

# “Quality Matters in Information for Young People”

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DESCRIPTION OF QUALITY INITIATIVE OR PROJECT CONCERNING INFORMATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE</b> <i>included in Compendium of Quality Initiatives/Projects prepared for the European Seminar</i></p>
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Organisation: **Jyväskylä City**

European Affiliation: **ERYICA** (via Allianssi)

1. **Name of Initiative** (project, activity, service or product):

**FINLAND: Web Magazine for / by Young People- “Painovirhe” (Jyv äskylä)**

2. **Description of Initiative or Project** (*please give a short but complete description, including the aim of the initiative or project*):

Young people writing and editing articles for a monthly magazine “Painovirhe” on Internet: <http://www.jyvaskyla.fi/nuoriso/painovirhe>. The aim is to offer to young people possibility to participate and influence by writing articles from their point of view, and to improve skills needed in today’s information society. The "young journalists" are in the education system. They are learning about the basics of journalism and about Internet as a tool to inform and to find and use information.

3. **Aspect of Quality relating to Youth Information Addressed by This Initiative :**

*(please click on / activate the box which corresponds to your answer)*

This is:

- a) an initiative that **identifies one or more quality factors as a basis for analysing / evaluating the quality / impact** of a youth information activity or service
- b) an initiative or project that **assesses the quality of the information provided**
- c) an initiative or project that seeks to **maximise the distribution / impact of the information provided**
- d) an initiative / project that addresses **another aspect of quality** (specify the aspect):

*Youth participation and peer-publishing / information*

4. **Name and Address of Organisation Responsible for This Initiative:**

Name: Youth Department City of Jyväskylä  
Address: Sepänkeskus, Kyllikinkatu 1, FIN-40100 Jyväskylä

5. **Name and E-mail Address of Person to Contact** (for information about this initiative):

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**6. Who Participated in This Initiative ?**

The group of 12 young boys and girls of Jyväskylä, aged between 12 and 19.

**7. What Was the Scope of This Initiative?**

*(please click on / activate the box which corresponds to your answer)*

Local                       Regional                       National                       European

**8. When Was This Initiative Undertaken***(please state the date when the activity was started, when it finished, or if it is still continuing):*

November of 2000 and it is still continuing.

**9. What Were the Results Obtained by This Initiative?**

It is running as a permanent monthly activity. The young people are responsible for running the group and magazine, and the staff just support them. Young people and their matters and aspects appear in positive way to other youngsters and adults as well. At a personal level, their information skills are good and they are interested in all kinds of issues in the society.

**10. Report – Publication – Other Product** *(if there is a report, publication or other “product” relating to this initiative, please state where it can be obtained or consulted, and in which language):*

The following material is available concerning this initiative:

*(please click on / activate the box which corresponds to your answer)*

Report       Publication       Other Product (specify) .....

Title:                      Internet magazine “Painovirhe”

Language(s):              Finnish

Can be consulted / downloaded at this web-site: <http://www.jyvaskyla.fi/nuoriso/painovirhe>

**11. Additional Information:**

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