

“Participation of Young People in Youth Information Work”

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in the framework of the Austrian Presidency of the European Union

<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: **06-28**

Organisation: **YIC, Cork**

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

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

The Signposts programme runs on a weekly basis and consists of seven one-and-a-half to two-hour sessions. There is an expectation that the young people will continue to be in contact with facilitators from the YMCA and local agencies once they have completed the programme.

Aims:

To train young people in their own environment in how to support and help other young people and, where necessary, encourage them to seek professional help.

Objectives:

- To train them in communication skills with particular focus on verbal, non-verbal and listening skills
- To raise awareness of signs and symptoms of issues that could lead to a crisis in a young person's life
- To make young people aware of local organisations and encourage them to use those organisations through personal contact with them
- To encourage them to use research skills to access relevant information on issues that affect young people.

<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>

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: Cork Youth Information Centre
Address: YMCA, 11/12 Marlboro Street, Cork, Ireland

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

Name: Edel Stout
E-mail Address: yiccork@iol.ie

6. Who Participated in This Initiative ?

18 “transition year” students

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):*

On-going - two groups have participated so far.

9. What Were the Results Obtained by This Initiative?

The participants found it very useful and relevant to teenagers, and felt very supported in informing their friends.

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:

Language(s):

Can be consulted / downloaded at this web-site:

Can be obtained from (address of organisation): As given above

11. Additional Information

None

This description form has been completed by:

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