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DBYN full member organisations

Don Bosco Youth-Net ivzw is an international network which brings together Don Bosco youth organisations and Salesian provinces from 13 different European countries. Although the members of the network share a common denominator, which is the working style of Don Bosco, they can be very different from each other on the level of target groups, organizational structure, type of activities, ...

We consider this diversity as one of the strengths of the network: because our members are different, they all have their own expertise. As a network we set-up projects and create tools so we can share this expertise and learn from each other. This partner book is also such a tool.

In the partner book we bring together information on our full member organisations, focusing on 5 areas:

1. **General information:** basic information about the organisations like contact details, the amount of staff, volunteers and young people involved in the organisation, information on the legal status, the geographical focus and the type of publications the organisation has.
2. **Background:** a description of the history and philosophy of the organisation.
3. **Mission:** - the organisation's aims and objectives.
4. **Program Areas:** the details of the organisation's major interests and activities.
5. **Structure:** an organigram of the organisations' structure. to offer a clear view on how the organisation is formally structured.

This information gives a introduction on who our member organisation are and what they are doing. If you are interested in getting to know more about them, you can use the contact details, also included in the overview, to contact the organisations directly.

Austria – Jugend Eine Welt

General information

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Employees	24		
Volunteers	300		
Young people	8.000		
Legal status	Verein (Association) - NGO		
Geographical focus	worldwide		
Publication types	Annual report, letters to donors/presentation of projects, campaign information, folders, press releases, radio/TV-interviews		

Background

Jugend Eine Welt – Don Bosco Aktion Österreich was founded in 1997. It is a NGO with a separate legal persona and structure.

The aim is to support children and young people worldwide. Therefore we work together closely with the Salesians of Don Bosco and the Salesian Sisters. They have projects in more than 180 countries worldwide and can guarantee to be partners on the spot.

Mission

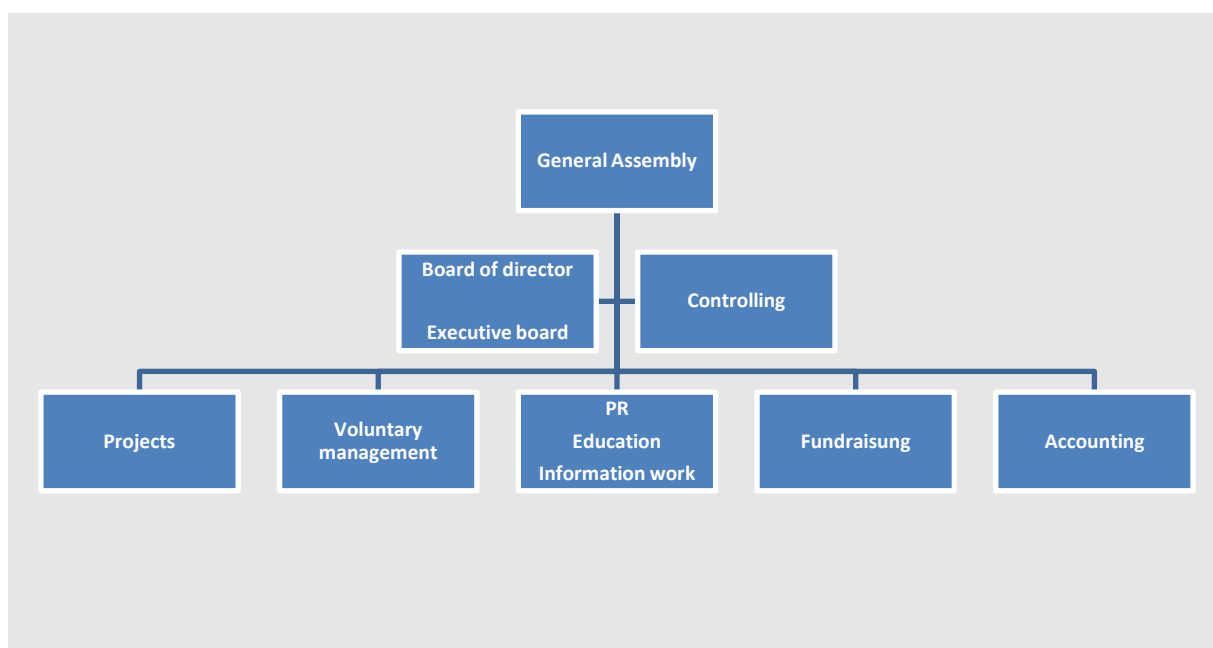
As the name of “Jugend Eine Welt – Don Bosco Aktion Austria “ (Jugend Eine Welt = Youth One World) means, we want people to get closer to form ONE WORLD. In the spirit of the pioneer in youth work, Don Bosco, we want to help young disadvantaged people to have the fair chance for a successful future.

Program Areas

- **Voluntary services:** Organisation, preparation and accompaniment of young people who commit themselves for 12 months to work with children and young people in a selected project of the Salesians of Don Bosco or the Salesian Sisters. They get involved with street working, street children, professional training schools or oratories. They do this service voluntarily without payment.

- **Fundraising:** Jugend Eine Welt tries to collect funds in Austria/Europe to support projects of the Salesians of Don Bosco and the Salesian Sisters worldwide. Therefore Jugend Eine Welt is also cooperator of the Austrian Development Agency which is part of the Austrian Government.
- **Project Financing:** The project department discusses projects sent in by partners and evaluate them. They prepare them for fundraising activities in Austria/Europe. They are in contact with donors and official departments (e.g. Austrian Development Agency).
- **Educational work in Austria/Europe:** To bring the problems and the situation of people in our partner countries to a wider public Jugend Eine Welt does educational work in Austria/Europe. We offer workshops, go to school classes or organise big campaigns. The topics are, for example, fair trade or the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations.

Structure organisation



Belgium – Jeugddienst Don Bosco vzw.

General information

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Employees	5		
Volunteers	150		
Young people	1.500		
Legal status	Vereniging Zonder Winstoogmerk (Non profit Organisation)		
Geographical Focus	Flanders		
Publication types	3-monthly periodical, monthly newflash, book and collection with methods and games for youth work		

Background

The origin of our organisation lays in 1959, then called ‘Kaderschool Don Bosco’ (training school Don Bosco). The aim of the Kaderschool was to foresee in training for the animators that were active on the playgrounds. Throughout the years the organisation developed different activities and got more structured.

From 1990 on, the organisation started to look for a place within the Flemish youth work field. By doing this, the question arose of a recognition as a Flemish youth organisation by the Flemish government of youth. Discussions with and support of the Youth Council helped to receive this recognition in 1998. ‘Kaderschool Don Bosco’ became ‘**Jeugddienst Don Bosco vzw**’ (Youth service Don Bosco).

Since then, the organisation has evolved and grown. Next to training, different new initiatives got more of importance: International activities and Youth Pastoral.

Mission

“**Joyful commitment**” that’s what Jeugddienst Don Bosco vzw wants to be. By challenging young people to volunteering, formation initiatives and other ways of leisure activities, a contribution is made towards their complete development. In this way they turn into able-bodied, social and engaged young people, who dare to occupy their place in society and shape it. We focus our attention on people between 12 and 30, but with an emphasis on the age group of 15 to 25 years.

Our organisation is inspired by the pedagogical project of Don Bosco. This leads towards some basic assumptions that can be found at the basis of our functioning and that are finally translated into the vision of our Jeugdendienst.

Basic assumptions

Young people are personally responsible for their own development. Communication and dialogue with adults, as well as critical reflection on society are hereby important driving forces.

Starting from Don Bosco's way of thinking and working we have chosen, in function of an integral approach of young people, to offer them 4 particular spots.

1. *a place "of their own"*, where young people feel at home and where they get the necessary space to be themselves, to express their feelings and to shape their own personality.
2. *a place "where to learn"*, where they get the space or opportunity to enhance their skills and knowledge, where they learn to assume the responsibility for the surrounding reality, where they become capable to play their part in society in a critical way.
3. *a place "to play"*, where young people can meet peers, can talk and discuss, can build up and maintain relations with others, where they can accept solidarity, can organise and experience things together.
4. *a place "of sensibleness"*, where young people may find it possible to search for their *raison d'être*, for meaning in their lives.

Young people and their efforts for children and peers are important elements in the reflection and the action of Jeugdendienst Don Bosco vzw. Being committed in a pleasant way includes the choice to offer young people the full co-responsibility in elaborating and realising its functioning. This commitment finds its roots in the next four values: freedom, responsibility, solidarity and meaningfulness, inspired by a Christian vision on man and his world.

- **Young people and freedom:**

Young people are dynamic people that develop themselves into an integral and unique person. This presupposes a growth in personal freedom. They want to acquire freedom, even if they haven't got immediately an ideal in view. Therefore, young people must get the necessary space and means. This, however, is always dependent on the society they are living in.

This entails a double challenge: on one hand to support young people in their integration into the society, on the other hand to let them be critically-constructive towards this society.

- **Young people and responsibility:**

Freedom that becomes absolute is the biggest lack of freedom. Responsibility creates the correct balance. That's why young people should get the opportunity to exercise responsibility in very concrete situations, adapted to their age and the already acquired skills.

By taking up responsibility, young people are challenged to shape the social context and at the same time to stand up against unjust systems, poverty and oppression.

