

“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: **06-46**

Organisation: **CIPAJ, Zaragoza**

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

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

46 - SPAIN: CIPAJ Information Antennas

- Young people inform young people -

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

50 young people aged between 15 and 26 are selected every year to manage one of the 50 mini youth information centres (known as CIPAJ “antennas”), located in 10 University Centres, 21 Secondary Education Institutes and 19 Youth Centres.

The young people are pupils or users of the centre in which the antenna is set up

Their functions, amongst others, are:

- ? To keep a notice-board up to date
- ? To deal personally with the inquiries of their peers within a fixed timetable of 2 hours per week.
- ? To prepare posters and other material to diffuse the information that they select as being of most interest each week.
- ? The young people receive training, support and a remuneration of 500-600 Euros per academic year.

This project aims to achieve the following objectives:

- ? To bring youth information to leisure and education centres in which young people spend much of their time.
- ? To offer information to young people through other young people.
- ? To contribute to training and provide young people with the possibility of participating in CIPAJ’s communication processes.
- ? To obtain information of interest to young people that arises in their environment.
- ? To discuss with these 50 young people priority areas of information for the Information Centre (areas of most interest to them), their adaptation to the needs of young people or the suitability of the information media used.

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):

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

Name: CIPAJ. Centro de información juvenil. Ayuntamiento de Zaragoza
Address: Plaza San Carlos 4, E-50001 Zaragoza, Spain

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

Nombre: Gema Villa
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6. Who Participated in This Initiative ?

The following participate in this project:

- ? The Youth Information Centre (CIPAJ)
- ? The young people of Zaragoza who responded to the annual call for persons to run the Information Antennas.
- ? The city's Secondary Education Institutes.
- ? The Youth Centres.
- ? The University of Zaragoza.

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):*

This project began in 1988. Every year CIPAJ makes a call that is open to all of the young people of the city who are interested in becoming "Antennas" for the duration of the following school year. At the present time, this project is still in operation.

9. What Were the Results Obtained by This Initiative?

1. Zaragoza has one Youth Information Centre and 50 mini centres that offer personalised youth information. In total, the 50 "Antennas" have 65,000 potential users, which is the number of young people who visit the 50 centres in this system.
2. More than 1,000 young people have taken part in the one-year experience of being a CIPAJ Antenna which, in their opinion, has been of great value as a means of learning about participating, assuming responsibilities and relating to their peers as well as to teachers and educators.
3. The Youth Information Centre has a large volume of information that is of interest to the young people of Zaragoza thanks to the work of these 50 information correspondents, who cover all of the city districts.
4. The Youth Information Centre has established invaluable links with educators and professionals at the training and leisure centres in which these "Antennas" are located, bringing us close to the intermediaries who work with 65,000 young people in the city.
5. Questionnaires carried out periodically, both on young people and the Heads of the centres in which the antennas are located, show highly positive results.

The University of Zaragoza gives up to 5 free choice credits for University students who work as information antennas for one academic year.

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) Antenna website...

Title: CIPAJ Information Antennas

Language(s): Spanish

Can be consulted / downloaded at this web-site:

<http://cmisapp.ayto-zaragoza.es/ciudad/sectores/jovenes/cipaj/cont/antenas.htm>

This website offers data on the 2005/06 information antennas, photographs of the antennas, evaluation questionnaires and other documents on the project.

Can be obtained from (address of organisation): CIPAJ, Plaza San Carlos 4,
E-50001 Zaragoza, Spain

11. Additional Information

Project was recognised as good practice in the European Commission White Paper on Youth.

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