

FEANTSA Youth General Assembly

Minutes – 08.04.2026

1. Draft Agenda is **adopted** without any changes.

2. Round of Introductions

Policy Officer, Sergio Perez Barranco welcomes the participants to the first FEANTSA Youth General Assembly and invites the participants to give a short introduction.

3. Presentation from FEANTSA on the main features of the FEANTSA Youth Network of Young Professionals

Sergio introduces the FEANTSA Youth Network, a structured network for young professionals working within FEANTSA member organisations. He distinguishes it from FEANTSA's broader thematic work on youth homelessness. Sergio outlines the history and motivation behind the network and introduces the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe, which provides grants to youth organisations promoting human rights, democracy and the rule of law. He presents the upcoming timeline of deadlines and funding opportunities available to support the network's activities and partnerships. A participant requests that the slides and presentation be shared following the meeting.

4. Short Overview of the Terms of Reference (ToR)

Sergio provides a summary of the Terms of Reference, previously circulated by email. He explains that the aim is to establish a long-term, sustainable structure for FEANTSA Youth, supported by adopted Statutes and formal working arrangements required to access European Youth Foundation funding. He outlines the network's identity as an independent youth body of FEANTSA, with its aims around capacity building, workforce support and promoting an EU-wide vision to end homelessness. Sergio details the membership structure, governance rules around the General Assembly and voting, and the composition and responsibilities of the FEANTSA Youth Board. He clarifies that while the network operates autonomously, access to funding requires approval from FEANTSA governance bodies.

5. Vote on the ToR

Participants are invited to vote on whether they agree with the Terms of Reference for FEANTSA Youth. A majority of the participants adopt the Terms of Reference.

6. Short Introductions by Candidates for the FEANTSA Youth Board

Six candidates introduce themselves ahead of the board election. All six bring direct professional experience in the homelessness sector across Europe, working in areas including housing programmes, rough sleeper services, research, communications, youth homelessness and care leavers. Their motivations share common themes: a commitment to human rights and Housing First approaches, a desire to amplify the voices of people with lived experience, an interest in collaboration and learning across European organisations, and a wish to support and develop young professionals working in a challenging and often demanding sector. Several candidates

also highlight specific skills they would contribute to the Board, including research, project management, stakeholder engagement, event organisation and communications.

7. Vote on the FEANTSA Youth Board

Participants vote individually on each of the six candidates. All six are elected to the FEANTSA Youth Board with a majority approving of their candidacy. The elected candidates include:

- Anastasia Apostolakopoulou
- Angelina Bourne
- Vaula Luomi
- Tasos Repouskos
- Debbie Whelan
- Bethan Wilkinson

Sergio congratulates the newly elected Board members and notes that membership of the Board is tied to membership of a FEANTSA member organisation, meaning that resignation from that organisation would require stepping down from the Board.

8. Follow-up and Date for the Next General Assembly

Sergio outlines the upcoming programme of activities. The newly elected Youth Board will meet at the Forum to discuss priorities and next steps, which will then be shared with the wider network. A training event is scheduled for June, with applications open until 9 April, intended to provide space for strategic discussion and the development of an action plan. A further General Assembly is scheduled for 16 July from 12:00 to 14:00, at which participants from the training will debrief, share knowledge and adopt a strategy to guide the network's future work.

9. AOB

Sergio clarifies the role of the Secretariat in supporting FEANTSA Youth, confirming that he and colleagues are available to assist with coordination, meeting organisation and funding access, while respecting the network's autonomy. He acknowledges that members hold demanding full-time roles and emphasises that the Secretariat's involvement can be adjusted to suit the network's needs. Ewan Day-Collins raises the possibility of introducing a staggered Board election process to ensure continuity, and suggests this could be explored at the next Board meeting. Olivia Fambrini proposes creating a WhatsApp group to maintain connection between meetings and volunteers to lead on setting this up.

Sergio closes the meeting and thanks all participants for their time and engagement.

END OF MEETING