- **Young people and solidarity:**

Young people do not stand alone in life. They should get the chance to experience solidarity, so they can integrate it on their turn into their lives. This solidarity should not be limited to their own peer group, but needs to be opened towards a broader society.

- **Young people and meaningfulness:**

A lot of young people are looking for 'sense' in their life, to see who they can be and what they can mean for the broader world they are living in. That is why it is extremely important to let them feel and let them search for what is valuable in their lives, for what they are standing for, for how they make their lives meaningful. It is important to help young people qualify their identity concerning the core problems of life and of living together.

We have chosen to shape these four values by means of a playful, creative approach based on experience.

Program Areas

Jeugddienst Don Bosco vzw has 3 main project areas: Training, International activities and Youth Pastoral

1. Training

- The training courses for youth animators on different levels: basic course, course head animator, advanced course, instructor course.

2. International Activities

- European Activities: international (training) weeks, exchange of animators, EVS, study visits to resembling organisations, ...
- Representation in Don Bosco Youth Net
- International volunteering outside Europe
- Mahali-project: training on playgrounds in DR Congo and Rwanda
- Urafiki: life learning trip for young people to Africa.
- Vides: individual volunteering and life learning trips

3. Youth Pastoral

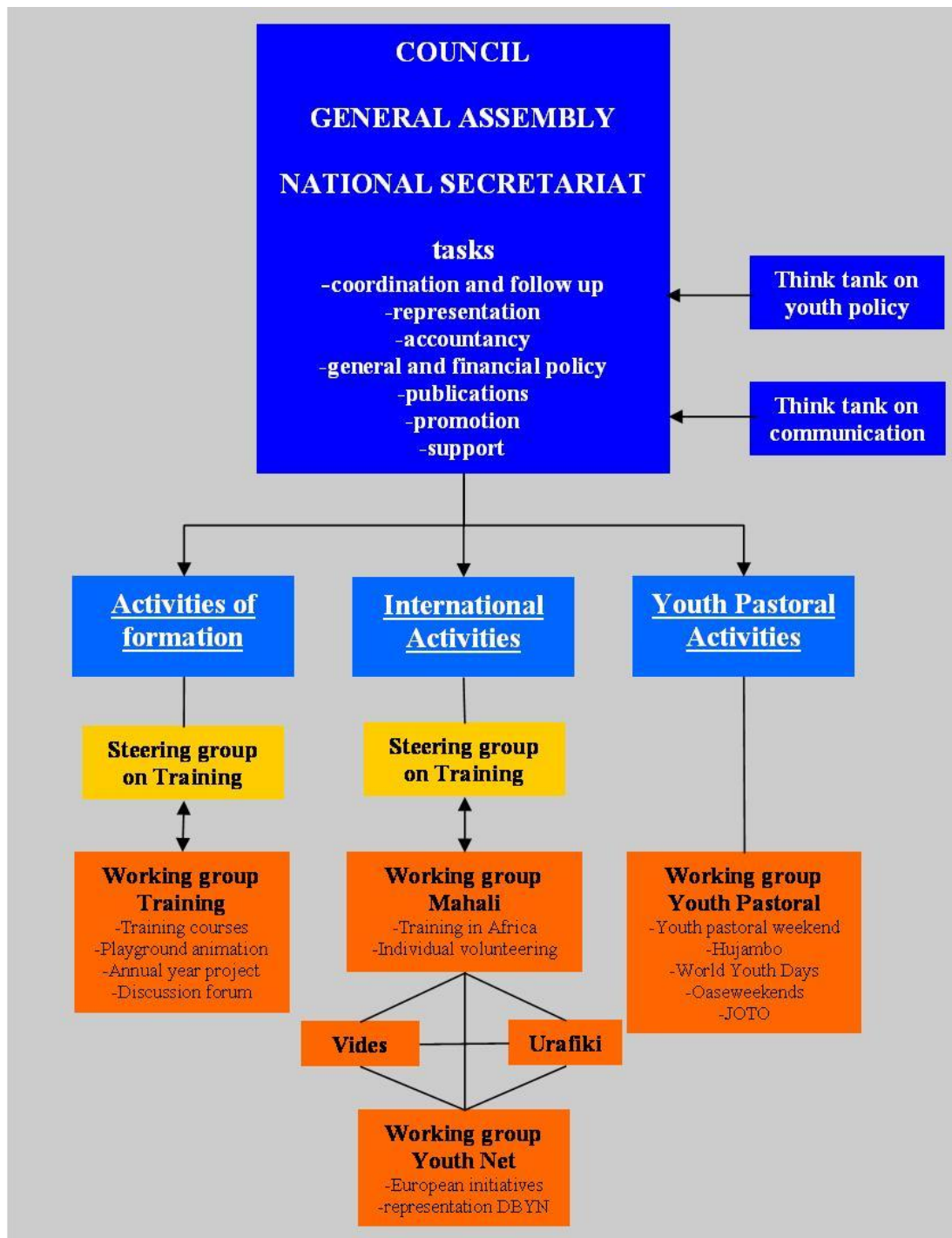
- Youth pastoral weekend for the volunteers in our organisation
- Youth pastoral support on the training courses
- World Youth Days
- Oaseweekends: at these weekends young people can take part in diverse and creative programs which are more profound and give opportunities to experience deeper values.

• Next to these three main topics, we also organise

- An annual project about a certain topic which is lively within the organisation (e.g. 2001: young people and space, 2004: project with young people and elderly people)
- Support of the functioning of Don Bosco playgrounds (oratorio's).
- Youth camps: Joto-camp focuses on the 11-16 years old. In this stage of life young persons are in full development and open for a lot of incentives. We offer them activities and stimulate them to think about their future. With the other youth camps we try to motivate the participants of 16 years to become an animator.

- We also spread the following publications
 - 3-monthly periodical 'Koerier'
 - Monthly digital newsflash
 - Book with methods for doing youth work
 - Collection of inside and outside games
 - Hujambo: informative game to talk with young people about values in life

Structure organisation



Czech Republic – SADBA

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Employees	2		
Volunteers	200		
Young people	7.000		
Legal status	NGO		
Geographical focus	Czech Republic (mainly) + places where our volunteers work (Mexico, India, Congo, ...)		
Publication types	Supporting materials for youth workshops, leaflets, calendards, educational brochures		

Background

- NFO recognised by the Czech government
- Salesian platform – associates the Czech Salesian youth centres (appr. 13) together with the Salesian province Prague
- New organisation (founded July 2005)
- Motivation for foundation – few years back we wanted to start a more professional training program for volunteers, but we realised that to be allowed to do this, we have to be formally registered by the government – first we registered the Salesian Province in Prague officially as the organisation that is giving training for the volunteers, but still we were searching for another legal form that would cover (co-ordinate) the Salesian activities exceeding the youth centres, the activities on the national level – and at the same time an organisation that would be an official partner on the international level.

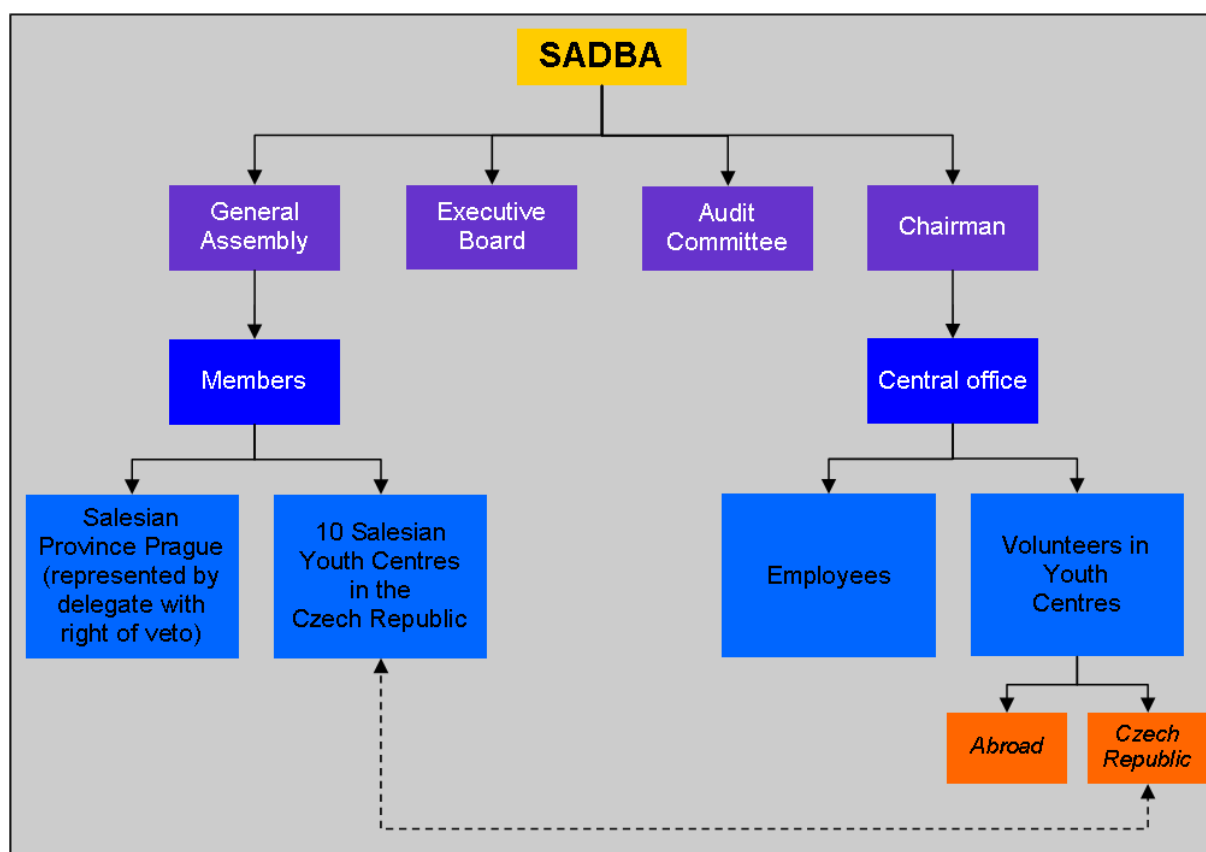
Mission

- Developing volunteers – bringing (young) people to be able to help young people in need (minority groups, children without family background, children and youngsters in developing countries ...) by meaningful spending of leisure time with them and their spiritual education.
- Help for developing countries
- To implement Salesian prevention educational system and oratory criteria in every-day work with youth
- To enable the young people meet and get to know other young Christians and encourage their involvement in church and Salesian work in this way.

