



**SAFE ARRIVAL
PROJECT**

Arriving Safely in the Future

The Safe Arrival Project – Helping young people fulfil their potential

Did you know that...?

- ▶ the dropout rate in Europe from education is 14%
- ▶ dropping out of education leads to unemployment and/or working in low paid jobs
- ▶ limited qualifications can lead to teenage parenting, crime, drug abuse and poorer quality of life
- ▶ the local dropout rate in Ireland is 15%





The Safe Arrival Project (SAP): We believe in prevention!

SAP is a consortium of 5 institutions from 5 European countries which work together in the framework of Lifelong Learning Programme. Sandwell MBC in the United Kingdom, Galway Technical Institute in Ireland, Partners Hungary Foundation in Hungary, Xabec in Spain and Zlinsky kraj in the Czech Republic, they want all young people to safely arrive in employment or further training.

Sandwell MBC through its Connexions Service has devised a screening tool for use by institutions and professionals predicting which young people are likely to risk becoming NEET (Not in Education Employment or Training) and drop out.

The tool and methodology is being transferred to the rest of partner countries. It has been developed on a locality basis because evidence shows that this is a major factor in dropout. Sandwell has shared learning in order to create the partners own localised SAP tool. Any new learning developed by partners will be implemented into the UK.

The SAP tool enables us, through effective intervention, to maintain young people's motivation to complete their education and training. We aim to equip professionals to identify high risk groups and deal with them better and as a consequence raise the competence levels of groups at risk and ensure equality of opportunity.

What have we achieved so far?

Sandwell MBC and Zlinsky kraj as local authorities involved schools which provide vocational education. Partners Hungary Foundation targeted vocational/technical schools some with high Roma populations and GTI and Xabec targeted sectors within their own institutions.

- We have created teams of professionals who participate in the project.
- We have found out reasons which led to dropout of former students.
- We have defined the risk factors in each region.
- We have shared learning to facilitate interventions.
- We are now ready to enter another phase of the SAP tool implementation in September 2014.

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