

“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: **06-60**

Organisation: **EYCA**

An EYCA network project

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| <p>1. Name of Initiative (project, activity, service or product):</p> |
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60 - EYCA: EURplace26 – SAFEplace26

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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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EURplace26 combines two projects of the EYCA Communications Group: a young journalists exchange project, and information provision for young travellers and young people in general.

2003-05: Two young journalists, one resident and one visiting, created information for other young people/youth travellers for each of 8 cities: Graz (Austria), Ljubljana (Slovenia), Zaragoza (Spain), Edinburgh (Scotland), Cardiff (Wales), Prague (Czech Republic), Budapest (Hungary) and Luxembourg (Luxembourg). The young journalists were hosted and facilitated by the EYCA “Editor” in each of the 8 cities.

The information was then disseminated internally in the EURO<26 Editors network via the EYCA editors database (text and images) and throughout Europe via EURO<26 magazines, national websites, the EYCA website, etc. Information materials included postcards and a special website.

The young readers were thus informed about the cities by people of their own age and interests, further inspiring youth mobility and participation within Europe.

2006-07: EURplace26 continues online at www.euro26.org with young people submitting their Top Travel Tips for other young people travelling in Europe. Prizes will be offered, according to set criteria.

EURplace26 will also take up the Council of Europe campaign “All different, all equal” and the anti-violence item of the Council of Europe agenda. EURplace26 will be transformed into a “SAFEplace26” where young people accept and support each other, promoting tolerance and the active prevention of violence throughout a diverse and multicultural Europe.

Young people will be directly involved in the creation of the campaign materials, which will be disseminated through the usual EYCA channels: magazines, websites, radio, DVD, etc. Bulletin boards and chat-rooms where dialogue among young people is promoted will form a core part of the project. (Please see 'Europe for a Change II' / 06-59 for similar successes.)

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 / 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: European Youth Card Association
 Address: Füge utca 6 mf 4, H-1022 Budapest, Hungary

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

Name: Fíona Ní Chinnéide
 E-mail Address: pr-communication@eyca.org

6. Who Participated in This Initiative ?

8 EURO<26 organisations and 8 cardholders / young journalists in the chosen cities

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):*

2003-2005, 2006-

9. What Were the Results Obtained by This Initiative?

? The project showed that information researched and written by young people gives extra credibility to the promotion.

? The articles / content about 8 cities written by young people were shared on the EYCA editors database and widely used in EURO<26 media throughout Europe

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: EURplace26

Language(s): English

Can be consulted / downloaded at this web-site: www.eurplace26.org

Can be obtained from (address of organisation): EYCA Office, Budapest

11. Additional Information:

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This description form has been completed by:

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