Program Areas

1. Program Cagliari – (named after the first Salesian missionary) – training and sending volunteers (above 18 years old) for a long-term voluntary service – in the Czech Republic, Europe and also in the developing countries (Mexico, india, congo, Ethiopia, Bulgaria, etc.)
2. Salesian animators – training courses for young people (above 15 years old) who would like to serve other young people especially in the Salesian projects in the Czech Republic (a three-year training)
3. Program Margherita – a two-day-training of adult volunteers from youth centres in the Czech Republic
4. Irregular projects on the national level
 - a. National gathering of the Salesian animators
 - b. Co-ordination of the visit of the Rector Major in the Czech Republic 2006
 - c. Big quiz – competition about Don Boscoi
 - d. Meeting of Salesians (weekend action for boys and young men)
5. International activities (beginning)

Structure organisation



Germany – Aktionszentrum

General information

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Employees	19		
Volunteers	100		
Young people	9.000		
Legal status	Körperschaft öffentlichen Rechts		
Geographical focus	Upper Bavaria, Germany, Europe		
Publication types	Don Bosco Magazin, yearly programme		

Background

The Aktionszentrum is a retreat house recognized by the government, with an accent on training of young people. Since 1976 the Aktionszentrum is offering possibilities of training for pupils and youth instructors.

Mission

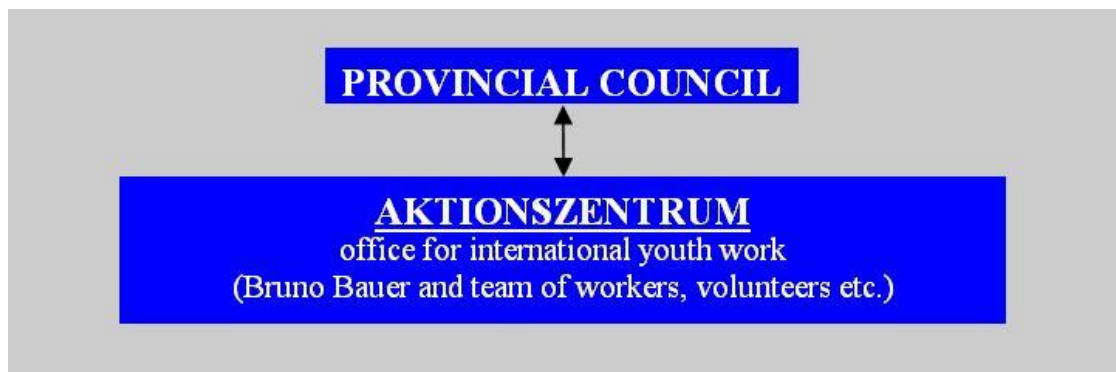
The Aktionszentrum is a youth retreat centre with the main goal of taking care of young peoples live. The foundation of the work is the Christian way of thinking of human beings and the model of Don Bosco. Aim groups are young people, young adults and youth instructors. Main tasks are retreat work, international youthwork, volunteering and hosting groups. By offering programme we try to reach personal, religious, intercultural, ecological and political competences. The way of working with young people is to accept everybody with the own dignity and respect.

Program Areas

Maintaining and developing a Retreat Centre where young people can experience community living, leadership training and spiritual formation, and reflect on their life situations and roles. As a Retreat Centre we host different groups:

1. Retreats for school classes
2. International youth exchanges
3. Courses for youth instructors
4. Youth pastoral work
5. Open seminars
6. Hosting different groups and offering programme

Structure organisation





Ireland – Salesian Youth Ministry Office

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Employees			
Volunteers			
Young people			
Legal status			
Geographical focus	Ireland		
Publication types			

Background

The Salesian work in Ireland began in 1919 in Pallaskenry, Co. Limerick. Today Salesians work for young people in a number of centres throughout the country. The Salesian Youth Ministry Office coordinates Salesian youth ministry in Ireland, and explores new avenues in youth ministry.

Mission

Program Areas

- **Parish & chaplaincy work:** the Salesians cater for Parish and chaplaincy work in schools linked to the Irish province
- **Language school & Salesian Hostel:** An all-the-year-round language school for adults, recognised by the Department of Education and Science as an English Language School for the teaching of English as a foreign language.
- **Don Bosco Houses:** The Don Bosco Houses offer a comprehensive care system for boys and young men who, for whatever reason, are out of home. The service is funded by the Eastern Regional Health Authority.
- **Rinaldi house:** counselling and job-creation centre for young people at risk.

Structure organisation

Italy – SCS/CNOS

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Employees	276		
Volunteers	4.500		
Young people	10.000		
Legal status	Association of social promotion		
Geographical focus	Germany, United Kingdom, Spain, Austria, France, Nederland, ...		
Publication types	--		

Background

- The SCS/CNOS federation (Social and Civil Services / National Centre Salesian Works; in succession, in short, the Federation), is an organisation promoted by the Italian Salesians, which is expressly inspired by Saint Giovanni Bosco's human and instructive experience and expressly inspired by Salesian instructive way. Two are the Federation main purposes:
- Co-ordination and promotion of own partners activity performing in the voluntary area, performing in the discomfort and juvenile isolation area, performing in conscientious objection and civil service area.
- Planning and accomplishment of presences turned in favour of minors and young people, particularly the ones that live in a isolated condition, the ones that live in discomfort and social exclusion.

