



What a youthful day- Youth law in Latvia is accepted

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On Thursday 8th of May the Latvian Parliament passed a new youth law ? giving the sector a strong base for further youth policy development and for the support of youth NGOs. "It was a long time coming, we've been working on this since the mid-nineties. But the concerted action of national and international NGOs, the Scouts & Guides and the Ministry of Children and Family Affairs has paid off", said Eva Ikstena, President of the National Youth Council of Latvia. The Latvian Scouts and Guides sustained involvement at all stages of the processes illustrates their commitment to young people in decision making.

?The Scouts and Guides, together with other youth NGOs, will continue to work closely with the Ministry of Children and Family Affairs to ensure that the law is implemented fully, and to lobby for a stable budget line to ensure the Youth Law will realise its potential?, said Agnija Jansone of the Latvian