

INFONOMICS



FACTS

MATTER



Quality practice and innovation in
the delivery of youth information

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



October 4th-5th 2023

Ballykisteen Hotel Limerick Junction, Ireland



Erasmus+



An Roinn Leanaí, Ceimhíonannais,
Míchumais, Éaghláríochta agus
Département of Children, Equality,
Disability, Integration and Youth

léargas



Youth Work Ireland
Tipperary



Youth Work Ireland

INFONOMICS

OCT 4TH - 5TH 2023

WEDNESDAY OCT 4TH

MORNING

- Introductory Session
- Youth Information in Ireland and Europe

AFTERNOON

- Youth Participation in Youth Information
- Working together to address Youth Information Challenges and opportunities in Europe
- Youth Information Innovation Showcase

EVENING

ERYICA QUALITY LABEL AWARDS CEREMONY

Gala Dinner

7:30pm Ballykisteen Ballroom with music and ERYICA Quality Label presentation

THURSDAY OCT 5TH

MORNING

- The changing Landscape in Youth Information in Europe
- Extremist Online Misinformation, Hate Speech and Fake News, challenges for youth information and youth service provider and Q&A
- New technologies and the need to innovate

AFTERNOON

- Quality and Impact in Youth Information
- Strategic Vision for the future of Youth Information in Ireland



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WEDNESDAY

09:00

10:45

INTRODUCTORY SESSION

SPEAKER

Donal Kelly

Regional Director Youth Work
Ireland Tipperary **Session Chair**

Aisling Moloney

Youth Work Ireland National
Youth Action Committee

Dr Lorraine O'Donovan

Former Senior Executive Officer -
South Munster Citizens Information
Service, Regional Director CDYS

Dr Patrick Burke

President of ERYICA, CEO of
Youth Work Ireland

Roderic O'Gorman

Minister for Children, Equality,
Disability, Integration and Youth
of Ireland

TOPIC

Introduction and Setting
the Scene: The local Youth
Information landscape

The importance of Youth
Information in the lives of
young people right now

The critical importance of a
**bespoke Youth Information in
the lives of young people right
now in a healthy democracy**

Themes and Issues in
European Youth Information

Official Conference Opening



WEDNESDAY

10:45

11:00

Coffee Break

WEDNESDAY

11:00

13:00

YOUTH INFORMATION IN IRELAND AND EUROPE

SPEAKER

Tom Dunne

CEO In Sync Youth & Family
Services, **Session Chair**

Prof Maurice Devlin

Professor of Applied Social Studies
at Maynooth University and Jean
Monnet Chair in European Youth
Studies

Adam Gunning

Assistant Principal, DCEDIY

Aoife Cartwright

Project Specialist (research and
evaluation), Centre for Effective
Services

TOPIC

Session Chair - Welcome back
and introduction of speakers
for session

An overview of Youth
Information Service
Provision and Policy in
Europe and in Ireland

The Review of Youth
Information Funding Scheme
in Ireland - Current Status

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Information Funding Scheme
in Ireland - Current Status



WEDNESDAY

13:00
13:45

Lunch Break

WEDNESDAY

13:45
15:00

YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN YOUTH INFORMATION

SPEAKER

TOPIC

Aisling Moloney

Youth Work Ireland National Youth Action Group, **Session Chair**

Session Chair - Welcome back and introduction of speakers for the session

Dan Moxon

People, Dialogue and Change

Best practice in the participation of young people in the design and provision of Youth Information in Europe

Declan Burgess

Cathaoirleach of Tipperary Cahir Cashel MD, Tipperary County Council

From Youth Information to Young Cathaoirleach

Eric O'Connell

Youth Work Ireland Galway - Youth Information Officer

From Youth Information Participant to Youth Information Officer

Grace Maher

Lauren Barry

Junior Board Members, Youth Work Ireland Tipperary

Decisions, Decisions, Decisions... Experience on the Junior Board of Youth Work Ireland Tipperary

Aisling Moloney

National Youth Action Group

Q&A Session



WEDNESDAY

15:00
15:45

WORKING TOGETHER TO ADDRESS YOUTH INFORMATION CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN EUROPE

SPEAKER

TOPIC

Pauline Strappe

Youth Information Officer, Youth
Work Ireland Tipperary, **Session Chair**

Session Chair - Welcome back
and introduction to speakers
for session

Lorraine Gilligan

Executive Director at Léargas

Youth Information,
Erasmus+ - Challenges
and Opportunities
within the EU

Michael McLoughlin

Policy and Advocacy, Youth Work
Ireland

The European Policy
Context - A perspective from
the European Social and
Economic Council

Mathieu Orphanides

European Commission

Youth Information, Eurodesk
network and SALTO
Participation & The European
Policy Context - A perspective
from the European Social and
Economic Council

Pauline Strappe

Youth Information Officer,
Youth Work Ireland Tipperary

Q&A Session

WEDNESDAY

15:45
16:05

Coffee Break



WEDNESDAY

16:05
17:30

YOUTH INFORMATION INNOVATION SHOWCASE

World Café - Participants will have four 20 minutes sessions with presentations and discussions with four contributors

SPEAKER

TOPIC

Caolan Faux

CEO, Youth Work Ireland,
Cavan Monaghan

The Connecting You Youth Information App - A new innovation in Irish Youth Information Provision

Pauline Strappe

Youth Information Officer,
Youth Work Ireland Tipperary

Desyin - Codesign in Youth Information - An Erasmus+ Project to Develop Best Practice In Youth Information

Ross Flanagan

Digital Services Coordinator,
Spunout

The National Youth Information Chat Service - A partnership and a Success story

Gareth Gibson

Youth Information Manager,
Donegal Youth Service

Dermot Troy

Youth Information Officer,
Limerick Youth Service
Young Person, Limerick Youth Service