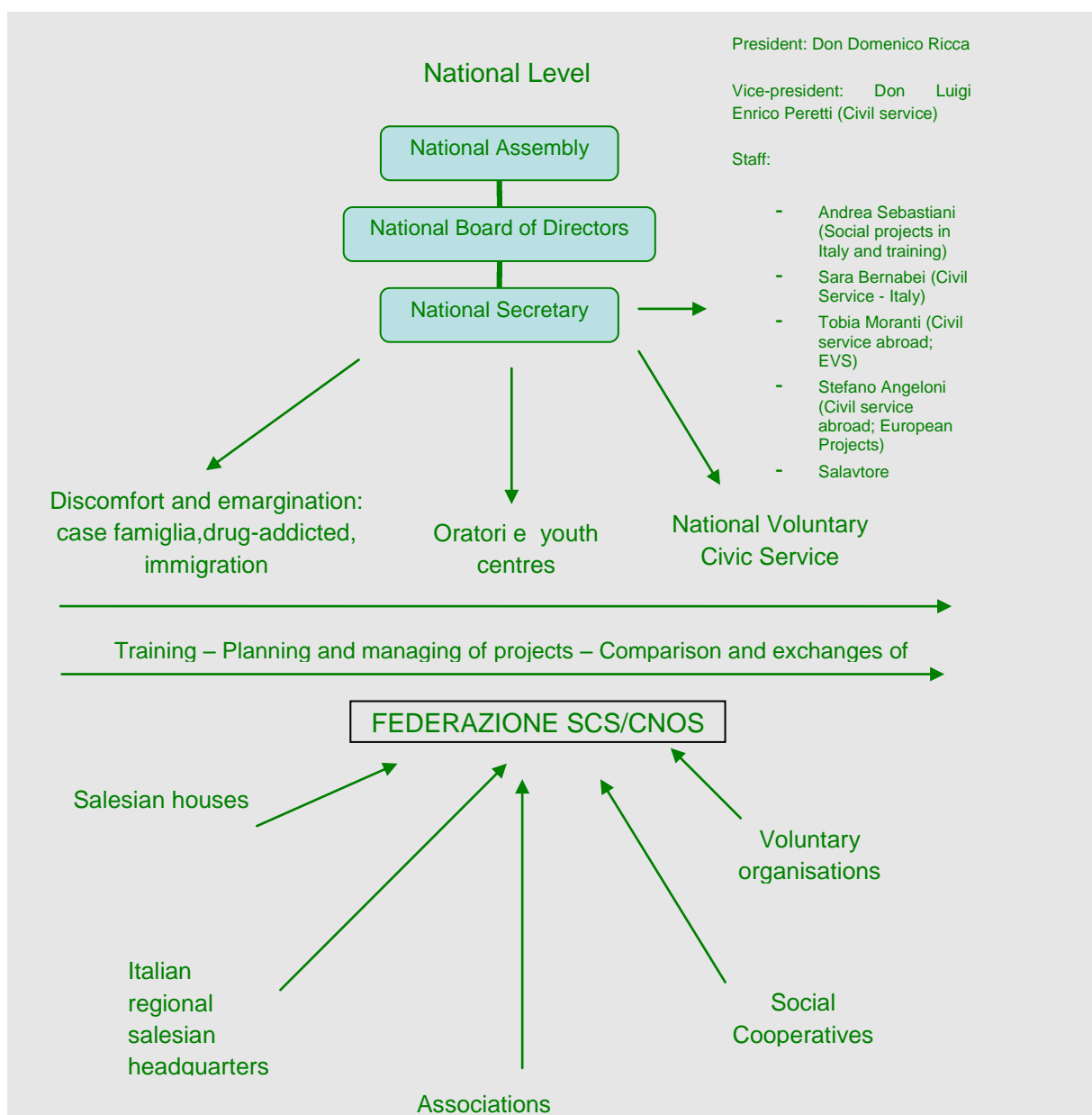
Mission

- Overcoming every discomfort kinds, paying attention to minors and young people.
- Put social solidarity, voluntary culture and juvenile leading into effect.
- Declare every disadvantage category rights, particularly minors rights, and overcoming economic-social-territorial and cultural lack of balance.
- Achieve the rights of citizenship and put equal opportunity among women and men into effect.
- Achieve concretely culture, instruction and lasting training rights.
- Put the equality, the equal social dignity of guys and of groups into effect

Program Areas

- Share of information between partners on the activities in collaboration with other public associations.
- Promote with projects like the national voluntary civic service the voluntary culture, solidarity and a responsible and active participation in the social life particularly in the field of juvenile discomfort
- Education of volunteers (animators, administrative workers...): training courses and educational programmes for volunteers active at local level (fundraising, communication, leadership, strategic planning, financial management, training for accountants)
- International activities (exchanges, EVS, participation at European Union calls for proposals, etc.)

Structure organisation



Malta – SPYS

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Employees	-		
Volunteers	30		
Young people	500		
Legal status	NGO		
Geographical focus	Malta (main work), EU, yhr wider Europe (exchanges) and India		
Publication types	Promotional Leaflets and <i>Quest</i> : Articles discussing youth issues published fortnightly on Malta's main newspaper, <i>The Times of Malta</i> .		

Background

The Salesian Pastoral Youth Service (SPYS), late in 2008, will be celebrating its 13th Anniversary. Although so much of a young organization SPYS has acquired a lot of experience through these years. Back in 1995, director Fr Paul Formosa SDB and a small group of youth leaders engaged in this project that would eventually see SPYS growing further into what it is today. The philosophy behind the group was and has remained “the holistic formation of young people” through the philosophy and working-style of St John Bosco and the teachings of the Gospel. SPYS started its work from a local area to a national level and for the last 7 years on an international basis. In 2002, SPYS won a national recognition prize for its work with youths in the Maltese society.

The work of SPYS can be split into five main areas which are:

- **In-group activities:**

One of the philosophies within SPYS is that no body can give formation to others if he or she is not well *formed*. So in-group activities are organized in order to strengthen the group's bonds, and give formation to the members so that they will be able to work with others

- **Youth Seminars:**

The themes making up these seminars are what one might put into the set of “Life Skills”. Topics range from Leadership, to Teamwork, to more reflexive and also sports seminars. Some of these seminars are also recognized as academic credits at the University of Malta. The standard, needless say, is a very professional one but which involves not lecturing but active participation from those present at each seminar. This through workshops, games and discussions, as well as a pinch of spirituality too.

- **Out-reaching activities:**

These activities generally take the form of: social gatherings, meetings for youth centres and other groups, religious activities (animation of Holy Mass and prayer sessions), sports activities and purely social activities.

An interesting sub-section spurring from SPYS is the concept of SPYS & Friends, wherein youths who were previously involved in any SPYS activity have now organized activities specifically for them and whoever wants to join them. This in order to maintain contact with them, and progressing towards their holistic formation.

- **Adult training seminars:**

These are seminars which very often a foreign guest is invited to conduct, and are generally of a higher-level topic. These are often targeted to social workers, teachers, youth workers and animators. These seminars are also recognized by the University of Malta as academic credits.

- **International activities:**

Since 2000 SPYS has become more and more active on international level. We started with participating in the Eurotreff meetings in Vienna (2000-2003) and a youth exchange in Malta (2002). 2003 was for SPYS a year which would see its international involvement evolve. SPYS was acknowledged to become a member of the Don Bosco Youth Network (DBYN). This led to SPYS being involved in not only one international activity per year, but sometimes even three or four...or more: training courses, EVS, group voluntary service, youth exchanges, ... Since 2006 we have create an international office as part of SPYS, called SPYS.int. SPYS.int coordinates all international activities for SPYS.

Mission

The mission statement of SPYS states, "With the two-fold aim of person building and community building, the Salesian Pastoral Youth Service accompanies young people towards the discovery of authentic life values. Through an optimistic view of life in the light of the Gospel, it seeks to develop and implement a programme of holistic Christian formation which enables the young to grow in friendship with the Lord and peace with the self and encourages them to reach out in a ministry to others."

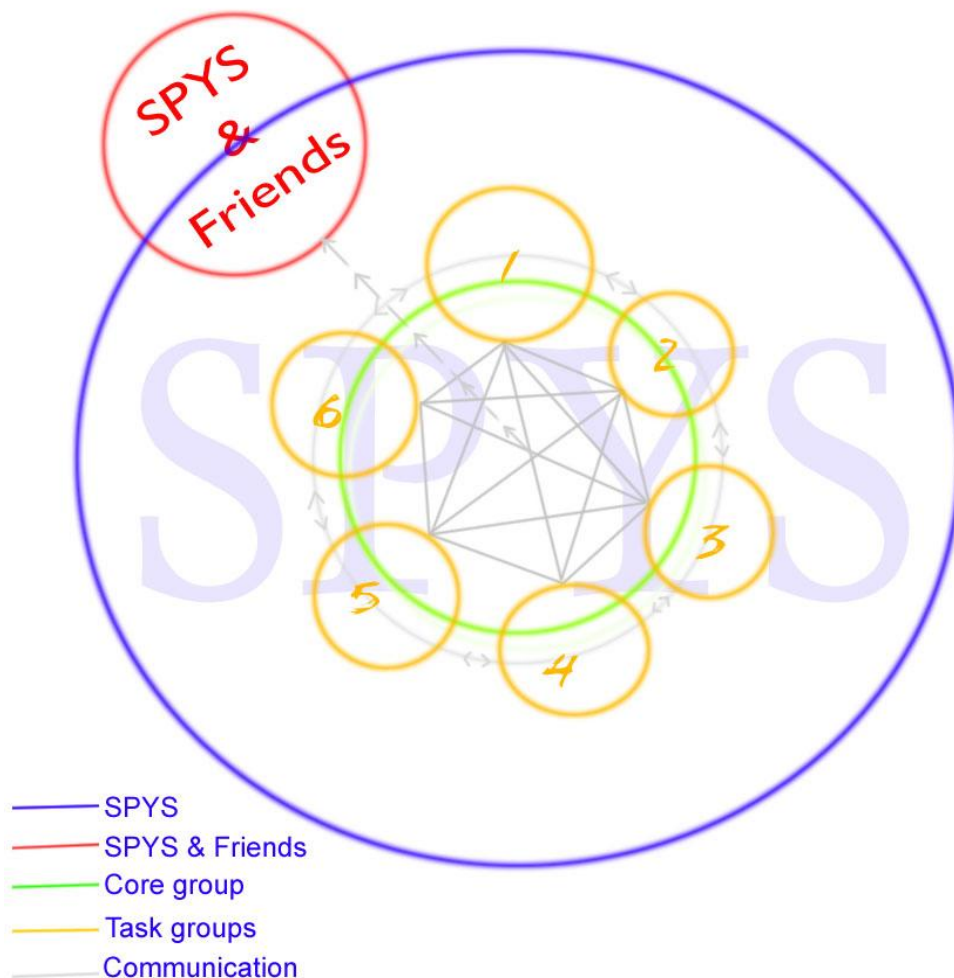
Program Areas

- Youth Service for 16 year-olds and upwards
- Youth Training Seminars
- Follow-up Sessions
- Animating various Youth Centres on the Island
- Youth Spirituality Encounters
- Adult Training Weekends
- Animating Holy Mass in various parishes
- Participation in international youth encounters
- Volunteering in EU and India

Structure organisation

Explanation of the organigram:

- Whatever is within the blue circle makes up SPYS.
- The core group (green circle) is made up of SPYS members who filter decisions and ignite motivation within the rest of the group. They are often responsible in preparing fortnightly SPYS meetings as well as other administrative matters within SPYS.
- The task groups (orange circles) are smaller groups within which the various work done by SPYS is planned and organized. The circles overlap that of the core group as some core-group members form part of the different task groups.
- The grey lines represent communication. This is of great importance for a group like SPYS that works with such a structure. This communication flows between the different task groups and the core group, simultaneously. During the fortnightly SPYS meeting, the various task groups share what work has been done. In the mean time, e-mails keep everyone up-to-date regarding appointments, meetings, ideas, and work done.
- SPYS & Friends (red circle) is the new SPYS concept which brings together all those who have participated in some SPYS activity. Since the structure of SPYS does not give way for anyone to become a member in the sense that it works best when it is not so much of a large group, SPYS & Friends are those youths with whom SPYS work and together organize activities that range from the spiritual, to the social, as well as meetings on a monthly basis.





