

We, the participants of Youth2002,
representing a part of the young citizens of Europe, declare:

Together we have experienced a new view of Europe and Education through Youth 2002, an inclusive and community based approach which we wish to support.

Having in mind the White papers on youth policy and Governance of the EU-Commission and these experiences we propose the following to those responsible for educational matters throughout Europe,

- (1) That the Nordic folk high school format act as a model for the development of European community colleges in particular and common educational policy in general.
- (2) Find inspiration in the [Act on European Community Colleges](http://www.acc.eu.org) (www.acc.eu.org) proposed by the Association for Community Colleges (ACC) to make this possible.
- (3) Define Community Colleges as:

- (a) schools that take their starting point in an idea and an objective, which has been defined by a non-governmental group of citizens running the school (this could be interpreted as the principle of subsidiarity),
- (b) have as their ideal boarding-school courses that last for a longer period of time (preferably at least one month),
- (c) organize courses on topics of common (European) interest in accordance with the idea of the group running the school,
- (c) are "governed by culture" in the sense that life at the individual schools should be colored by local traditions and culture,
- (d) have adults as their target group; adults who are interested in learning and thus also in playing a part in the development of the courses themselves.

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