

## “Participation of Young People in Youth Information Work”

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<p><b>DESCRIPTION OF INITIATIVE OR PROJECT INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE DIRECTLY IN AN ASPECT OF YOUTH INFORMATION WORK</b> included in Compendium of Projects prepared for the European Seminar</p>
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Ref: **06-24**

Organisation: **tip-Jugendinfo, Augsburg**

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

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

**24 - GERMANY: TIP Information Team, Augsburg**

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

The project is designed for young people in Augsburg. The TIP Team Augsburg is a group of young volunteers working in youth information. We discovered that a lot of young people do not know much about the possibilities that they have. We want to support them through information and thereby encourage and enable them to become active and involve themselves, to use spare time in a useful way and to get support when they have problems.

The group of young volunteers has already initiated the following actions: they prepared and distributed information, they made an information desk at the local Pop City event and at other local festivals, and they organized an information event in a local club. The information given took into account the specific needs of young people. Besides this, the Tip Team organises regular sessions where young people can ask their questions about going abroad and get help.

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):

We organised information desks at different events (for example, the local Pop City), we organised information evenings that focused on different topics such as EVS, work-camps, Latin America and South America for young people...and we are going to organize seminars for young people.

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

Name: tip-Jugendinfo & Service  
 Address: Schwibbogenplatz 1, D-86153 Augsburg, Germany

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

Name: Annette Kappes  
 E-mail Address: [tip@sjr-a.de](mailto:tip@sjr-a.de)

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

The TIP Information Team was founded in March 2005. Since then, it has developed into a group of fourteen volunteers. Most of them are young students who gained experience abroad (e.g. via European Voluntary Service, work-camps, an exchange school year, other volunteer services, the ASA programme) or gained experience in youth information (via internships, volunteer commitment). The group was initiated by Annette Kappes (see contact above) who believed that peer information is very efficient. The volunteers can use their experiences and commitment. Through direct information, they can get in contact with (disadvantaged) youngsters and take into account their special information needs.

**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):*

Started in May 2005, and is still running.

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

We informed many young people, and several of them become volunteers or applied for different projects. Since we started the project, the team itself has been growing and more and more people have been informed.

**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: Report about the first year; leaflet about the activities of the group

Language(s): German

Can be consulted / downloaded at this web-site: .....

Can be obtained from (address of organisation): see above

### **11. Additional Information**

For us (the TIP Information Team), information / knowledge is a prerequisite to become active. Most of us have experienced, in both positive and negative ways, that it is important to have the right information. As for the positive way, some of us could take part in programmes, like the EVS or work-camps because we had access to the right information. As for the negative way, we missed good projects or possibilities because we did not have the right information, or because the available information was hard to access or too complex.

We work on all subjects relevant to young people and try to inform about them and/or filter the information in order to make it more understandable. We want to improve the access for young people to information that ranges from mobility matters to voluntary commitment possibilities.

All our team members accumulated extensive knowledge through their stays abroad, the projects and seminars they organized, and their own experience with youth information. We want to communicate this knowledge through various information events. We are convinced that voluntary commitment and initiative is valuable in many ways.

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