

“Participation of Young People in Youth Information Work”

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<p>DESCRIPTION OF INITIATIVE OR PROJECT INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE DIRECTLY IN AN ASPECT OF YOUTH INFORMATION WORK included in Compendium of Projects prepared for the European Seminar</p>
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Ref: **06-16**

Organisation: **Youth Services, Toijala**

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

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

16 - FINLAND: Regional Internet Service, called EPELI.FI
for young people in Southern Sub-Region of the Pirkanmaa Region

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

Develop and support small municipal youth net services units at the regional level together with young people. The project has three aims:

1. Young people make their own productions/net area in a net service, called EPELI in Finnish
2. Youth info area in net service where young people are also involved, called APULA in Finnish
3. Youth work area for the youth workers in the region, called KAPULA in Finnish

3. **Form of Youth Participation in Youth Information Addressed by This Initiative :**
(*please click on / activate the box which corresponds to your answer*)

This is:

- a) An initiative or project that **involves young people directly in the identification of the information needs of young people in their locality or field of interest**
- b) An initiative or project that **involves young people directly in the designing and preparation of information magazines and materials** (for a young public)
- c) An initiative or project that **involves young people directly in informing or advising other young people**
- d) An initiative or project that **involves young people directly in managing or evaluating youth information centres or other services** (such as a youth card)
- e) An initiative or project that addresses **another aspect of youth participation in youth information work** (please specify the aspect):
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4. **Name and Address of Organisation Responsible for This Initiative :**

Name: City of Toijala Youth Services (*Please note that 4 other cities are involved in this project: Valkeakoski, Viiala, Urjala and Kylmäkoski*)

Address: Youth Services/City of Toijala , Myllytie 3, 37800 Toijala, Finland

5. Name and E-mail Address of Person to Contact (for information about this initiative):	
Name:	Mr. Olli Nuorsaari
E-mail Address:	olli.nuorsaari@tojjala.fi
6. Who Participated in This Initiative ?	
Young people from these 5 places/cities in the Southern Sub-Region of Pirka nmaa	
7. What Was the Scope of This Initiative? (please click on / activate the box which corresponds to your answer)	
Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Regional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
National <input type="checkbox"/>	European <input type="checkbox"/>
8. When Was This Initiative Undertaken (please state the date when the activity was started, when it finished, or if it is still continuing):	
Started in 2005, net service opened on 8 Feb. 2006, and work is still continuing	
9. What Were the Results Obtained by This Initiative?	
Young people are involved and directly informing other young people about what is going in young people's lives. EPELI.FI will continue after the project officially ends. We don't know yet all the results.	
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 <input type="checkbox"/>	Publication <input type="checkbox"/>
Other Product (specify)net service <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Title:	www.epeli.fi (and apula and kapula)
Language(s)	Finnish
Can be consulted / downloaded at this web-site:
Can be obtained from (address of organisation):
11. Additional Information:	
We are happy to provide more information about our project to anyone interested in it. Please visit our web-site: www.epeli.fi	

This description form has been completed by:

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