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Adapting the Icelandic Prevention Model for use in an Irish context



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Growing up in the West

The lives and lifestyles of our young people

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CHANGE THROUGH PRIMARY PREVENTION

SUBSTANCE USE IN ICELANDIC 15-16 YEAR OLDS (1998 - 2019)







Planet Youth Survey

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ENGLISH - IRELAND

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Planet Youth 2018

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A survey of the lives and living conditions of young people

- Confidential -



ENGLISH - IRELAND

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A survey of the lives and living conditions of young people

Planet Youth 2020

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- Confidential -



ENGLISH - IRELAND

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Planet Youth 2022

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A survey of the lives and living conditions of young people

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Preventative actions that influence risk and protective factors in these domains

Leisure Time

Parents and Family

Community

Peer Group

School





Meitheal Drugaí an Iarthair



An Ghniomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach Child and Family Agency









Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna na Gaillimhe agus Ros Comáin *Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board*





Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo Mayo County Council















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ABOUT PLANET YOUTH

Planet Youth is an evidence-based primary prevention This booklet has been developed to bring some project that provides us with the opportunity to improve the long-term health and wellbeing of our children. Every two years, we survey all of the 15 and 16 year olds in our schools in Galway, Mayo and Roscommon, and this gives us the information we need to make positive changes for the younger children coming behind them.

of that information to parents who have children starting post-primary school and we hope you find it useful.

The 4,339 teenagers that participated throughout the region in the November 2022 Planet Youth survey told us that:





FAMILY TIME

This was the third Planet Youth survey, and it had some really positive findings related to family life and the relationships that our teenagers have with their parents. 91% stated that it's easy to receive caring and warmth from their parents. Teens also report spending a lot of time with their parents and 92% stated that their parents know where they are in the evenings.

As they get older, it is important to maintain good quality communication with our teens and to stay connected, interested and engaged in what's happening in their lives. 79% of our teens said that it's easy to talk to their parents or carers about personal matters.

Having shared interests, regular family mealtimes, family activities and family meetings creates enjoyable time and space to chat with and listen to our teenagers.

As parents, we are the most important role models for our teens so it is important that we set a good example with our own behaviours.

91% Easy to get caring and warmth from parents



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GUIDELINES

be a good role model with your own screen use.

at night













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Parent Power





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Parent Power – Junior infant parent booklet







National school children typically require 9-12 hours of sleep each night and the younger they are, the more sleep they need. These bedtimes are based on getting up at 7.30am and are the lights-out times. Wind-down and bedtime routines start earlier. A good guide at this age is to move their bedtime up by 15 minutes each school year.



Screen Time

Overuse of screens is not good for the health and wellbeing of children.

The suggested guideline is to limit their use to a maximum of 1 hour per day in total. This should be after completion of homework and other activities.

Screens should be put away at least one hour before bedtime and there should be **no screens in bedrooms**.

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This booklet has been developed to bring some of that information to parents who have children in national school and to introduce the idea of parents working together more, in order to improve outcomes for all of our children.

Having good routines in place from a young age will pay off quickly but also over time will make for happier, healthier children, teenagers and young adults.

We hope you find the booklet useful.

88%

of our teens said it's easy to get caring and warmth from parents

59%

of our teens are not getting enough sleep

47%

of our teens spend three hours or more on social media every day

64%

of our teens reported good physical health



Contents

Family Time Sleep and Bedlimes Screen Time Sports and Hobbies Making Changes at Home Parents Working Together



Parent Power website





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Topics 🔻

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Welcome to Parent Power!

We hope you find the website useful. It has been developed for the following reasons:

- **1** To introduce and promote the idea of parents working together more, and using Parent Power to improve outcomes for all of our children.
- **2** To provide information from the Planet Youth survey to parents that have children in national school.
- **3** To provide some simple guidance for parents on key topics.
- **4** To provide links to useful resources.

Watch our short video explainer to find out more.

