

# The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on young people: a 'pandemic scar' on youth?

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Specific impact on **young people in Europe**, including marginalised youth

Medium-long term **consequences** on youth



Based on **survey** responses from 4,500 young people and **focus groups**

Look at **policy responses** & potential gaps

# WORK & INCOME

- **Almost 12% stopped working** either due to job loss or working hours reduced to zero.
- **Marginalised young people more than twice as likely** to have stopped working.
- **More than 1 in 4 young workers** saw their **income decrease**.

# MENTAL HEALTH

- **Nearly  $\frac{2}{3}$  of young people** may be affected by mental health and wellbeing issues.
- **Young women and marginalised youth disproportionately affected**.

# EDUCATION AND LEARNING

- **$\frac{3}{4}$  of students** said that their school or university had been physically closed.
- **Around  $\frac{3}{4}$  of marginalised youth** believed they were learning less.

**Less than 1%** of national economic policy measures target youth specifically.



Responses focused on physical closure of schools. **quality taking a backseat.**



**no responses to support young people's mental health** beyond the pandemic

## Youth: overlooked?



# OUR RECOMMENDATIONS



1. Involve youth organisations
2. Implement an intersectional framework
3. Prioritise quality
4. Ensure access to social protection and income support
5. Better use existing tools
6. Tackle challenges linked to digitalisation
7. Ensure quality mental health services are accessible to all young people
8. Recognise and address the links between mental health/well-being and socio-economic factors




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