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YouthLife



“Life course perspectives in studying youth transitions to adulthood: bridging qualitative and quantitative approaches” (YouthLife)

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General Aim of YouthLife

- to strengthen research on youth transitions from a life course perspective at Tallinn University
- to bridge qualitative and quantitative approaches to life course research
- through a partnership with
 - a) University of Bamberg
 - b) University of Southampton
 - c) the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI)
- experience in studying youth life course
- complementary methodological expertise



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Twining activities

- to facilitate the multifaceted **capacity building** at TLU through a series of Twining activities with the aim of knowledge transfer, experience exchange and mutual learning
 - training courses
 - practical workshops
 - networking events
 - expert and study visits
 - co-supervision and mentoring of ERSs
 - collaboration during the preparation of joint research proposals and publications.



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Work Plan of YouthLife

- WP2: Early stage researchers' (ESRs) capacity building (TLU/UNI BA)
- **WP3: Expanding methodological advancement: Quantitative approach in life course research** (University of Bamberg)
- **WP4: Expanding methodological advancement: Qualitative approach in life course research and mixed methods usage** (University of Southampton)
- **WP5: Elaboration of research design for the Estonian Longitudinal Study of Youth (ELSY)** (NIDI)
- WP6: Advancement of the research management and administration (RMA) at TLU (NIDI)



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- the German National Educational Panel Study (NEPS)

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- the ESRC National Centre for Research Methods

- the 1958 National Child Development Study, 1970 British Cohort Study, Next Steps, and the Millennium Cohort Study

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- the Generations and Gender Programme (GGP)

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Current Experiences

- Just started 9 months ago
- COVID restrictions turned everything so far into virtual rather than face-to-face meetings
- Collaboration to date very smoothly and pleasant, but....
- Developing plans and coming up with ideas for the future need meeting in person



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Success Factors

- Flexibility (e.g. adapting to COVID restrictions)
- Focus on substance
- Equality between teams / researchers
- Quality of coordinator



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Thank you!

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