What is Parent Power? (Opens a Video)



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Parent Power – Distribution – 440 schools







Demographics

- Total Population
- Total Population Under 18
- Pre-School Age (0-5yrs)
- Primary School Age
- Secondary School Age
- (0-3yrs) (6-12yrs) (13-18yrs)



49,614

34,254

450 Schools 91 Schools

Step Up Website – June 2020



Helping students and parents with the move from primary school to secondary school







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School Reports



Ballinrobe Community School

Planet Youth School Report

2020





Mercy College

Planet Youth School Report

2020



School Reports

WESTERN REGION **Drug & Alcohol Task Force** Meitheal Drugaí an Iarthair





New teaching website – The Facts – May 2021







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8 HOURS OR MORE SLEEP

7 HOURS SLEEP







LESS THAN 6 HOURS SLEEP

6 HOURS SLEEP





53%

8 HOURS OR MORE SLEEP





22%



6 HOURS SLEEP









8 HOURS OR MORE SLEEP

7 HOURS SLEEP









6 HOURS SLEEP





8 HOURS OR MORE SLEEP



7 HOURS SLEEP









6 HOURS SLEEP









8 HOURS OR MORE SLEEP

7 HOURS SLEEP





19%



6 HOURS SLEEP

DO YOU HAVE A PHONE IN YOUR BEDROOM AT NIGHT?



The Facts – Teaching module on sleep



The Importance of SI

This teaching module has been developed in surveys. These surveys highlighted a very sig dramatic impact this is having on their wellbe

CSPE, PE and SPHE provide the main pillars is not given a lot of attention within these cu

This short module explores the topic and scie practices, and examines some ideas to impro

We hope schools find it of use and can find r

Lesson 1: About Sleep

Presentations

Download Presentation (PPTX)

Download Presentation (PDF)

Please note: the PDF version of the presentation does not teaching notes.



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Download Teaching Plan (PDF)			
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Sleep teaching module for schools – Lesson 1

The importance of sleep



Lesson 1

About sleep



Version 1 2023



Sleep teaching module for schools – Video 1







Sleep teaching module for schools – Lesson 2

THE IMPORTANCE OF SLEEP LESSON 3 HOW CAN I IMPROVE MY SLEEP?







Sleep teaching module for schools – Video 2






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Municipal reporting



Planet Youth Report Galway County 2022



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> Planet Youth Report Galway City 2022





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Planet Youth Report

Mayo 2022



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> Planet Youth Report Roscommon 2022



Trends

34%

Reported drunkenness has increased to

Daily vaping rates have

increased to

87%

Parental support with personal matters has increased to

Pupils reporting poor mental health has decreased to







Trends







Roscommon pupils

From friends or schoolmates

From their own parent/carer

From a friend's parent/carer

From another adult

By taking it from a family member withouth them knowing



















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In someone else's home

In their own home

Outdoors (e g , in the street, in a park, field etc)

> Before a party or other organised event

At a party or other organised event







Cross tabulations







Social Media and Video

Alcohol

Sleep

Screen Use

Physical Activity















Alcohol – short 30 sec video for social media use





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Sleep – short 30 sec video for social media use





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Evaluation report (2018 – 2022)



Planet Youth Project in Galway, Mayo & Roscommon

5 KEY FINDINGS

In this section we present a summary of the key findings of the research with each of the key stakeholder groups, including Regional and County Committees, Schools, Parents and Key Individuals/St involved in the design, planning and implementation of the Planet Youth project.

Evaluation of the Planet Youth Project in Galway, Mayo & Roscommon 2018 - 2022

5.1 Summary of findings from Regional and County Committees

Feedback from the committee surveys showed there is a need to make structures more effective with the idea of thematic groups mentioned by many respondents. The link between County and Regional Committees causes some confusion. Respondents felt that the membership also needs to be reviewed. There is a good understanding of the Planet Youth data and the Icelandic model, but less so on how to develop it into actions.

The respondents noted that the overwhelming strength of the Planet Youth project is the data, and it is used by organisations for funding applications, research, developing workplans, lobbying and advocacy and developing policies. The strong links made with parents were also noted.

