

“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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Organisation: **Canlaw Online**

European Affiliation: **ERYICA + EYCA**

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

58 - U.K. - WALES: Alcohol Awareness Project – “Binge Drinking”

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

A group of young people put together information about the effects of alcohol and in particular the effects of “binge drinking” of alcohol which has become a trend amongst young people in their town and across other areas of Wales. The young people involved had complete control of how the information was produced, what was included and in what format it would be made available. They decided to produce a series of animations to portray the information about the effects of alcohol and designed and produced the animations themselves. Using these animations the young people delivered information workshops during youth centre sessions about alcohol usage. They were presented to other young people in their community. The aim is to make young people more aware of the dangers of alcohol abuse caused by binge drinking. This is a participative project run BY young people FOR young people.

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):

<p>4. Name and Address of Organisation Responsible for This Initiative:</p> <p>Name: Plant Dewi Information Zone for young people Address: 21 King Street, Carmarthenshire, Wales SA31 1BH, UK.</p>
<p>5. Name and E-mail Address of Person to Contact (for information about this initiative):</p> <p>Name: Mick Conroy or Lowri Lewis E-mail Address: mickconroy@canllaw-online.com or lowrilewis@canllaw-online.com</p>
<p>6. Who Participated in This Initiative ?</p> <p>Local young people aged 16 – 25 years of age from different youth centres across Carmarthenshire. Projects involved were Tanyard, ATC, Llanelli family centre, Streets Youth Project, Llanybedder Y.C. and Alcohol Concern Wales.</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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> European <input type="checkbox"/></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>February 2005 to current time where a DVD is being produced for distribution.</p>
<p>9. What Were the Results Obtained by This Initiative?</p> <p>a) An information pack had been created as a good resource for informing young people about the effects of alcohol. b) A quality initiative involving young people informing other young people about the health dangers of alcohol was the end result. c) Local young people are now better informed of the effects of alcohol and binge drinking.</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Publication <input type="checkbox"/> Other Product (specify) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Title: The Animated Alcohol Advice Project Language(s): English. Can be consulted / downloaded at this web-site : Can be obtained from (address of organisation): mickconroy@canllaw-online.com</p>
<p>11. Additional Information:</p> <p>Young people’s participation has been fundamental to this project. They have been encouraged to develop their own ideas into animated stories that will inform others of the dangers of alcohol. As part of the working group young people have become equal partners in the project and made decisions about the development of the project.</p>

The beneficial outcomes of the project for young people are as follows:

- ? Learnt new skills and developed greater confidence and self esteem
- ? They will be able to apply the skills they have learnt through taking part in the project to other areas of their lives.
- ? Learn that alcohol abuse is nevertheless a serious matter
- ? They will be better informed about how and where they can access confidential advice, information and support to address alcohol related issues at an extremely vulnerable age.
- ? They will benefit from developing a greater understanding and an insight into the coping strategies that can help them to survive a crisis.
- ? It is hoped that the project will go some way in encouraging young people to take greater responsibility for their own health
- ? They will have had a tremendous amount of fun participating in the Animated Alcohol Advice Project, which will help to unlock their potential and encourage them to partake in further projects

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