

“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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Organisation: **JUGEND für Europa**

European Affiliation: **Eurodesk** (via IJAB)

<p>1. Name of Initiative (project, activity, service or product):</p> <p style="text-align: center;">22 - GERMANY: EuroPeers</p>
<p>2. Description of Initiative or Project (<i>please give a short but complete description, including the aim of the initiative or project</i>):</p> <p>EuroPeers is a peer information project with the aim to inform young people about the possibilities they have to be active European citizens and to experience Europe, especially in the framework of the YOUTH Programme. Young people with experiences in the YOUTH Programme (mainly former European Volunteers) inform other young people in schools, youth clubs or other institutions where young people can be met. While giving information, they also talk about their own experiences with Europe to motivate people and show in an interesting and authentic way that it is possible to be active and mobile in Europe as a young person.</p>
<p>3. Form of Youth Participation in Youth Information Addressed by This Initiative : (<i>please click on / activate the box which corresponds to your answer</i>)</p> <p>This is:</p> <p>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 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>b) An initiative or project that involves young people directly in the designing and preparation of information magazines and materials (for a young public) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>c) An initiative or project that involves young people directly in informing or advising other young people <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>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) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>e) An initiative or project that addresses another aspect of youth participation in youth information work (please specify the aspect): <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>.....</p>

<p>4. Name and Address of Organisation Responsible for This Initiative :</p> <p>Name: JUGEND für Europa – German Agency for E.U. YOUTH programme Address: Godesberger Allee 142-148, D-53175 Bonn, Germany</p>
<p>5. Name and E-mail Address of Person to Contact (for information about this initiative):</p> <p>Name: Heike Zimmermann E-mail Address: zimmermann@jfemail.de</p>
<p>6. Who Participated in This Initiative ?</p> <p>80 young people who participated in the YOUTH-Programme (mainly in Action 2: European Voluntary Service)</p>
<p>7. What Was the Scope of This Initiative? <i>(please click on / activate the box which corresponds to your answer)</i></p> <p>Local <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> National <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> European <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>8. When Was This Initiative Undertaken <i>(please state the date when the activity was started, when it finished, or if it is still continuing):</i></p> <p>The idea for the project came up in December 2004, and first preparations started in January 2005. The starting point for the young people was the EuroPeer training in September 2005, in which they were prepared for their first activities. These first 100 EuroPeer activities took place during the European Youth Week (5-11 December 2005). The EuroPeer project is continuing (evaluation meeting in March 2006, training for newcomers in September 2006, regional groups, individual activities ...).</p>
<p>9. What Were the Results Obtained by This Initiative?</p> <p>During the European Youth Week in 2005, the 80 trained EuroPeers organized 100 information events for young people (in schools, youth clubs, pedestrian areas ...). These first 100 events will be evaluated in two steps: 1. Evaluation forms will be analysed until the evaluation meeting in March; 2. These results will be discussed at this meeting to draw the consequences for future activities of the EuroPeers.</p> <p>It can already be said that the events were a great success. They took place all over Germany and many different ideas were implemented by the EuroPeers, so that there was a great variety of events (lectures, workshops, photo exhibitions, Europe parties, etc.). Moreover the participants of the events reacted very positively, and it is clear that there is a very high demand for information in this field.</p> <p>Negative aspects were that some events did not have as many participants as expected, and some were not covered by the press although the EuroPeers tried to get the attention of the press.</p>

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)

A press review will be available at the end of February 2006

Title:

Language(s): German

More information about the project can be found at this web-site: www.europeers.de
or can be obtained from (address of organisation): JUGEND für Europa.

11. Additional Information

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