

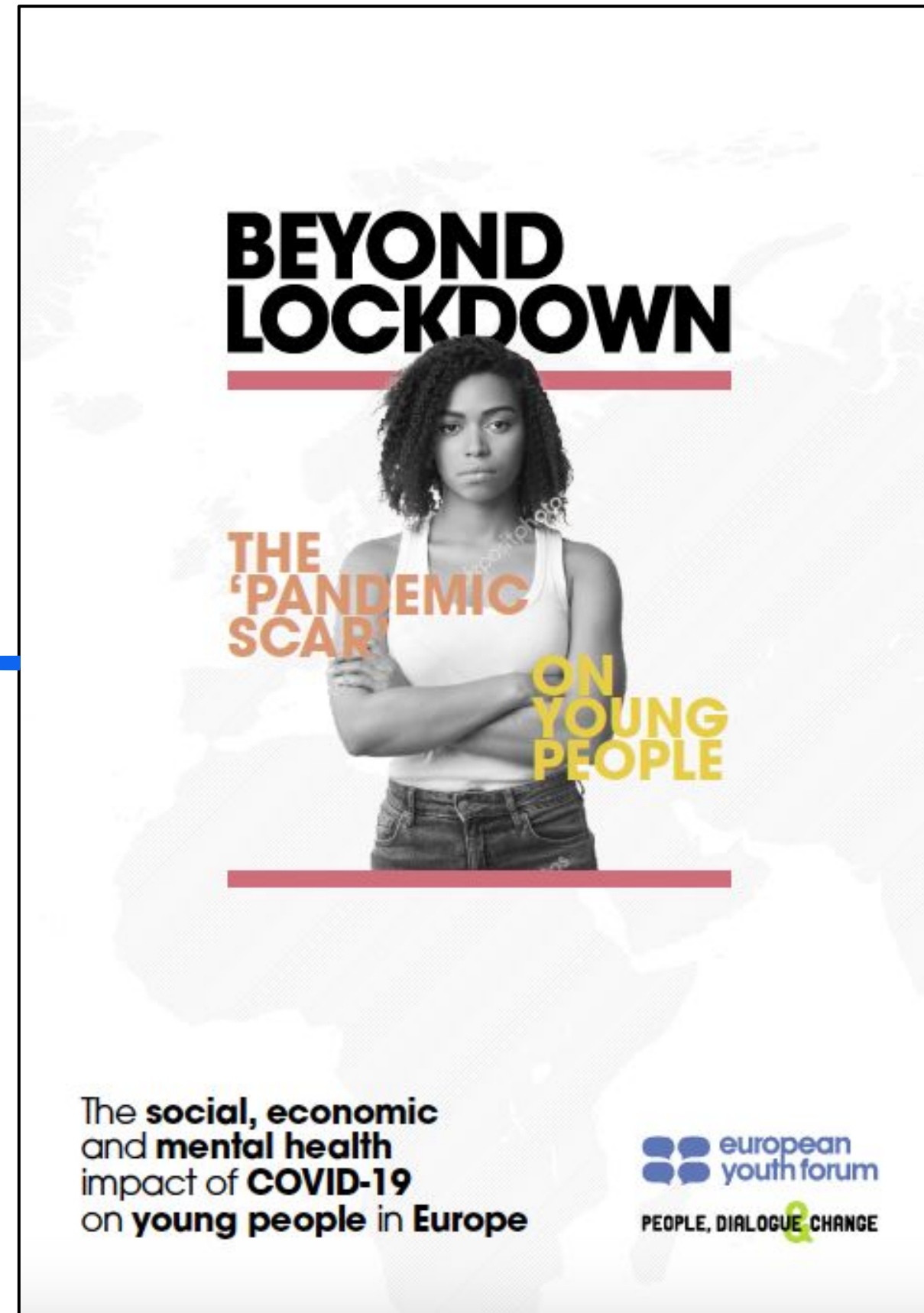
“Beyond Lockdown: the ‘pandemic scar’ on youth

