

“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>

Ref: **06-27**

Organisation: **Youth Service, Roscommon**

European Affiliation: **ERYICA + Eurodesk** (via NYIMC and Leargas)

<p>1. Name of Initiative (project, activity, service or product):</p>

27 - IRELAND: St Cuan’s Youth Information Point & Library

<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>

This is a joint youth information project between Co. Roscommon Youth Service and St. Cuan’s College, Castleblakeney, Co. Galway. Utilising national youth information training, principles and standards, 10 pre-leaving certificate students are recruited, selected and trained to run a youth information point and library. The aim is to equip these students with the skills to provide a youth information and library service to their peers and the teachers within the school. They operate a specially equipped room on a rota basis and during lunchtimes during an academic year. Annually they fundraise to buy new books for the library section following a survey of the rest of the students. They receive a certificate at the end of the year during a school presentation awards ceremony, with references from the project manager, both of which are valuable to their Curriculum Vitae. This year, part of their work is to create a DVD about their service.

<p>3. Form of Youth Participation in Youth Information Addressed by This Initiative :</p>

(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)

<p>4. Name and Address of Organisation Responsible for This Initiative:</p>

<p>Name: Co. Roscommon Youth Service Address: Castle St, Roscommon, Co. Roscommon, Ireland</p> <p>5. Name and E-mail Address of Person to Contact (for information about this initiative):</p> <p>Name: Nicola Moran E-mail Address: yicrosc@eircom.net</p>
<p>6. Who Participated in This Initiative ?</p> <p>Students, Co. Roscommon Youth Service, and the school</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</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>This initiative runs annually, starting from 1998.</p>
<p>9. What Were the Results Obtained by This Initiative?</p> <p>A service is provided to the school and its population, and the trained students learn many skills and enjoy the responsibility and chance to use their initiative.</p>
<p>10. Report – Publication – Other Product <i>(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):</i></p> <p>The following material is available concerning this initiative: <i>(please click on / activate the box which corresponds to your answer)</i></p> <p>Report <input type="checkbox"/> Publication <input type="checkbox"/> Other Product (specify) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Title:</p> <p>Language(s):</p> <p>Can be consulted / downloaded at this web-site:</p> <p>Can be obtained from (address of organisation):</p>
<p>11. Additional Information:</p> <p>.....</p>

This description form has been completed by:

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