

eurodesk

Conference 2010

Where to Now?

Empowering Young People through
Information

National College of Ireland, Dublin

22 June 2010

9.30am – 4.00pm

A joint initiative of Eurodesk and Youth Information Centres, the purpose of this conference is to exchange ideas on current trends affecting young people in Ireland including Unemployment, Migration, New Media *etc.* Young people have a right to information and a need for information. With this in mind, participants will have a unique opportunity to explore the tools and services that are available for young people to access information, including opportunities to work and learn in Europe.

To register online see our website www.leargas.ie/eurodesk2010



Léargas is the National Contact Point for Eurodesk in Ireland

Workshops

You will have an opportunity to take part in two workshops of your choice from the following list:

1. Eurodesk Information Tools: Eurodesk TV, European Youth Portal, Intranet

How to use Eurodesk information tools to access information on European opportunities for young people. Participants will have the chance to explore the Eurodesk Intranet (First Class), the communication tool used by over 900 Eurodesk multipliers in Europe.

Workshop Leader: Raluca Voinea, Eurodesk Brussels Link

2. Web 2.0: a challenge for youth information and international youth work

Explore the potential of Web 2.0 for youth information and international youth work. The workshop will examine the significance of peer-to-peer communication, a special characteristic of Web 2.0, which is essential for developing suitable digital communication strategies.

Workshop leader: Daniel Poli, IJAB, International Youth Service of Germany

3. SYTYKIA - So You Think You Know It All...?

SYTYKIA is a European awareness project in support of the EU's Structured Dialogue with young people. This workshop will provide an outline of how SYTYKIA can be used as a tool for promoting dialogue and participation of young people in the EU.

Workshop leaders: Ursula Condon; Bernard Hackett, Waterford Youth Information Centre; Isabel Daly, The Gaf Café Galway

4. European Voluntary Service - making it work for you!

This workshop will look at how to make the European Voluntary Service experience a success for the host organisation as well as for the EVS volunteer. You will also have the opportunity to hear from EVS participants on their experiences of the programme.

Workshop Leaders: Martin Keeney and Gareth Gibson, Letterkenny Youth Information Centre

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5. Work Opportunities in Europe

Information on searching for a job in Europe, work opportunities in Europe, and all you need to know before leaving the country. The workshop will also guide you through the European Job Mobility Portal.

Workshop Leader: Kamila Weglicka, EURES

6. Options and Rights/Entitlements for Young People Abroad

Participants will gain an overview of the options open to young people interested in emigration or working abroad. The aim is to enhance the capability of participants to provide information in relation to these issues. All participants will receive copies of specialist publications and fact sheets.

Workshop leader: Amy Tyndall, Crosscare

7. Participation and Inclusion: giving young people a voice

An introduction to the meaningful involvement of young people in decision-making structures and to existing structures which promote this (*Comhairle na nÓg* and *Dáil na nÓg*)

Workshop leaders: Matthew Seebach, Youth Work Ireland; Helen Butler, Youth Work Ireland, Galway

8. Using Facebook and YouTube in Youth Information Services

How to use social networking and video streaming to communicate with young people in 2010. Participants will gain hands-on experience of *Facebook* and *YouTube* and how to use both websites effectively.

Workshop Leader: Paul Curran, Digital Media Centre

Timetable

09.30	Registration followed by working breakfast
10.30	Welcome Guest speakers: Mary Cunningham, NYCI Maurice Devlin, NUI Maynooth Fergus Finlay, Barnardos Anja Ruhland, Eurodesk Brussels Link
11.35	Panel discussion Moderator: Michael McLoughlin, Youth Work Ireland
12.30	Lunch
13.30	Workshops
14.30	Coffee break
14.45	Workshops
15.45	Closing address

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- 5 min walk

Dublin Bus: No. 151

Car: Parking is available @
€15/day