Weaknesses identified include lack of resources, culture of the organisations towards prioritising primary prevention work, and keeping Planet Youth on the agenda. The majority recorded that Planet Youth's success in data collection was not matched by implementation actions. Suggestions to strengthen Planet Youth were:

- · Commitment from agencies (HSE, Tusla, Local Authorities) to include early intervention, evidence based practice in their programmes
- Reconfigure County Committees into thematic groups, allowing the Regional Committee to focus on oversight
- Clarify what success in 2024/5 would look like and adhere to that
- Additional resources to allow lobbying and engagement with national policy A coordinator/administrator in each county
- Input from An Garda Síochána on drug use and/or youth safety approaches

5.2 Summary of findings from schools

All schools reported that the students reacted positively or very positively to the Planet Youth survey, and that the results were fed back to the school in an understandable way. The schools shared the results with school management and staff in all cases, with slightly over half also sharing them with the Parents Associations/Councils. Only 5 schools shared the results with all parents. Less than a third of schools shared results with the students who had been the subject of the survey. Less than half organised a meeting of stakeholders to plan how to respond to the Planet Youth results, which may indicate a need for a more strategic approach for schools.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Arising from the research undertaken in this evaluation of the Planet Youth Project, the following recommendations are made:

6.1 Funding

- Additional funding is needed for the Planet Youth project in order that extra staff can be employed. The current model of one coordinator for the 3 counties is not sufficient to sustain the project. Options could include individual county coordinators or division of the workload by additional staff with roles of coordinator, data analyst, administrator, and social media/website manager.
- Increased funding to deliver outputs of Planet Youth and allow for additional work on creating initiatives for use by schools, parents, peers, leisure time and local community.

6.2 Structures

- Restructure the committees to make them more effective. There is a need to adopt a thematic structure whereby there are a number of groups regionally looking at themes and these feed into the overarching regional committee. Themes would include key areas such as schools, peers, parents, leisure time and local community etc.
- · Capacity building for committee members to ensure full value from the members is achieved



6.3 Role clarification

 It is important to be clear on the role and mission of Planet Youth. Does it continue its work on generating data, and then informing and promoting the data, or does it implement primary prevention measure

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CONCLUSION

The many strengths of the Planet Youth project were evident from this evaluation. It is clear that it merits ongoing support and expansion in order to build on the invaluable work completed to date. Despite funding constraints, it achieved significant impacts and with sufficient resources it could make a real and lasting impact on young people growing up in the West of Ireland.

The WRDATF is a suitable location for Planet Youth and it can grow and develop from here in the next round of the project. The feedback from this evaluation points to the value of exploring the possibilities of moving Planet Youth into existing structures that will give it a stronger statutory footing, which can be revisited at a later stage.



ne success of the data gathering was lauded by all but work in the next round of the project can be focussed more on the implementation of preventative actions and developing interventions within all four domains: schools, parents, peers, leisure time and local community.

Ensuring all agencies and organisations are aware of the data and how to use it for preventative actions can be expanded in the next round. All of this development is contingent on additional funding and resources to allow for staff time to complete this work.

This evaluation, whilst limited in resources and time, gives an insight into the Planet Youth project from the point of view of all stakeholders, agencies, parents and schools. It will be valuable to complete an outcomes evaluation at a later date to see how the project has impacted on young people themselves. As other Planet Youth projects emerge in different parts of the country, linking with them will be beneficial to ensure a consistent approach, and to grow the impact of the project at a national level. This will help to ensure the cultural change needed toward investment in the primary preventative approach.

Working groups

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- local community etc.
- Capacity building for committee members to ensure full value from the members is achieved.





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Working groups

- Peer working group
- Leisure time working group
- School working group
- Parent and Family working group
- Research and Data working group





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Modifications to the questionnaire

- Sleep
- Attitudes to substance use harms
- New school experience questions
- Diet
- Scales for resilience and stress
- Access to facilities for young people





Secondary uses of data

- Supporting funding applications Informing agency work plans Local economic and community planning National public health applications Academic publications
- Inform-YSP Suicide prevention research • ISSDA Data Archive





What is Planet Youth?

A public health programme designed to improve longterm health and life outcomes for all our schoolgoing population.





































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All young people are active, healthy and happy, connected to their families and communities, and achieving their full potential





PLANET YOUTH

STRATEGY & IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK

Galway, Mayo & Roscommon

"The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking." - Albert Einstein

The primary prevention approach is used here to help address many areas related to the health and wellbeing of our young people.

Including:

- Sleep

 Alcohol and other drugs Physical activity • Excessive screen use Mental health

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Different Future

> **6% 6%**





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