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EUROPEAN CONFERENCE TO ADDRESS BARRIERS TO YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

Youth-led solutions to the problems facing young carers in accessing education, training and employment will be presented at the EU funded [5th IARS Annual International Conference 2017](#), on 27 April, 2017 (9am – 4pm) at the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple in London.

The conference titled “Youth-led Solutions to Unemployment: The Voices of Young Marginalized Carers” will present the research and results of the two-year, youth-led Care to Work program (C2W), which aimed to address the barriers young Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Carers (BAME) carers face in their efforts to achieve education and employment. C2W was delivered in partnership with 3 European partners Anziani e Non Solo (Italy), Linnaeus University (Sweden) and the Family and Child Care Centre (Greece).

Dr. Theo Gavrielides, IARS Founder and Director said: “The UK may have said no to the EU but Erasmus has said yes to our youth and I hope that this international conference and our research findings will inspire us to continue the work beyond politics. It was a pleasure and an honour to have acted as the coordinator of this EU-wide programme. Young BAME carers are one of the most neglected groups of our society.”

Keynote speakers for the conference will be Laura Bennet (Lead for Adult Policy, Public Affairs and Development, Careers Trust), Simon Chambers (Programme Lead, Youth, Erasmus+, UK National Agency, British Council), Arti Lad (BAME Young Carer and Member of the IARS Youth Advisory Board) and Dr. Theo Gavrielides (Founder and Director, IARS International Institute). The event will be chaired by Simon Israel (Senior Home Affairs Correspondent, Channel 4 News)

Organized within the Erasmus+ (KA2) framework, the event is aimed at policy makers, practitioners, researchers, academics, employers, youth and any others working with marginalized young people.

Anne Longfield Children’s Commissioner for England said:

“The love and sense of duty of young carers is remarkable but they so often pay a price in missed opportunities, poorer health and lower school results. There is also the emotional cost in missing out on the social life and fun that their classmates enjoy.”



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The conference will feature 12 workshops on cutting-edge research on the topic, youth-led initiatives and antidiscrimination and social justice best practice, led by international experts. The culmination of the C2W, an e-book entitled “Tearing Down Barriers to Employment & Education for Young, Black and Minority Carers,” will be released in conjunction with the conference.

Floor van Houdt, Head of Unit for Youth, Volunteer Solidarity and Traineeships Office, **European Commission** - Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture said about the book that is to be launched at the event:

“This book is important. It draws attention to an extraordinary group of young people. As showcased in this e-book, the EU has a real added value in helping to bring about the necessary changes. Through its programmes, such as the Erasmus+, and the systematic exchanges of policy experiences and good practices, the EU can help to shed light on the situation of young carers, raise awareness and provide inspiration for reforms. As no young person should undergo the experience of caring for a loved one in isolation, we hope that the “Care2Work” project will ignite the spark so that more evidence will become available to effectively support young people who care.

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Notes to Editors

- If you would like a press pass, please contact Andriana Ntziadima at a.ntziadima@iars.org.uk
- C2W is delivered in partnership with 3 European partners [Anziani e Non Solo](#) (Italy), [Linnaeus University](#) (Sweden) and the [Family and Childen Care Centre](#) (Greece), under the leadership of the [IARS International Institute](#). The project has its own dedicated website **WWW.CARE2WORK.ORG**
- Download the Executive Summary here <http://www.iars.org.uk/content/care2work-executive-summary>
- Care2Work is co-funded by Erasmus+ under the Agreement 2014-2-UK01-KA205-011967

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years, the Institute has been providing world-class and cutting-edge educational, research, policy and networking services of local, national and international significance. We are focused on empowering the most marginalised communities through direct service delivery, while enabling organizations to achieve, measure and improve their social impact. IARS is an international expert in **criminal justice, restorative justice, human rights and inclusion citizenship, public service and user-led research**. To find out more about the IARS International Institute please follow the link www.iars.org.uk

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