

“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: **06-61**

Organisation: **EYCA**

An EYCA network project

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

61 - EYCA: EYCAdeMy – Qualitative Research Using Focus Groups

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

A maximum number of young people shall get the opportunity to share their opinion about any given subject which is being discussed at international level in the Focus Group discussions of the EYCAdeMy. At this training institute of the European Youth Card Association (EYCA), 34 young people are now being educated to lead such Focus Group discussions (under the scientific wings of two experienced youth research and social trainers).

And so an infrastructure for future comparative qualitative youth research to be undertaken simultaneously in various European countries will be created, and the number of young people involved can multiply and multiply because at the EYCAdeMy the Focus Group Moderators may also learn the skills of a trainer of Focus Group moderators.

The method of focus groups itself, which can be considered as a specific form of group discussion, consists of the moderator, an assistant and +/- ten young people that have to fulfil certain criteria regarding age, geography, gender...

By the end of 2006, 17 EYCA member countries should have trained moderators at hand who are able to execute the work with focus groups on the same level in all countries, thereby putting in place a research instrument for Europe that can be used for continuing consultation of young people.

Great numbers of opportunities for the participation of young people are provided, all using the same methodology with changing research subjects, according to the current interest that is defined within the training, or within EYCA or any other entity.

After the two first years of the EYCAdeMy (2005 and 2006), a considerable panel of young youth researchers (in up to 17 countries) will be available to organise these discussion groups and report on them in order to bridge the gap between the young people of Europe and decision makers of any kind.

In 2006 alone, 102 Focus Groups will be carried out around the wide subject of the COE Campaign 'All different, all equal'; around 1,500 young people from 17 European countries coming from an exciting variety of 'co-operating local youth networks' will have their say and an influence on the international report of the EYCAdeMy 2006.

<p>3. Form of Youth Participation in Youth Information Addressed by This Initiative : <i>(please click on / activate the box which corresponds to your answer)</i></p> <p>This is:</p> <p>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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>b) An initiative or project that involves young people directly in the designing and preparation of information magazines and materials (for a young public) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>c) An initiative or project that involves young people directly in informing or advising other young people <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>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) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>e) An initiative / project that addresses another aspect of youth participation in youth information work (please specify the aspect): <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>.....</p>
<p>4. Name and Address of Organisation Responsible for This Initiative:</p> <p>Name: European Youth Card Association Address: Füge utca 6, H -1022 Budapest, Hungary</p>
<p>5. Name and E-mail Address of Person to Contact (for information about this initiative):</p> <p>Name: Gabi Haslinger E-mail Address: g.haslinger@euro26.at</p>
<p>6. Who Participates in This Initiative ?</p> <p>34 trainees (Focus Group moderators), around 1,500 young people from 17 countries and youth networks, EYCAcademy trainers, national co-ordinators, etc.</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 checked="" 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>Ongoing</p>
<p>9. What Were the Results Obtained by This Initiative?</p> <p>To be read in the national and international EYCAcademy research reports (2003-2005)</p>

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: EYCAcademy international/national reports

Language(s): English

Can be consulted / downloaded at this web-site:

Can be obtained from (address of organisation): see above

11. Additional Information:

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