

YOUNG DIGITAL SOCIAL INNOVATORS

What is YDSI?

Young Digital Social Innovators aims to empower young people to become confident social innovators making the most of digital technology available to them. To do so, we will modernise youth work curricula and practice so that digital social innovation (DSI) can be taught to a high standard across a wide range of youth-serving organisations.

What is new in Digital Social Innovation? Everything.

Digital social innovations (DSI) are often associated with positive meanings, like openness, collaboration or inclusion. DSI can thus be defined as novelties that use, develop, or rely on digital technologies to address social and/or environmental problems. Digital technologies and the internet are particularly well suited to helping civic action, as they can mobilise large communities, facilitate resource-sharing and distribute power downwards.

“Be Where the World is Going”

With **YDSI TOOLKIT** we have identified 20 highly usable resources to offer concise, actionable information about their pedagogic contribution. Therefore, **YDSI TOOLKIT** will enable Youth Educators, Youth Work Organisations and Young People to have greater opportunities to develop their digital skills, online communication and collaboration. The tools will strengthen the capacity of youth organisations to teach **YDSI** by boosting the knowledge and digital skills of youth educators and providing them with practical resources to teach DSI in non-formal scenarios.

We Create and Impact.

The most visible result of the **YDSI** is the introduction of a new topic of learning — digital social innovation — which will contribute to modernising youth work policy and practice and empower thousands of young people to become confident digital changemakers in their communities.

The Young Digital Social Innovator Project will do this by developing:

“All you need to know” Guide to Digital Social Innovation for Young People. A comprehensive and user-friendly digital publication which makes a clear case for the relevance of DSI, how it relates to key competences, and how it can be taught effectively in non-formal education.

Young Digital Social Innovators’ Toolkit. An interactive, digital resource to guide youth educators through 10 free tools/apps useful for social innovation, highlighting their specific strengths and appropriate pedagogic strategies.



Curriculum & OERs. Including a curriculum, learning objectives, lesson plans, assessment guides, and access to a variety of original teaching content in digital format these free resources provide educators with a complete toolkit for introducing DSI activities, especially for at risk young people.

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