



DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP



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European Digital Citizenship Pass
for Youth Empowerment and Participation

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The rapid advancement of technology and its excessive use highlighted a strong impact on the development of digital policy initiatives. In Cyprus, to ensure the country's economic development and competitiveness, the government introduced measures related to digital integration in all social and economic sectors.



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The integration of digital technology in education, youth, business, and economy sectors are among the priorities founded in the national frameworks of Cyprus.



The government emphasises the enhancement of the use of digital technologies, the improvement of the citizens' access to information and culture, the improvement of job opportunities, and the promotion of modern and open e-Government.



Financial support schemes have been created by the government in order to promote entrepreneurship culture and youth participation in the digital community.



For the purpose of integration of young people in the labour market the government developed youth employment measures giving priority in the information technology and technology area.

ABOUT THE STUDY

The study uses both **quantitative** and **qualitative** data. The first one is collected through a **survey** and the second one through a **focus group**.

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TARGET GROUPS

The study is focused on **youth workers** and **young people**.

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YOUNG PEOPLE

Is the sample size for the young people's survey.

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YOUTH WORKERS

Is the sample size for the youth workers' survey.

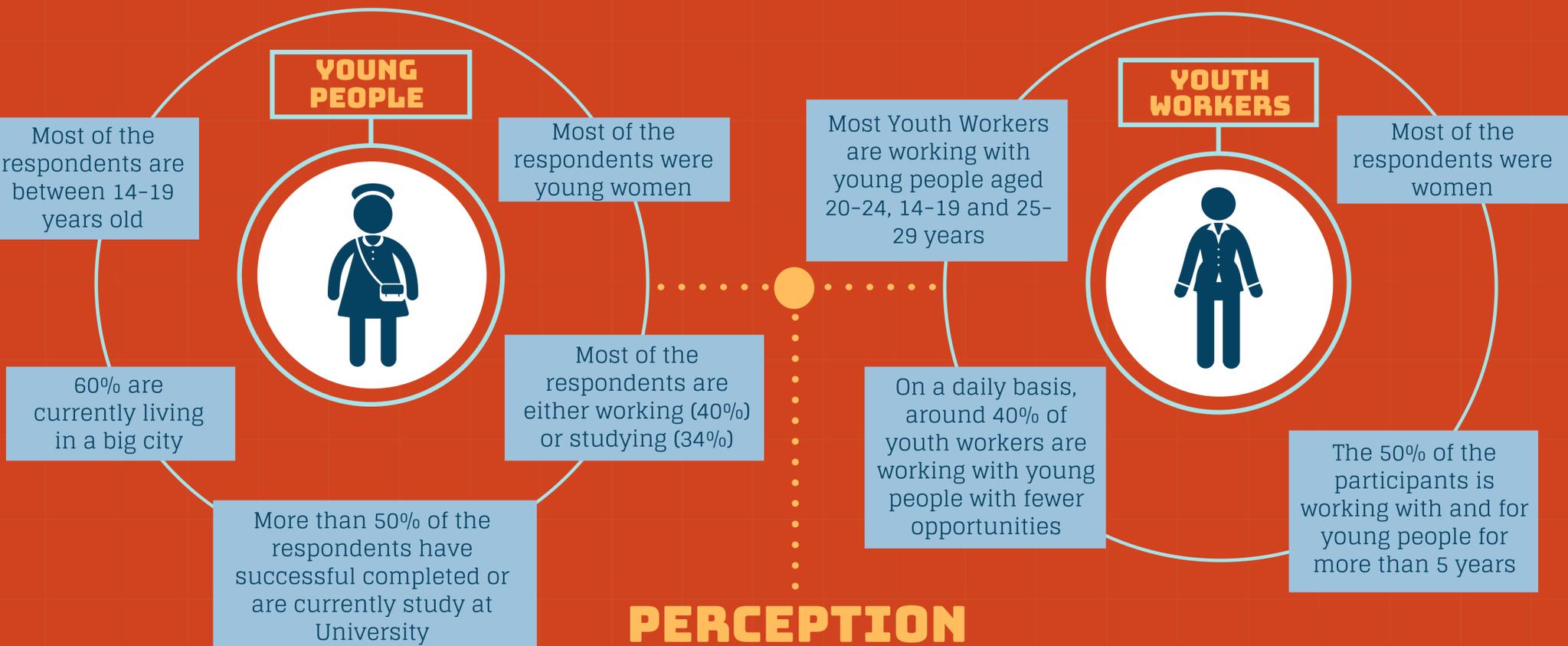
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YOUTH WORKERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Participated in the focus group.



THE SURVEY



PERCEPTION

NO (60%)

Most of the participants have never heard the term

VARIETY OF CONCEPTS

- digital citizens' behaviour
- rights and responsibilities as digital citizens
- the know-how to use online social media
- digital skills, digital literacy, digital communication, digital etiquette

DIGITAL ACCESS (62%)

Equal access to digital technologies and online resource.

Digital Security (ensuring the security of hardware and personal data while online)

Digital Communication (responsible and safe use of digital communication tools)

YES (50%)

Most of the participants think there is a difference.

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD THE TERM "DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP"?

WHAT DOES DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP MEAN TO YOU?

WHICH ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP TO YOUNG PEOPLE?

DO YOU THINK THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING A STREET CITIZEN AND ONLINE CITIZEN?

YES (50%)

50% are aware of the term of Digital Citizenship

MAIN IDEAS

- Online behaviour, respect and responsibility
- Digital skills
- Social media footprint
- Cyber bullying
- Online services
- Online voting

DIGITAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY (58%)

Respect for the rights and responsibilities in the digital world
 Digital Security (50%)
 Digital Access (46%)

YES (38%)

Believe that there is a difference, 23% don't know.

FURTHER LEARNING

84%

of all the respondents have never participated in a training course, workshop or event related to Digital Citizenship.



80%

of all the respondents would be interested in participating in a course about the topic.

FOCUS GROUP

PERCEPTIONS OF DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Digital citizenship can be understood as:

- ✓ **INTERNET ACCESS, SOCIAL MEDIA, VIRTUAL MEETINGS.**
- ✓ **ONLINE BEHAVIOUR, RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS, RESPECT**
- ✓ **DIGITAL SKILLS**

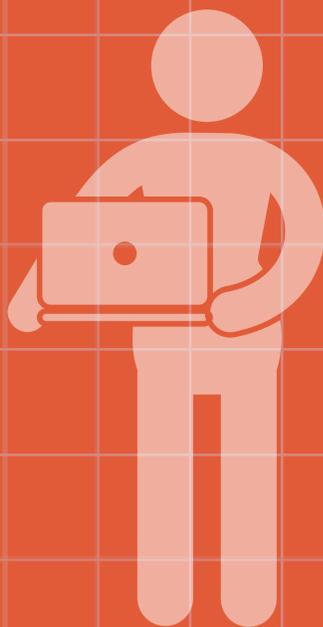
CITIZENSHIP AND DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

"It is crucial to prepare people from a young age to live in a world full of technology."

It is crucial for young people to learn from an early age how to be good citizens online, as internet/social networks are part of our lives.

Schools and universities should provide trainings as an added effort to teach digital users the rules of digital citizenship or digital ethics.

A good digital citizen is someone that is able to use the internet in a safe and responsible way. Also that respect other people online.



LEARNING NEEDS