

DECENT EMPLOYMENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AT RISK: **MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS** TO LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

Background and description of the event

Youth employment and employability skills are essential for young people living in the alternative care system or in vulnerable families to achieve an independent life in dignity. Through the adoption of Agenda 2030 governments adopted two key commitments: to significantly reduce the number of young people not in education or employment and to leave no one behind, reaching the furthest behind first. Nevertheless, young people in the alternative care system experience great difficulties in finding decent employment, amongst other reasons due to lack of employability skills or because of the stigma and preconceptions this group is perceived with.

SOS Children's Villages strives to ensure that young people living in vulnerable families or in the alternative care system have a fair chance in life and are able to be independent and lead a successful life in dignity. Through research, direct participation, advocacy and programs, SOS Children's Villages has documented the realities and challenges of this key group of young people. Through partnerships such as GoTeach with Deutsche Post DHL Group and projects such as YouthCan!, which brings corporate partners like Allianz, AkzoNobel, Janssen, Thyssenkrupp, DHL and others on board to support disadvantaged young people on their transition from school to working life, we create sustainable and scalable solutions.

The high-level multi-stakeholder round table will share the organizing partners' expertise on the topic of youth employability for young people at risk and traditionally left behind. Bringing together the expertise of the academia, NGO practitioners, corporations, UN agencies and young people themselves, the objective is to contribute with active solutions and documented evidence to the achievement of full employment and quality education for all (SDG 8 and 4) while keeping a focus on the promise to leave no one behind. The event will also offer a reflection on how to form new efficient multi-stakeholder partnerships for impact in those goal areas and to offer specific support to interested government and private sector partners that are willing to contribute to these areas or learn more about partnerships for sustainable development.

Meeting objectives

- Share the results about the employment situation of young people in the alternative care system through the presentation of the results of research conducted in 12 countries to offer an in depth analysis of the problematic situation of millions of young people in this key at-risk group.
- Showcase the solutions put in practice by the YouthCan! Initiative for youth employment
- Showcase examples of successful partnerships such as Deutsche Post DHL Group and SOS Children's Villages GoTeach program.
- Explore possibilities to reproduce these solutions through new partnerships for youth employment and share key learnings.
- Contribute to the efforts to achieve SDG 8 and the principle to leave no one behind.

Date

5th of April 2018, in the context of the Annual UN ECOSOC Partnership Forum

Venue

Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN, 871 United Nations Plaza, New York, N.Y.

Organizers

SOS Children's Villages International and Deutsche Post DHL Group

Co- Sponsors

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Agenda

11:15 – 11:30 Arrival of guests

11:30 – 11:35 Opening by moderator

Vinicius Pinheiro, Director of the ILO Representation office in New York

11:35 – 11:45 Opening Remarks

Amb. Dr. Christoph Heusgen, Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations

11:45 – 12:30 Panel discussion

Employment for young people in the care system: evidence from research in 12 countries

Prof. Claire Cameron, University College London

What does employment mean for us

Omar, young person with care experience, SOS Children's Villages Ecuador

Partnerships for impact and to leave no one behind: The GoTeach Initiative

Prof. Christof Ehrhart, Director of Corporate Responsibility and Communications, DPDHL Group

Scaling up impact: The YouthCan project

Don Haszczyń, International Director of Fund Development, SOS Children's Villages International

How did a job opportunity change my life?

Diego, young participant of the DHL partnership and Youth Can! Projects

12.30 – 12:40 Questions and Answers

12:40 – 12:45 Closing Remarks

Amb. María Emma Mejía Vélez, Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations (TBC)