universities for the Future of Europe (YUFE)

YUFE is a European University Alliance built on inclusivity, collaboration, and civic responsibility. It places students, staff, and citizens at the core of its mission – empowering academic communities to actively contribute to societal progress.

Citizens at the centre: An approach to creating societal impact



"The higher education sector has an essential role to play in Europe's post-pandemic recovery and in shaping sustainable and resilient societies and economies."
(European Commission on a European strategy for universities)

Community Engagement: A Strategic Pillar

- **Community Engagement Declaration 2025-2030** sets out a shared YUFE vision and roadmap for societal impact.
- **Community Engagement Framework** supports community engagement across YUFE and serves as a scalable model for other European Universities Alliances.
- The report **University-Community Collaboration: Strengthening Local Engagement and Global Connections** provides an overview of the strategies and initiatives undertaken by YUFE to enhance its societal impact.
- **YUFE CommUNITY Conference** is a cross-sectoral forum to showcase meaningful collaborations between universities and their broad communities.



Empowering all community members to drive social change

Learn:

- Civic Engagement Activities Intro Training for Students
- University-Community Engagement Training for Staff

Co-create and act:

- Service-Learning Help Desks
- Community Volunteering Programmes
- Friend Programme
- International Cafés
- Community Engagement Network

Reflect:

- Civic Star Reflection Reports
- Satisfaction Surveys

Recognise:

- YUFE Civic Star

"Civic engagement is essential personally and professionally. It enables me to contribute to my community's well-being and develop empathy. It enriches my education by providing practical experiences that complement theoretical learning. I intend to integrate civic engagement into my professional life, as it not only benefits the community but also provides a sense of purpose and personal fulfillment."

UCSM and YUFE student, Madrid, Spain

"Through YUFE, we've been able to involve motivated students in our volunteer work, which strengthens our activities for and with people with a refugee background. The connection between the university and the community becomes tangible, meaningful, and mutually enriching through this partnership."

Refugee Project Maastricht Team, the Netherlands

"The YUFE volunteering programme brought more international energy to Toruń. Over 15 volunteer students joined our institution as part of their Civic Star track. These young people gained professional experience and developed a range of transversal skills, while offering us a fresh perspective on local development."

Business Support Centre in Toruń, Poland

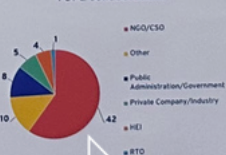
YUFE's Societal Impact:

Strengthening strategic engagement to create impactful, community-focused partnerships across Europe

- **Align your initiative with the unique needs of your target groups:** Foster tangible, sustainable, and desired change, creating impact across learners, institutions, and communities, in and beyond academia.
- **Build long-term, trust-based partnerships:** Trust, continuity and long-term relationships built on mutual respect, dialogue, and co-creation increase the relevance and impact of initiatives.
- **Embed monitoring, evaluation, and adaptability:** Based on your mission and clearly defined impact areas, the outputs and outcomes of your alliance have to be assessed with quantitative and qualitative indicators. Flexible structures and feedback mechanisms ensure responsiveness to evolving needs and enhance long-term impact.



Types of stakeholders involved in YUFE collaborations



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Filling the Cracks?

- If we crack the funding puzzle — move project funding towards diversified, local
- If we embrace the octopus — connect and funding streams rather than run
- If we turn commitment into choice — delivers value and having the courage
- If we have credible pathways to success — Alliances the core strategies, strategies, universities

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OUR SCHEDULE
Glasgow 2024

WED 09 14.30	THE YUFE MODEL
THU 10 10.30	CITIZENS AT THE CENTRE
THU 10 15.30	JOINT BACHELORS
FRI 11 9.00	CRACKS IN THE FACADE?

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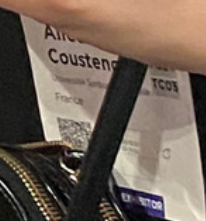
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