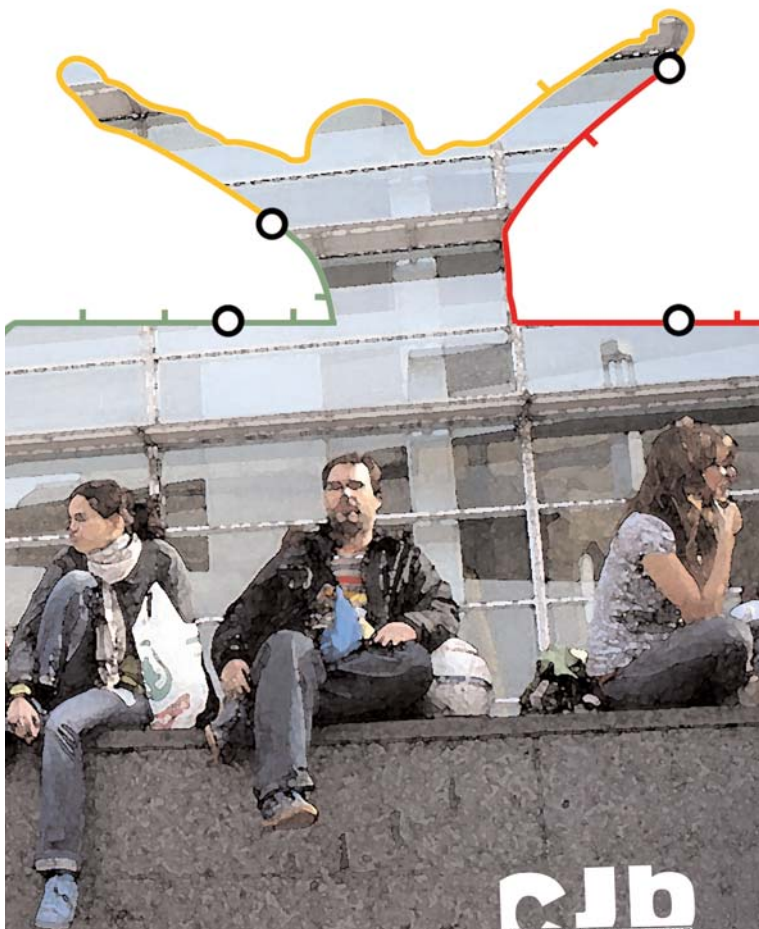


Consell de la Joventut de Barcelona

La xarxa interassociativa juvenil de Barcelona



English



The **Consell de la Joventut de Barcelona (CJB)** -Barcelona Youth Council- is the inter-association platform co-ordinating and representing the city's main youth organisations. The CJB began in 1980 as a democratic instrument for youth participation and action to promote the growth of strong, linked associations.

The CJB supports the association movement as a tool for participation and action at grass roots level, which should be publicised and strengthened, especially among younger members of the population. The CJB supports a more realistic, positive valuation of young people and the youth association movement by other social sectors in the city, encouraging and backing youth organisations as genuine training schools in democratic, participative, decision-making processes.

Meeting place

It is a place for exchange and co-operation between Barcelona youth associations. Spaces for debate are generated and the values and discourses of the organisations are transformed into joint projects and actions, channelling their demands.

The organisations are structured into eight areas of participation: Trade union action, Social action, Educational associations, Cultural and exchange, Student and university world, Political organisations and Providers of youth services.

Concerning territorial co-ordination

The participation of young people in the districts and neighbourhoods is encouraged as a form of direct involvement in the life of the city and in municipal politics. For this reason, the creation and consolidation of local youth platforms is encouraged in all districts of the city.

Body for representation and interlocution

The CJB is an independent, not-for-profit body with its own legal identity, recognised by Barcelona City Council and other institutions as a valid interlocutor for youth policies and on all subjects affecting young people. It works continually on redefining the youth policies put into practice in Barcelona and preventing the social exclusion of young people.

'Barcelona: Young City' (BCJ)

This began in 1999 as a programme to call for the full citizenship of young people. It includes: *The state of the question, The dot on the J, Actions, Sessions and Campaigns BCJ*", activities and monographic studies dealing with different issues and problems affecting young people. There are also the "Barcelona Ciutat Jove" awards, held jointly with the Associació d'Amigues i Amics del CJB -Association of Friends of the CJB- and which have three categories: Communication, Promotion of Youth Associations and Co-operation.

Promotional tool for developing youth associations

CJB co-manages, by agreement with the Youth Affairs Department at Barcelona City Council, the **Casal d'Associacions Juvenils de Barcelona** -Barcelona Centre for Youth Associations-, a municipal facility offering information, advice, services and resources to youth organisations and groups in the city. There is also a project to give integrated support to youth groups and organisations which is in the process of being established and consolidated: the **Viver d'Associacions** -Association Nursery-.

Spaces for participation and decision-making

The member organisations of the CJB

The CJB is made up of about eighty youth associations and federations, now covering more than 450 grass-roots organisations.

The General Assembly

This is the highest decision-making body of the CJB, made up of all the member organisations. The Assembly normally meets during the first quarter of each year.

The Secretariat

This is the CJB's management and executive body, made up of nine representatives of the different member organisations. The Secretariat is responsible for carrying out the functions it is charged with by the General Assembly, with the help of its team of officers.

The Institutional Sphere

This is the periodic meeting of the heads of the member organisations to debate the most important issues concerning the CJB's activity.

Working areas

There are three of these: Participation, including the Social Cohesion, Culture, Education, Peace and Globalisation, Health and Sustainability programmes; Communication and Administration. The Working Groups form the tool for allowing member organisations to participate.



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