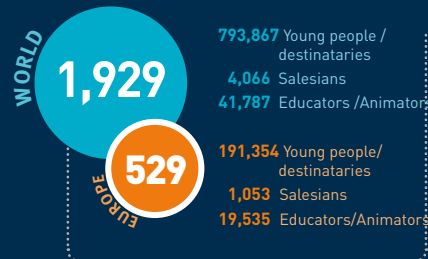
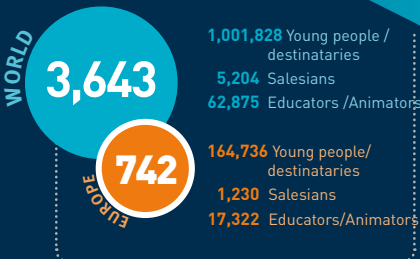


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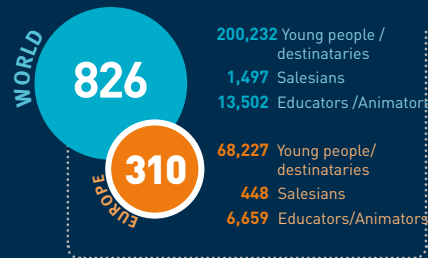
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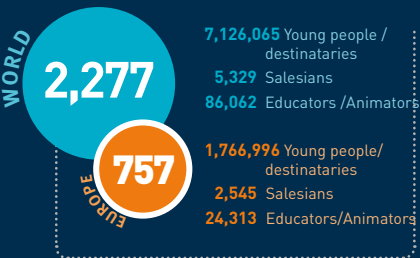
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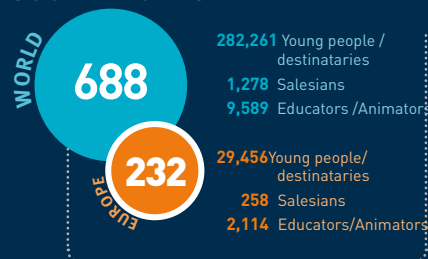
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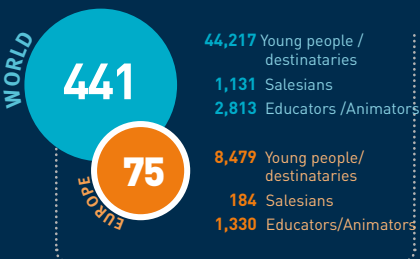
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YOUTH CENTRES 'THE ORATORY'



WHAT WE MEAN?

Our approach to... Youth at Risk

The Oratory of St Francis de Sales at Valdocco was the Salesians' first established apostolate, the one that inspired all the others. The educational environment initiated by Don Bosco in the Oratory was a pastoral response to the needs of adolescents and older youth especially the neediest, in the city of Turin. It offered them healthy recreation, together with catechism, elementary education and employability skills for life. Don Bosco knew how to provide Christian formation to young people who were faced with pressing educational challenges.

WHO DOES IT?

The Educative Community

The Salesian Youth Centre (also referred to as 'the Oratory') is made up of the young, their leaders, families, co-workers and the Salesian community. Everyone feels called to active participation and shared responsibility, according to each one's role. Like Don Bosco with his youth and his collaborators at Valdocco, it calls for making every Youth Centre a real home with a well-defined family atmosphere and an adequate accompaniment of groups and individuals.

Youth leaders imbued with the Salesian charism take up the educational proposal of the Oratory and actively put it into practice.



WHAT WE DO?

Our Educative Proposal

The proposal of the Salesian Youth Centre/ Oratory becomes a reality through formation programmes related to the interests of young people. Every young person, choosing from the possibilities of participation that are offered, can progress in the most appropriate way according to his or her own situation and level of maturity.

It offers varied well-thought out invitations to serve the interests of the young people around whom it is organised: with specific training programmes of various kinds: sports, culture, socio-political engagement, ecology, social communications, deeper religious formation, missionary experiences, volunteering.

HOW WE DO IT?

Our Educative and Pastoral Project

The Salesian Youth Centre/Oratory is a living cell of society and the Church, a community of life and faith. Through the involvement of youth in these processes we collaborate mainly for the renewal of society. Therefore, we pay special attention to:

- **sensitivity** to everything around us, overcoming the negative impact of conformism;
- the ability to analyse **the situation and re-awaken attitudes** of service and solidarity;
- the value of the **family** and the contribution that young people can offer;
- **'open door'** opportunities for useful activities that benefit the local area.

