

West University of Timisoara

Announces

The conference

"Access and success in education and training for young people from vulnerable social groups"

which will be held on
November 18th, 2022

The purpose of this conference is to provide participants from different geographical and professional settings with the opportunity to engage in an exchange of information, experiences, innovative ideas, research results, as well as intervention models in promoting access to education and training for children and young people from vulnerable categories.

Target participants:

- researchers and academic staff,
- students (Bachelor, Master and PhD),
- practitioners and representatives of social work institutions and organizations,
- practitioners and representatives of educational institutions.

Interested persons can attend the conference as a *member of the audience* or can choose to *give a presentation*.

There is **no** charge for attending the conference.

All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

The conference format will include 3 types of sessions:

1. On-site sessions, in Romanian language (held in Timișoara, Romania, at the West University of Timișoara; *in some special situations generated by the pandemic context or other causes, the sessions can be organized in online format*);
2. Online sessions, in Romanian language;
3. Online sessions, in English language (intended for foreign participants and Romanian participants who want to present or listen to presentations in English).

Participants will opt for the desired format when they fill in the registration form.

Important dates

- Registration deadline: October 10th, 2022
- Notification of acceptance: October 15th, 2022
- Final conference program release: October 30th, 2022

Proposed topics (the list is not exhaustive, but indicative)

- The current situation and perspectives regarding the education and training of children and young people from vulnerable categories (e.g.: low-income groups; minority groups; children and young people with disabilities; institutionalized children and young people; youth who are serving a custodial sentence or community sanction or who have been released on completion of their sentence; youth who no shelter; teenage parents; NEET; asylum seekers; refugees; migrants; victims of human trafficking; victims of abuse; children and young users of illicit substances, etc.);
 - National and international specific strategies, programs and policies aimed at increasing access to education for vulnerable groups;
 - The fundamental role of education and training for young people from vulnerable categories;
 - The role of educational institutions regarding the social inclusion of young people from vulnerable categories;
 - Addressing the right to education of vulnerable groups;
 - The importance of access to education during the COVID-19 pandemic;
 - The impact of the pandemic on education and services for vulnerable children and youth;
 - Access and accessibility of educational institutions for offline and online learning for vulnerable children and youth;
 - Attitudes and perceptions of vulnerable young people regarding education and training;
 - Barriers and difficulties faced by youth from vulnerable categories in accessing education;
 - The needs of young people from vulnerable groups regarding access to education and training;
 - Good practice models for the access of young people from vulnerable categories to education;
 - Investments in education and training systems;
 - Cross-border or inter-institutional collaboration regarding the training of vulnerable groups;
 - Prevention of school dropout and early school leaving by vulnerable children and young people;
 - Tackling discrimination and eliminating segregation in the educational system;
 - Continuous training of trainers to work with vulnerable categories and provide inclusive education.

Registration

To attend the conference, we invite you to fill out the registration form [HERE](https://forms.gle/MfhAkMdwS5t5QMwZ7) (link <https://forms.gle/MfhAkMdwS5t5QMwZ7>).

Technical details regarding the organizing of the event

- Each presentation will last a maximum of 15 minutes and will be followed by a discussion of approximately 5 minutes.
- The presentations will be made in PowerPoint format or another software tool for designing a presentation, at the author's choice. The contributions will be presented orally and may refer (without limitation) to: results of studies/researches; analyzes or comments regarding benchmark policies or programs; examples of good practices; case studies; presentation of effective work methods or intervention projects; critical analyzes of some institutional practices; innovative proposals to increase the effectiveness of interventions, etc.
- Participants interested in the publication of the presented paper are recommended to consult the website of the *Social Work Review* http://www.swreview.ro/index.pl/home_en, which has a series of thematic issues announced for 2023, compatible with the topic of the conference.

Funding details

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