

“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: **06-44**

Organisation: **CIJ, Villanueva de Alcardete**

European Affiliation: **ERYICA** (Spanish Network)

<p>1. Name of Initiative (project, activity, service or product):</p>
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44 - SPAIN: “On Young Thursdays”

<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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JUSTIFICATION:

Thinking about an activity to stir into action the summer vacations of the young men and women of our village and of those that come to spend their summer holidays in the village, we decided to fix one specific day for it. We chose Thursday, hence the name "Young Thursdays" and its initials "J. J." (in Spanish, “Jueves Jóvenes”)

TARGET GROUP:

This activity was aimed at all the young men of Villanueva de Alcardete (Toledo) in general, over the age of 14 years. We did not fix any maximum age limit in order to have as large a group of participants as possible.

AIMS:

- To occupy leisure time in the summers holidays.
- To develop the living together and the relations between the different groups of young men.
- To obtain the participation and the motivation only for playing, knowing that there was no material prize for the winners.
- To give life to the different zones of the village creating expectations and activities between neighbours.

DEVELOPMENT:

To call the attention of all the young men of the village, we put up posters announcing a meeting where we were asking and proposing them offers for the summer.

At this meeting there were present two or three representatives of every group, counting at first seven different gangs. We gave to them a sheet to enrol, where they put the name of the group, average ages, number of members, representatives and telephone.

We allowed a maximum time to sign on, which produced a very positive result since ultimately there were 17 different groups involved. In all, approximately 170 young men took part in this activity.

At the same time we prepared a leaflet making clear to them the whole development of the five "J. J." that we had organized, as follows:

- 1er. J.J.: *THE HUNT FOR THE FOX*: The participants had to find in a minimum of time the "foxes" that were hidden in a certain part of the village.
- 2 ° J.J.: *THE LOST EXCHEQUERS*: The participants had to manage a series of objects, to lead them to the square and to create an original theatrical and entertaining representation.
- 3er. J.J.: *THE TRACKING*: The teams, following a series of tracks and overcoming different tests, they had to reach the goal.
- 4 ° J.J.: *NIGHT PARTY IN THE SWIMMING POOL*: The young men who took part demonstrated their dancing skills in the glass enclosure of the swimming pool where the water had to form a part of the choreography.
- 5 ° J.J.: *ENCAMPED SUMMER PURPOSE*: We take advantage of the experiences shared during the summer and continued to develop ideas, projects and initiatives together.

During all these Thursdays we were giving a few tickets to all the participants that could be exchanged at the "J.J. party in the swimming pool", for sandwiches and cocktails.

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

e) An initiative or project that addresses **another aspect of youth participation in youth information work** (please specify the aspect):

Animation (activities for young people)

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

Excmo. Ayuntamiento de Villanueva de Alcardete
C. I. J. Villanueva de Alcardete
C/ Santiago 6, E-45810 Villanueva de Alcardete (Toledo), Spain

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

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6. Who Participated in This Initiative ?

- Three trainers entrusted with the organization, supervised by socio-cultural instructor.
- Personnel of the Town hall specializing in lights and sound.
- And approximately 170 young people.
- "ALCARAVÁN" youth association

7. What Was the Scope of This Initiative?

(please click on / activate the box which corresponds to your answer)

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8. When Was This Initiative Undertaken*(please state the date when the activity was started, when it finished, or if it is still continuing):*