Media Literacy and Innovation in Youth Information - Limerick Rocks

WEDNESDAY

17:30
17:40

Marie Cleary

Third Space

Rapporteur Round Up
of Day One



WEDNESDAY

19:30

ERYICA QUALITY LABEL AWARDS CEREMONY

With three course Gala Dinner, Ballykisteen Ballroom



Award Recipients





THURSDAY

09:00
10:00

THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE IN YOUTH INFORMATION IN EUROPE

Donal Kelly

CEO of Youth Work Ireland
Tipperary, Conference Chair

Welcome back

SPEAKER

Mary Cunningham

Director of the National
Youth Council of Ireland,
Session Chair

TOPIC

International Panel Discussion
- Changing landscape of Youth
Information in Europe and Q&A

PANEL MEMBERS

Moira Merrigan

Youth Work Ireland Tipperary
Ireland

Victoria de la Hoz

Dirección General de
Juventud. Comunidad
de Madrid
Spain

Eva Reina

Director of ERYICA
Luxembourg

Larissa Liebertz

Jugendinfo
Belgium

Sif Vik

Forum for
ungdomsinformasjon i Norge
Norway

Tanja Herceg

Zajednica informativnih
centara za mlade u Hrvatskoj
Croatia

Didace Kalisa

ANIJ (Agence Nationale pour
l'Information des Jeunes
Luxembourg

THURSDAY

10:00
10:30

Coffee
Break



THURSDAY

11:30
13:00

NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND THE NEED TO INNOVATE

SPEAKER

TOPIC

Michael McLoughlin

Policy and Advocacy, Youth
Work Ireland, **Session Chair**

Welcome back and
introduction of speakers
for the session

Mark Malone

Researcher, The Hope
and Courage Collective

Extremist Online
Misinformation, Hate Speech
and Fake News, challenges for
youth information and youth
service provider

Kate O'Connell

Equality and Intercultural
Programme Officer, NYCI

Veronica Stefan

Council of Europe

The world of Artificial
Intelligence and how it
impacts young people and
the larger youth sector

Paul Keating

Lecturer, TUS Midwest

The Metaverse,
Virtual Reality and Youth
Information Fake News,
Hate Speech Perspectives

TBC

Fake News, Hate Speech
Perspectives from
Coimisiún na Meán

WEDNESDAY

13:00
14:00

Lunch
Break



WEDNESDAY

14:00

15:00

QUALITY AND IMPACT IN YOUTH INFORMATION

SPEAKER

Fiona O'Grady

CEO, Limerick Youth Service,
Session Chair

Dubheasa Kelly

Head of Governance & Strategy,
Spunout

Rebekah Connolly

Head of Content, Spunout

TJ Hourigan

Youth Advocacy Officer, YMCA

Mairead Maher

Youth Work Ireland Tipperary

Julie Kelleher

Youth Information Team
Leader, Crosscare

Geraldine Lacey

CEO, Youth Work Ireland Midlands

TOPIC

Session Chair

Welcome back and
introduction to speakers
for session

Theme

Quality and Impact in
Youth Information

Impact and

Quality in Spunout

Impact and Quality in

YMCA Youth Information

Impact on the lives of young

people, from early school
leaving, to EVS to Youth
Information Officer

Impact and Quality

in Crosscare

Impact and Quality in Youth

Work Ireland Midlands and
Youth Work Ireland Youth
Information within an Integrated
Youth Service

Q&A Session



THURSDAY

15:00

16:30

STRATEGIC VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF YOUTH INFORMATION IN IRELAND

SPEAKER

Mary Cunningham

National Youth Council of Ireland

Session Chair

TOPIC

Session Chair

Welcome back and introduction to speakers for session

Panel Discussion

Strategic Vision for the future of Youth Information in Ireland and Europe

PANEL MEMBERS

Ian Power

CEO, Spunout

David Backhouse

Deputy National Secretary, YMCA

Matthew Seebach

Head of Strategy and Practice, Youth Work Ireland

Julie Kelleher

Youth Information Team Leader, Crosscare

Eva Reina

Director, EYRICA

Marie Cleary

Third Space

Rapporteur - Summary of the event and strategic directions for the future

Donal Kelly

CEO, Youth Work Ireland Tipperary

Close of the event, thank you and evaluation

INFONOMICS

FACTS MATTER

Access to reliable information is essential in the modern age.

In particular, young people require access to high quality information to make informed decisions in their own lives. The Infonomics Conference promises to deliver valuable insights into how we can improve youth information provision.

Roderic O’Gorman,
Minister for Children, Equality, Disability,
Integration and Youth of Ireland

“As President of ERYICA, I very much believe that the, “Infonomics – Facts Matter Conference” iprovides us with an opportunity to come together as a community of practice in the world of youth information provision. In addition to learning and sharing on key themes such as youth participation, quality provision and policy issues, we will also have an opportunity to share on new and innovative practices and technology which impact on our work. This conference is an opportunity not to be missed by all who a passionate about empowering young people.”

Dr Patrick Burke,
President of ERYICA and CEO,
Youth Work Ireland

This a fantastic opportunity to come together to explore, discuss and learn about challenges and opportunities for the Youth Information Sector both nationally and internationally

Julie Kelleher
Youth Information Team Leader
in Crosscare Social Care Agencyd

Infonomics is an exciting opportunity to explore the importance of quality youth information at a time when young people are struggling to access reliable sources that are relevant to their lives in an Irish context. It’s also a welcome opportunity to showcase the innovation of youth information providers in Ireland.

Ian Power,
CEO spunout