

“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: **06-37**

Organisation: **Yoep Foundation**

European Affiliation: **ERYICA** (via Dutch Network)

<p>1. Name of Initiative (project, activity, service or product):</p>
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<p>37 - NETHERLANDS: Better Water, Better Life, and Connexion</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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The **Better Water Better Life** project brought 40 young people from 4 European countries (Malta, Turkey, England, Netherlands) together. It is a project which has 4 parts: the first part was in England (2003), the second in Holland (2004), the third in Malta (2005) and the last one will be held in Turkey.

It is the aim of the project to teach the 40 young people all about different aspects of the use of water in the 4 countries. The young people also compared their lives, habits and they showed each other how it is to live in their villages. Everybody had to make a presentation of their country and help with the preparations for the project. All this in order to get them to know each other, broaden their horizons, and to let them realise that they are talented and to show how they can use these talents.

Connexion is the name of a CD which was made by a group of 12 young people. It was a follow-up from the youth-exchange project “Better Water, Better Life” in England. One of the young people wanted to set up a project of his own. All the participants from the “Better Water, Better Life” project in Holland were asked to write poems and songs for him. With local young people, he made a professional CD with beautiful songs and a photobook from the “Better Water, Better Life” project.

<p>3. Form of Youth Participation in Youth Information Addressed by This Initiative :</p>
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(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: Stichting Yoep
 Address: Larixlaan 16, NL - 7642 VA Wierden, Netherlands

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

Name: Viona Alberink
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6. Who Participated in This Initiative ?

Young people from England, Malta, Turkey and local young people from Wierden.

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):*

- Better Water, Better Life (Netherlands): 6 – 15 August 2004
 - Connexion: June 2004 – April 2005

9. What Were the Results Obtained by This Initiative?

The **‘Better Water, Better Life’** project showed the 40 young people that they are talented, capable of arranging nice and interesting activities. These young people broadened their horizons, and most of them use their knowledge now to give others an opportunity like that.

The **Connexion** project was a result of one enthusiastic person who involved many others in his project. The result was a great CD, and this initiative showed other young people how easy it is to realise good ideas.

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) CD

Title: Connexion
 Language(s): Dutch, English
 Can be obtained from (address of organisation): Stichting Yoep,
 Larixlaan 16, NL - 7642 VA Wierden

11. Additional Information

The Connexion CD contains a photo book from the “Better Water, Better Life” project. I will send some songs from the CD and some photos from the project as soon as possible in order to give a clear idea about both projects.

This description form has been completed by:

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