Poland – Salezjanskie Centrum WDM

General information

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Employees	5		
Volunteers	815		
Young people	20.000		
Legal status	NGO		
Geographical focus	Krakow – Southern Poland		
Publication types	Books, supporting materials for youth workshops, advertising books, leaflets		

Background

One of the most important characteristics of Salesian movement in Poland is that it is very large. Poland is divided into 4 provinces of SDB and 2 provinces of FMA. There are about 190 Salesian centres which carry out youth work in the fields of oratories, schools, parishes, PGS etc. WDM (Salesian Centre of Education and Youth Ministry) was set up as an organization to coordinate all these youth ministry local activities and to create the country – broad level of communication. WDM was started in 1994 in Krakow. It is beautifully situated by the river Vistula in Krakow. The structure looks as follows:

- 6 delegates – one from each province - youth representatives – 2 from each province - workers of WDM residence in Krakow: Country Delegate (the head of WDM), a few Salesian priests, office worker (a volunteer) and a group of youth volunteers

Meetings of the members initiated mutual communication, the possibility of getting closer to each other, sharing the materials, knowledge, experiences and ideas. We learned to make common views, plans and activities. The attention of WDM focuses basically on the youth ministry in oratories, schools, parishes, centres for the “difficult” young people etc.

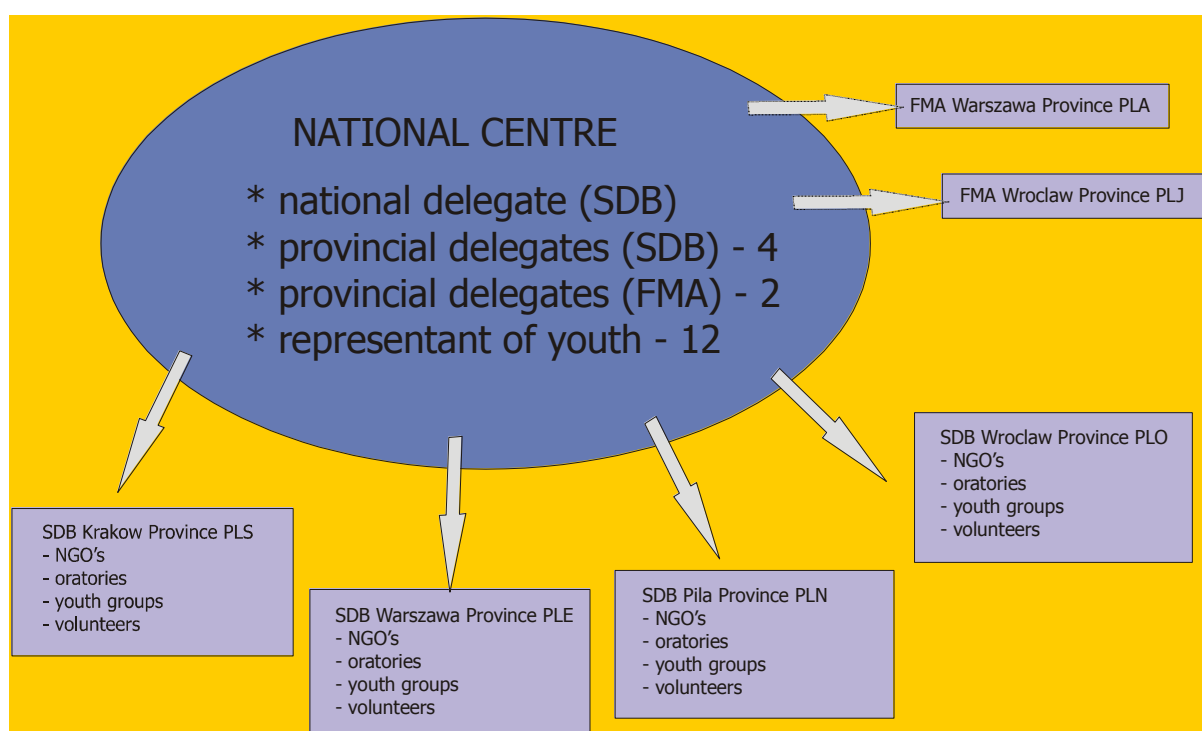
Mission

These are our main tasks: - to analyse current problems of young people and finding the possibilities of getting into their environment with the salesian ideas - to collect the best experiences and achievements in the field of youth service from all the members of salesian movement in order to share them during various meetings on country level - to work out and publish work plans and supporting materials: books, compilations, games, projects - to find, prepare and animate volunteers who would be able to realize these materials in concrete actions in their local organizations - to organize training courses, study visits, seminars for youth volunteers and teachers - to organize periodic meetings of youngsters, salesian animators and volunteers from all over the Poland.

Program Areas

Volunteer trainings, meetings and workshops for animators from all over Poland, trainings for the teachers, youth pastoral work, courses for youth instructors, organising youth and volunteer meetings on national level, working out and publishing books, programmes, materials used for youth activities.

Structure organisation



Slovakia – Domka

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Employees	2 full and 5 part-time		
Volunteers	453		
Young people	10.000		
Legal status	Obcianske zdruzenie (NGO, Non-Profit Organisation)		
Geographical focus	Slovakia		
Publication types	We are publishing our magazine Domaci Holub(4 time per year for our members) , several centres are making own magazine. We cooperated in publishing books, which are about Youth and their problems.		

Background

DOMKA (1991) is an independent, non-political NGYO (non-governmental youth organisation). It contains 33 independent youth centres spread in whole Slovakia. All the activities and education is based on Salesian preventive system of Don Bosco. Besides „reason“ and „kindness“ we consider very important dimension of spirituality i.e. relationship with God in daily usualities. DOMKA is opened for all young people not considering their education, religious, cultural or national background. Important is only an endeavour to be a good person. DOMKA is a member of RMS (Youth council of Slovakia).

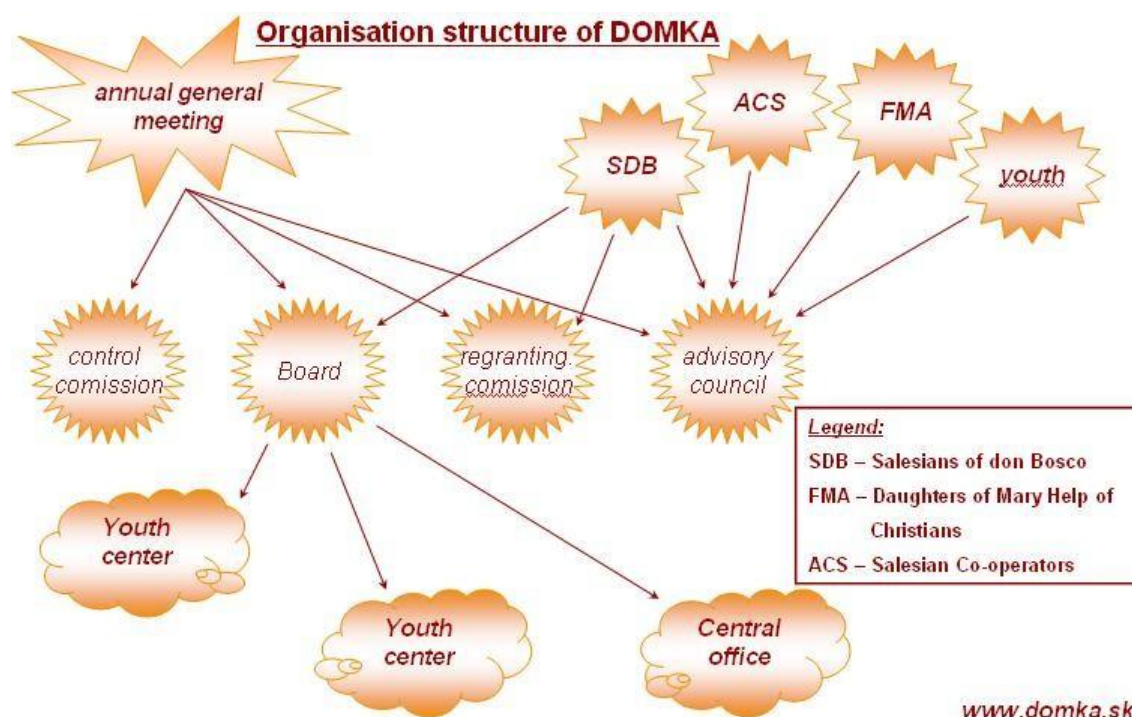
Mission

- to bring up self-reliant, responsible, solidairy and involved young people
- to involve young people into youth work (Youth for youth)
- to work according to, spread and promote Salesian preventive educational system

Program Areas

- Oratorio
- Sport activities represented at local, regional, national and international level
- cultural activities
- summer activities
 - camps in the nature
 - summer oratorio
- Education of volunteers (animators, administrative workers...)
 - School for animators and training courses and educational programmes for volunteers active at local level (fundraising, communication, leadership, strategic planning, financial management, training for accountants)
- Work also with lowest social groups of youngsters (Gypsy children and families in Bardejov, Youth centre in Petrzalka and Midralovce)
- International activities (exchanges, EVS)

Structure organisation





Slovenia – Drustvo Mladinski Ceh

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Vice-president	Kristjan Strojan	E-mail	/
Employees	3 full time, 30 paid trainers on contract		
Volunteers	300		
Young people	10.000		
Legal status	Non Profit Organisation, Legally Society, national wide		
Geographical focus	SLOVENIA and BALCAN		
Publication types	Educational brochures, Pedagogy of games, electronical news letter for animators and printed version of newsletter NEFI – non-formal education		

Background

Mladinski ceh is a youth organisation which includes more than 300 members. It was established in 1992 after collapse of Yugoslavia as non-governmental organisation based upon a law on NGO's. Since then it has a lots of activities for young people, with special care for free time activities and non-formal education following the idea of Don Bosco preventive system !

