

International Youth Work^{digital}

International youth work in the digital transformation

Corona-related restrictions are speeding up the pace of the digital transformation of international youth work. More and more exchanges are being conducted in online formats. But how do young people and professionals perceive such digital offerings? Can the quality criteria of international youth work be met in digital settings? What opportunities and challenges does the digital transformation present for international youth work?

These and other questions are addressed by the research project *International Youth Work* digital of the <u>Institute for Media Education in Research and Practice (JFF)</u> in close cooperation with the <u>Specialist Department for International Youth Work of the Federal Republic of Germany (IJAB)</u> and other agencies of international youth work. The project is funded by the <u>German Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth</u>. The focus is on **digital, international, extracurricular youth exchanges** and **work camps**. With the help of three methodological modules, the goals and quality criterions of international youth work are to be further developed in the context of digital transformation:

We analyse previous formats of digital international youth work. In the first module, we examine **project reports** on digital offerings of various agencies of international youth work regarding opportunities and challenges through the use of online formats.

We accompany current formats scientifically. With the help of **participant observations**, we accompany current online encounters and deepen questions from the first module. **Follow-up interviews** with implementing experts and participating young people serve to differentiate and supplement the results. Based on this, a quantitative evaluation tool is developed and validated. This will be used to evaluate future digital exchanges in international youth work.

We accompany the (further) development of the quality criterions of digital international youth work. Through regular workshops and participation in exchange formats with actors of international youth work, we give impulses on how a methodology of digital international youth work could look like.

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