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

The social, economic and mental health impact of COVID-19 on young people in Europe



BEYOND LOCKDOWN



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

> Look at **policy responses** & potential gaps







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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.

EDUCATION AND LEARNING

- 3/4 of students said that their school or university had been physically closed.
- Around ³/₄ of marginalised youth believed they were learning less.



MENTAL HEALTH

- Nearly ²/₃ of young people may be affected by mental health and wellbeing issues.
- Young women and marginalised youth disproportionately affected.

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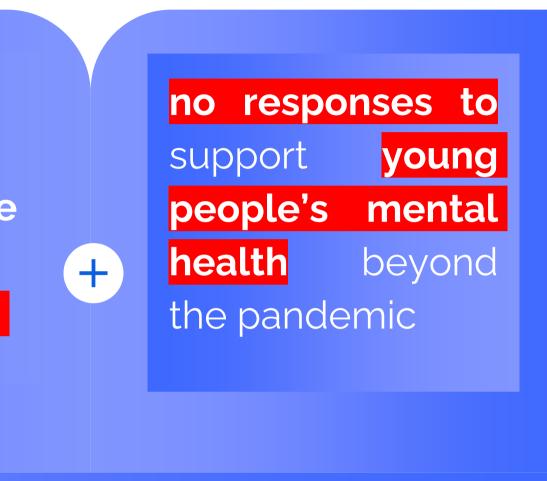
Less than 1% of national economic policy measures target youth specifically.

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

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Youth: overlooked?











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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 socioeconomic factors









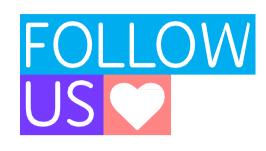




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