

“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: **06-07**

Organisation: **JAC “Delta”, Ninove**

European Affiliation: **ERYICA** (via Delta)

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

07 - BELGIUM (Flanders): “Chain Oil”

- Project about working with young volunteers.

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

By letting a group of young volunteers participate in managing our JAC service, we want to achieve:

- that our JAC keeps in touch with young people and can follow the evolutions that this group goes through. All this means a great help to keep our information up to date, to know the needs of young people and to upgrade the quality of our service. For instance: young people can give us their opinion about a publication we want to make or about an action we are planning to organise, they can collect information, etc.
- Our volunteers give a specific accent to the look of our service. They introduce our JAC to their peer group. Together, we organise funny, small actions on local festivals or on locations where a lot of young people can be found.
For instance: a competition with condoms, making a little exhibition about the JAC, a quiz based on an ‘information wheel’, etc.

We are convinced that there are big advantages when young people can inform their own peer group about the existence of a JAC or about a prevention theme.

Our final aim:

- We wanted to become a varied group of volunteers, who can really participate in the daily happenings in our JAC.
- We want a very personal contact with young people, to improve the quality of our service.
- Because of our volunteers, we hope that other young people will find their way to our JAC more easily.

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: JAC "Delta"
Address: Abdijstraat 81, B-9400 Ninove, Belgium

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

Name: Stef Boussier or An Schampheleer
E-mail Address: jac@cawdelta.be

6. Who Participated in This Initiative ?

12 young people and 4 professionals from JAC "Delta". We received coaching and support from the "Uit de marge" organisation

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):*

We started in May 2004 by looking for volunteers, and our project is still continuing.

9. What Were the Results Obtained by This Initiative?

A group of 12 young volunteers who participate directly in managing our JAC.

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) A brochure for
youngsters who are thinking about being a volunteer for our JAC

Title: “Jackerdjuu”

Language(s): Dutch

Can be consulted / downloaded at this web-site:

Can be obtained from (address of organisation): jac@cawdelta.be

11. Additional Information

We have some photos which illustrate our concrete actions.

This description form has been completed by:

Name of Person: Stef Boussier or An Schampheler

E-mail Address: jac@cawdelta.be

Name of Organisation: JAC “Delta”