It is an organisation which promotes active participation of youth in many ways and also make place for young people to learn from each others.

We run programmes and projects on local, regional, national and international level for youth in general, not only for our members.

Everything we do is based on non-formal education, preventive method of work and active participation of young people.

Mission

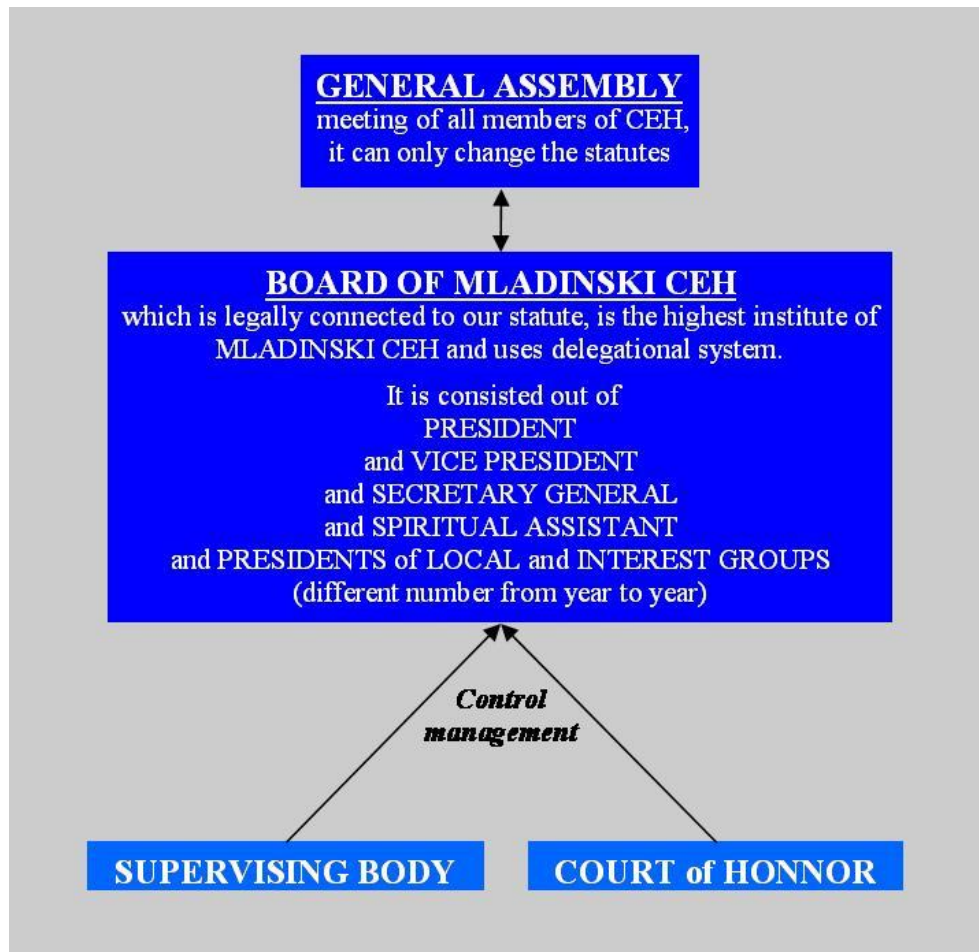
- Promoting youth work
- Promoting youth participation
- Promoting non-formal education
- Promoting active citizenship
- Promoting Don Bosco preventive system of education

Program Areas

- Permanent projects
 - The Information Network for youth work, where we stress the importance of spreading the information via the Internet, and with booklets, leaflets and brochures,
 - Pedagogy of games – with special attitude towards educators who are able to use game as an interactive element in their educational processes (publishing books, training material, renting requisite, making vacations for children in summer time)
 - International Co-operation with Hungary, with Slovakia and with the youth associations in Vojvodina, Montenegro, Bosnia and now in Don Bosco Youth Net
- YOUTH ACADEMY
 - promotes non – formal education as a tool of youth work
 - education started before CEH was established but in the fall of 1998 we began with a two-year systematic program of education for leaders and trainers
 - now we are specialised into different courses we provide for other NGO's, church groups, student organisation, teachers and others
 - education of volunteers is also one of our priority
- NEFIKS
 - record book of non-formal education in Slovenia, which promotes non-formal education in Slovenia
 - promotion of life-long learning
 - promotion of youth employability
 - social inclusion tool
- In co-operation with the Salesian Youth Pastoral
 - Oratorio: a series of summer-break programs in parishes all over Slovenia including various work-shops, discussion groups...
 - Carno jezero (The Magic Lake): a one-day festivity at the end of the school year in Ljubljana
 - Uskovniški teden (The Uskovnica Week): the oldest education program in which the idea of establishing the Youth Guild was born
- Other projects
 - with DAPHNE network we promote idea of non-violent conflict solving techniques,
 - with EVS volunteers we would like to spread idea of international voluntarism,
 - with European Network for the Promotion of Youth Leisure and Voluntary Activities and Recognition of Youth Non-formal and Informal Learning we promote ideas of non-formal education in youth work and beyond



Structure organisation



Spain – Confederación de centros juveniles Don Bosco

General information

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Employees	89		
Volunteers	8.000		
Young people	71.000		
Legal status	Youth Association		
Geographical focus	Country		
Publication types	<p>On national level we have an Information Letter (monthly). On federation level we have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Informative bulletins - Newspapers - Formative manuals (health education, education in leisure time and values ...) 		

Background

Four independent Federations of Salesian Youth Centers existing at that time (Andalucía, Cataluña, Madrid and Comunidad Valenciana) decided to constitute a common structure on the national level- CONFEDERACIÓN DE CENTROS JUVENILES DON BOSCO DE ESPAÑA on 12th May 1991, during the 8th State meeting of Youth Centers celebrated in Pamplona city. (This happened a few months before the 150th anniversary commemorating the well-known meeting between Don Bosco and Bartolomé Garelli in the Turin's sacristy, the majority of the Salesian Youth Centers in Spain were creating their own Confederation.) This was the start how Salesian Youth Centers (inspired by the educative experience of Don Bosco and his preventive system) incorporated themselves into the actual society as authentic youth centers, open for all young people, based on the educative project for leisure time.

From this moment on, the Youth Centre is not perceived only as premises where young people just come and spend their leisure time. Conceptions which spread ideas that the youth centre is only place for entertainment where different activities are developed, are nowadays old-fashioned. Step by step, occupation of leisure has turned to real social compromise.

At the beginning of the 1990s, other federations were founded and soon incorporated themselves into the Confederation. (Murcia, Aragón, Galicia, Castilla y León, Euskadi and finally Canarias).

Nowadays the Confederación consists of 10 federations which don't correspond to state organization of Autonomie Communities (Not each Autonomie Community has got its own

federation) and associates about 200 Salesian Youth Centers. The Confederación takes responsibility for legal cover and promotion of Youth Centers in those Autonomie Communities where, due to different circumstances, Federations cannot develop. Actually all Salesian Youth Centers can receive benefits from opportunities which the Confederación provides by means of Federations offering formative courses, technical and economical resources, support and counselling and many other initiatives which contribute to the development of Youth Centers as entities of education, prevention and youth participation.

Although there are many different kinds of understanding of the Salesian Youth Centre in Spain, all of them are united in the fundamental lines and are rooted in the educative system of Don Bosco.

There are many young volunteers who understood the compromise to be “descendents of a dream”, the one in which Don Bosco started to create the “World of options for young people”.

Mission

- to offer qualified services of prevention and education during leisure time, youth animation and social-cultural development
- to offer the educational system of Don Bosco to the present society in the field of promotion and formation of volunteership and social-cultural animation
- to promote necessary devices to respond to young people’s demands and needs essential for complex development of their personality
- to pay special attention to marginalized children and youth and to those who are in danger of social exclusion
- to support youth participation and association
- to support the ideal of European integration by means of cooperation with other entities and organizations

Program Areas

As you can see from the previous description of the background and mission of our organization, it’s clear that it is the representative entity of Salesian Youth Centres (federations) on the national level. That’s why our own activities have got a wider scope and are of a general character.

