



Press Release

Drop-in
Early School Leavers



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PRESS RELEASE: Drop In International Closing Conference in London

In the context of the **7th Annual IARS International Conference** titled "**European youth leading the way for employment & education**", the **Drop In International Closing Conference** will take place in **London (Lewisham Southwark College, Lewisham Way, SE4 1UT)** on **Tuesday July 16th, 2019**. The two days' conference (16th and 17 of July) aims to bring together young people, decision makers and scholars to debate solutions, identify best practices and create much needed networking opportunities for the disadvantaged youth in Europe.

The 7th Annual IARS International Conference is a high profile CPD accredited event and there will be **200 euros available for bursaries** to attend the international Conference. You can find more information here: <https://www.iars.org.uk/content/7IARSconference>

Dr. Theo Gavrielides, IARS Founder and Director, said: "*We look forward to welcome as many young people and decision makers as possible to this international and timely event. At a critical point in time for the UK and Europe, we hope that our youth-led approach and the Erasmus project results that we will be launching will help alleviate poverty and disadvantage for our young people*".

Rebecca form IARS Youth Advisory Board said "*I'm looking forward to the conference so that I can take on opportunities for new experiences, gain insights into how to move forward in my career, and learn more about politics and our community. I'm especially interested in hearing experts discussing social entrepreneurship and in participating in the wide choice of workshops*".

The first day of the conference is dedicated to the Drop In project and more specifically to the results, findings and tasks completed by all partners in the five countries participated in the project. IARS coordinated the project, which was delivered with 4 other partners from Europe, namely KMOP-Social Action and Innovation Centre (Greece), InEuropa (Italy), CARDET (Cyprus) and The Schottener Foundation Social Services (Romania). Drop In project achieved to raise awareness about dropouts and early school leavers, while establishing alternative pathways towards the labour market and social inclusion. The tangible outcome of the project, among others, is the innovative self-capacitating and networking [online platform](#), which aims to bridge the gap between the labour market and disadvantaged youth, by tackling their skills mismatches through the online course.

You can read the results of the project in the eBook with the executive summaries of all countries here: <https://www.dropinproject.eu/towards-social-inclusion-of-early-school-leavers-in-europe-executive-summaries/>



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