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Specific impact on **young people in Europe**, including marginalised youth

Medium-long term **consequences** on youth



Based on **survey** responses from 4,500 young people and **focus groups**

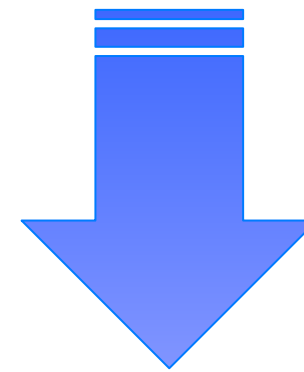
Look at **policy responses** & potential gaps

**So, what did we
discover?**

WORK & INCOME

DATA

- **Almost 12% stopped working** either due to job loss or working hours reduced to zero.
- **Marginalised young people more than twice as likely** to have stopped working.
- **More than 1 in 4 young workers** saw their **income decrease**.



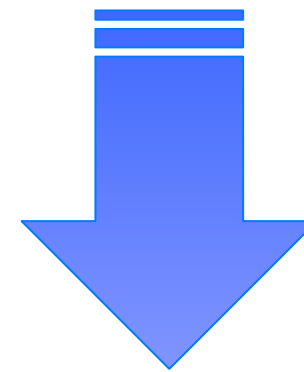
- Fear of **losing/not finding jobs, or having no choice** but accept poor working conditions
- More likely to know & receive support if you live in a **'rich, white neighbourhood'**

YOUNG VOICES

EDUCATION & LEARNING

DATA

- **¾ of students** said that their school or university had been physically closed.
- **Around ¾ of marginalised youth** believed they were learning less.



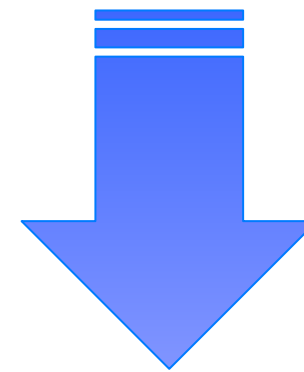
- Experience of **remote education dependent on personal circumstances**
- Challenge is **access to enough devices** for marginalised youth
- Concerns about the **impact of pandemic stress on educational results**

YOUNG VOICES

MENTAL HEALTH

DATA

- **Nearly $\frac{2}{3}$ of young people** may be **affected by mental health and wellbeing issues. (SWEMWBS)**
- **Young women and marginalised youth disproportionately affected.**



- **General stress and anxiety** related to the pandemic & its effects
- Having to **give up on their independence**
- **Schools not understanding** of the challenges during the pandemic → additional stress

YOUNG VOICES

What is the 'pandemic scar' on youth?

Less than 1% of national economic policy measures target youth specifically.



Responses focused on physical closure of schools. **quality taking a backseat.**



no responses to support young people's mental health beyond the pandemic

Youth: overlooked?

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS



1. Prioritise **quality job creation, including through hiring incentives to employers** (BUT financial support conditional to the compliance with minimum quality standards).
2. Ensure all young people have **access to social protection & income support**
3. Improving outreach and making much **better use of existing policy and funding instruments** (e.g. Youth Guarantee; EU & recovery funds)

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS



1. Invest in **tutoring, catch-up classes, or academic support** for young people who have fallen behind.
2. Provide **career guidance** through public employment services, schools, universities and training centres.
3. Provide **financial support to ensure access to ICT tools, and strengthen digital literacy** for students & teachers.
4. Develop **digital accessibility standards** to ensure all digital tools & platforms are perceivable, operable, understandable and robust, and accessible.

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS




- Ensure **access to information & quality youth-focused mental health services.**
- Invest in **mental health literacy & provide training and resources to professionals working with youth.**
- Support the **right to disconnect** of workers, learners & educators
- Implement **a holistic approach to mental health** recognising the link between socio-economic factors & wellbeing.

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