We organize activities within the following programmes:

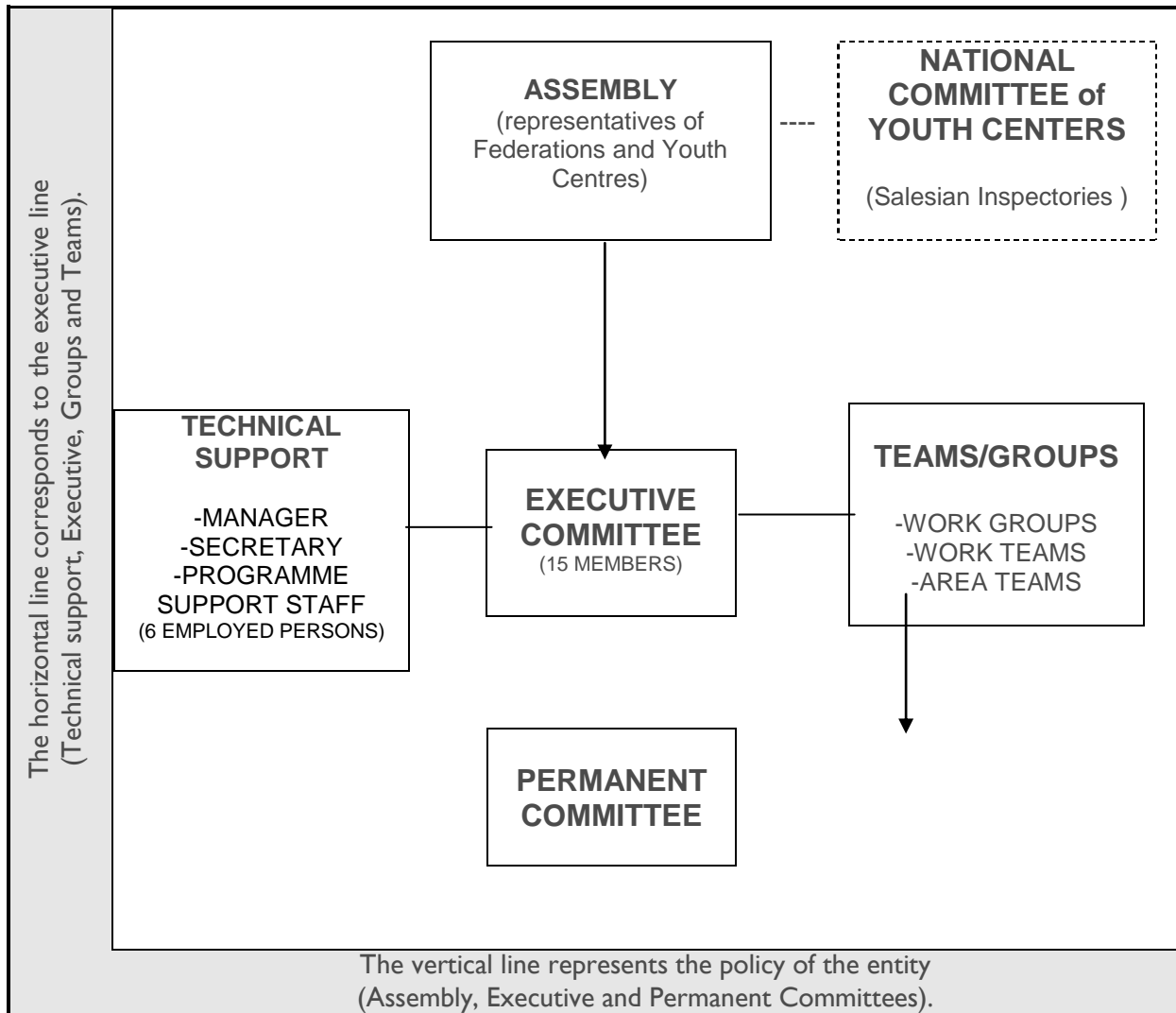
- Programmes of Social Integration
- Programmes for Health Education
- Programmes of Infant Life Quality
- Programmes of Formation of volunteers
- Programmes of Education in Leisure time and values
- Programmes of Formation and Help finding Employment for Young People
- Programmes of Promotion and Help finding Employment for Women
- Programmes of Promotion of Volunteership

Majority of classical Salesian activities like animator’s courses, oratorio, summer camps, cultural and sport activities are done in federations or specific youth centers. We are the body, which finds and provides the resources for these activities, coordinates all the programs and represents interests of youth centers on the national level.

The specific regular initiatives we organize are:

- Summer school of Confederación (from 1999, we have realized 8 summer schools).
- National Congress of Youth Centers (we have realized 15 congresses).
- International youth exchanges

Structure organisation



Presidency

The model of the Confederación isn't a presidency model. That's why the President doesn't appear in the organigram. We have chosen the model, which has the features of "assemblism" and "federalism".

General Members Assembly

is the body which expresses the will of the Confederación. It consists of the Executive and 3 representatives of each federation, they meet once a year at least.

Executive Committee

This is the executive and representative body of the Confederación, acts by delegation of Assembly. It's members are elected for the period of time of two years and they can be re-elected. It consists of following mandates:

- the President of the Confederation (elected by the Assembly)
- the National Coordinator of Salesian Youth Centers
- one youth representative of each independent federation
- two members elected from Youth Centers' ambient (among coordinators: one of SDB and one of FMA)

The Permanent Committee

The objective of it is to arrange meetings of the Executive, to solve urgent unplanned affairs, as well as all tasks determined by the Executive.

Technical support

The technical support consists of professionals employed to perform some tasks in the entity:

- Manager (main tasks are: general supervision, coordination and relation with federations, public delegated representation)
- Secretary (main tasks: administration and accountancy)
- Programme support staff (main task: support of the areas which are just terminated)
- Actually, there are 6 employed persons depending on the main office.

Work teams and work groups

Work groups - they are responsible for performing specific tasks, there is a call open for all federations to encourage the major participation (for example - Work group for Summer school)

Work teams - they are responsible for performing larger tasks or tasks of longer duration. The members are elected by the Executive Committee, lead by some of them with support of the technical staff (for example -Team for elaboration of criteria)

Area teams - are teams of each area. They have to consist at least of one responsible for the area. Actually we have 7 areas:

1. Institutional area.
2. Communication area.
3. International area.
4. Economic and financial area.
5. Formation area.
6. Reflexion area.
7. General Coordination area.

The main office of Confederación

It is the place where the Management and Secretariat of the entity is residing. Technical support can be just coordinated from the main office (decentralised system).

The Netherlands – Don Bosco Youthnet Nederland

General information

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Employees	40		
Volunteers	506		
Young people	15.000		
Legal status	Rooms Katholieke Kerkgenootschap		
Geographical focus	Europa, India, Afrika (Kenia, Tanzania, Sierra Leone) South America		
Publication types	Don Bosco Nu, Don Bosco Actueel, Don Bosco Binnenkort		

Background and Mission

The whole *Don Bosco Movement* in the Netherlands falls under the umbrella structure, *Don Bosco Werken Nederland*. This structure has two main groups: Salesiaanse Delegatie Nederland and Don Boscogroep Nederland. Don Bosco Youthnet which caters to the International exchanges falls under the Salesiaanse Delegatie Nederland.

The *Don Bosco movement* is inspired by Don Bosco and the pioneer Salesians who began the mission of Don Bosco in the Netherlands. They try to be signs and bearers of the Christian love for the young, especially those who are poor, needy, and troubled youth. This predilection for the youth is seen in all Don Bosco works and has become the priority in the context of the Church's total ministry, and is characterized by the spirit of Don Bosco. Challenged and confronted by today's highly diversified, rapidly changing, multicultural Netherlands society, Don Bosco movement in the Netherlands respond creatively through a variety of ministries to seek out and serve those in need after the example of Don Bosco.

