Welcome to this Policy and Practice Seminar hosted by the University of East London. The Professional Association of Lecturers in Youth and Community Work is funding a series of free, national, collaborative 'Policy and Practice' seminars around the UK of which this is the sixth in the series of nine national events. The aim of these seminars is to foster greater levels of collaboration between higher education institutions and practice agencies in the profiling of challenges and opportunities facing youth and community work policy and practice across the UK. We look forward to engaging with you throughout the day and exploring the outcomes with a view to future collaborations and partnerships.

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| 1.40 pm  | Panel Discussion “What are the biggest challenges facing youth work at present and what opportunities are there for development over the next 5 years” | • Tom Burke (Acting director of Y-Care Int.)  
• Tracie Trimmer-Platman (BA Prog. Ldr., UEL)  
• Aston Woods. (St Marys Youth Club Islington)  
• Tania De St. Croix (Kings College and IDYW)  
• Chair: Paul Adams (UEL) |
| 2.30pm   | Focus Group Discussions (choice from):  
1. Digital Technology and Youth Work online  
2. International Opportunities for Young People  
3. Student Placements: Opportunities and Responsibilities  
4. Faith-based youth work: youth work’s past and future? | • James Dellow (Dragon Hall) and Kayleigh Wainwright (UK Youth)  
• Tim Burke (Y-Care International) and Eva Voukelatou (Part’ship for Young London)  
• Camilia Baugh (UEL)  
• Mike Coates (XLP) |
| 3.30pm   | Refreshment Break                                                       | Tea and coffee available                                                                      |
| 3.45pm   | Working Group Discussions: Facilitated discussion on developing learning partnerships between HEI’s and youth work(ers) agencies | Four cross-sectional groups Allocated at registration                                           |
| 4.45pm   | Plenary and Feedback Identification of Action Items                      | Paul Fenton (TAG:PALYCW) Paul Adams (UEL)                                                  |
| 5.00pm   | Seminar Closes                                                           | Delegates are welcome to remain and network                                                   |
PANEL SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHIES

Tom Burke

Tom Burke is Acting Chief Executive at Y Care International, the international development agency of the YMCA movement in the UK and Ireland. He leads their global youth work and international youth volunteering programme the International Citizen Service (ICS). Tom also works as a freelance consultant and trainer focussing on direct work with vulnerable children & young people, safeguarding and wider research & evaluation for clients including NCVYS, NCVO, UK Youth and the National Children’s Bureau. Tom ‘grew up’ in the youth sector transitioning from participant to professional. His wider professional background has been in youth participation, child rights advocacy and youth work.

Tania de St Croix

Tania de St Croix is a lecturer at King’s College London and is an active member of In Defence of Youth Work. She has been a detached and community-based youth worker for over twenty years, most recently in Hackney. Her book, Grassroots Youth Work: Policy, Passion and Resistance in Practice, was published by Policy Press in 2016, and her current research project is entitled ‘Rethinking impact, evaluation and accountability in youth work’.

Tracie Trimmer-Platman

Tracie Trimmer-Platman has over 30 years’ experience in youth and Community work, having been a part time youth worker while teaching in secondary schools and then later taking on full time roles in the voluntary and public sector. As a manager and leader in the field she has been involved with the training and teaching of youth and Community workers for over 20 years, educating Police officers, Nurses, community groups, local government and the creative industries in inclusion and youth issues as well as researching into youth gang culture and spaces for young people. Until recently Tracie wrote the Ask the Expert column for Children and Young People Now Magazine and chaired local and national youth work charities. Senior Lecturer on both UEL’s undergraduate and post graduate youth programmes she has worked here for 9 years. Tracie helped to establish Hub 67, a new and recycled community centre in Hackney Wick and is now focusing on her Doctoral Studies.

Aston Wood

Aston Wood is a youth work manager born and raised in East London. He was given a ‘statement for special education needs’ at age 8 and subsequently spent very little time in mainstream education. In his teenage years, while out of school, he was fortunate to get involved with Toynbee Hall. Aston started as a ‘Young Leader’ at Toynbee Hall and became an integral part of the Children and Families Department known as ‘Stepney Children’s Fund’. Since then, Aston has worked in a number of roles from open access youth provision for a housing association, outdoor activities instructor and support worker for young people with cancer. He now manages Mary’s Youth Club in Islington. Aston has Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees from the YMCA George Williams College.