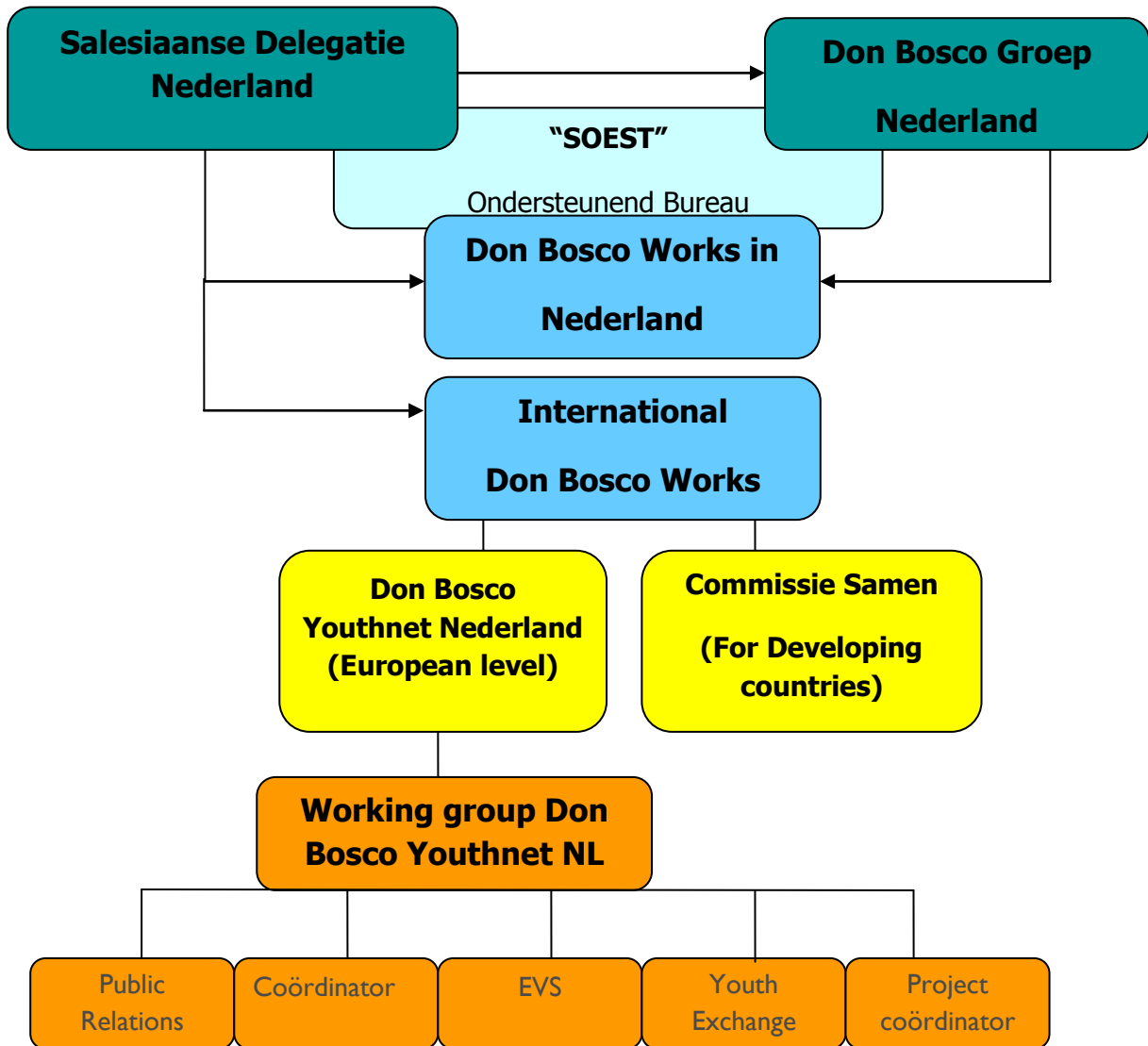
Program Areas

The *Don Bosco Movement* has its activities and ministries (summer camps, youth centres, crisis centres, Salesian presence etc.) provide not only services to the young and leadership training opportunities to young people but also cater to the promotion and formation of new SDBs and lay collaborators in Salesian assistance and the preventive system.

The *Don Bosco Movement* in the Netherlands has also realized the importance and necessity of the coordination and communion of youth ministry in local, national and international level. "Build communion within the Salesian Youth Movement." (Fr. Pascual Chávez V.) The *Salesiaanse Delegatie Nederland* pursues ways to get in touch with world wide youth movement. It is in this frame work

Don Bosco Youth Net has a vital role in developing coordination and communion of youth initiatives in an international (European) level.

Structure organisation



United Kingdom – Salesian Youth Ministry Office

General information

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Employees	300		
Volunteers	124		
Young people	3.000 – 4.000		
Legal status	Registered Charity with the Charities Commission of England and Wales – Charity number 233779 Registered with Companies House, UK		
Geographical focus	United Kingdom		
Publication types	Don Bosco Publications (see salesians.org.uk)		

Background

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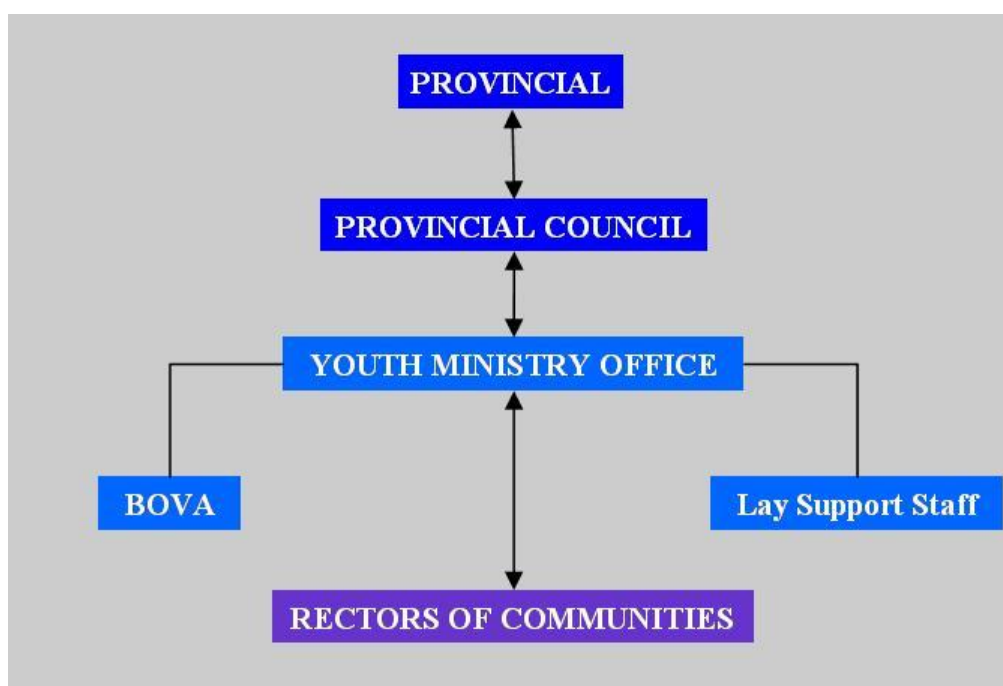
Mission Statement

Fired by the spirit of Don Bosco we celebrate God's presence in the young and the poor. Together with them we struggle to make real in our lives and in our world the values of the Gospel. To achieve this we aim to be present with the young and the poor. We respect the dignity and worth of every person, helping them to discern and develop their unique potential and life-direction. We witness to the love of God in all our attitudes and actions in a way that constantly invites ourselves and them to a commitment to Jesus and His Gospel, especially to the call to serve. We stand by the many young and poor who experience little dignity and worth, and for whom Gospel and Church have little meaning. We collaborate with all who work with the young and poor, especially with those who share our Salesian ideal and spirit.

Program Areas

1. Non-Formal Youth Work, support and outreach in England (London, Huyton, Bootle, Bolton, Bollington) and Scotland (Edinburgh)
2. Training of Youth Workers, especially from disadvantaged backgrounds
3. Facilitation of volunteers both in the UK and overseas
4. Organisation of international activities including training
5. Working in educational establishments (London, Chertsey, Farnborough, Bootle and Bolton)
6. Working in Parish situations in England & Scotland
7. Maintaining and developing a Retreat Centre where young people can experience community living, leadership training and spiritual formation, and reflect on their life situations and roles
8. Continue to support with finance and personnel the Salesian presence in AFW, West Africa, whereby the impact of the ravages of civil war, poverty and lack of education can be addressed by provision of schools, training centres, post-war care and provision for street children, orphans and ex-child soldiers.

Structure organisation



International network
represented in
13 European countries



www.donboscoyouth.net

Austria	The logo for "Jugend Eine Welt" (Youth One World), consisting of a red circle with a white figure inside, and the text "JUGEND EINE WELT" below it.	www.jugendeinewelt.at
Belgium	The logo for "Jeugd Dienst Don Bosco", featuring the text "JEUGDDIENST" above a black square with white figures, and "DON BOSCO vzw" below.	www.jeugddienstdonbosco.be
Czech Republic	The logo for "Salesiánská asociace Dona Boska", featuring a portrait of Don Bosco and the text "Salesiánská asociace Dona Boska" and "SADBA".	mladez.sdb.cz/sadba/
Germany	The logo for "Aktionszentrum Benediktbeuern", featuring a stylized "Z" and the text "Aktionszentrum Benediktbeuern".	www.aktionszentrum.de
Italy	The logo for "SCS - CNOS", featuring a stylized blue and white figure and the text "SCS - CNOS".	www.federazioneescs.org
Ireland	The logo for "Salesian Youth Ministry Office Ireland", featuring a stylized red figure and the text "SALESIAN YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE IRELAND".	www.salesians.ie
Malta	The logo for "Salesian Pastoral of the Service", featuring a stylized figure and the text "salesian pastoral of the service".	www.spysmalta.org
Poland	The logo for "Don Bosco Poland", featuring a portrait of Don Bosco and the text "Don Bosco".	www.donbosco.pl
Slovakia	The logo for "Domka", featuring a stylized red and white figure and the text "domka".	www.domka.sk
Slovenia	The logo for "Mladinski Ceh", featuring a stylized figure and the text "mladinski ceh".	www.mladinski-ceh.si
Spain	The logo for "Don Bosco confederación", featuring the text "Don Bosco confederación".	www.confedonbosco.org
The Netherlands	The logo for "Don Bosco Youthnet Nederland", featuring a stylized figure and the text "Don Bosco Youthnet Nederland".	www.donbosco.nl
United Kingdom	The logo for "BOVA", featuring a stylized red figure and the text "BOVA".	www.salesianyouthministry.com

Mission statement DBYN

We, the partners of Don Bosco Youth-Net, wish to contribute to the total development of all young people by bringing them together through various international activities. We hereby look to broaden the opportunities for these young people who are, through various reasons, excluded. By concrete activities of co-operation, we wish to be a living example of tolerance and mutual understanding.

Through our own Salesian identity, we aim to keep the heritage of Don Bosco alive and look to offer a 'youthful voice' in the Europe of today. By doing this, we want to make a real difference in the lives of all young people, especially for those most in need.