



5.05 Implementation of DLQ

Digital Media Training for Youth-at-risk

Event Report

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Date: 12th to 23rd August, 2013 and 30th October to 1st November, 2013

Place: Navan and Kells, County Meath

In total in Ireland, the ACT Curriculum was delivered three times. The first was set within the formal education system, and the ACT Curriculum was piloted by a transition (4th) year group in St. Leo's College, in County Carlow. The teacher from this year requested the training materials from Meath Partnership tutor in order to deliver the training as part of a project work module with his transition year students. The teacher provided feedback to Meath Partnership following the pilot training, and was very positive about the accessibility of the ACT Curriculum for teachers looking for an alternative group work project for their transition year group. The teacher praised the quality of the ACT Curriculum as an extra-curricular activity which complemented the formal education curriculum through its emphasis on the development of key competences in youth. As a result of this pilot training, the transition year students produced a 6 minute drama, a 12 minute documentary and a 35 minute vox pop, all of which will be available to view through DLQ TV on the project website.

Closer to home, Meath Partnership organised and delivered the ACT Curriculum to two different groups, once in Navan and once in Kells, County Meath. The Navan group were recruited through local youth organisations, such as the Navan School Completion Programme, the Navan Garda Diversion Programme and Youthreach, a second chance education provider. This group was composed of 12 to 16 year olds and ran as a summer camp, from the 12th to 23rd of August, 2013. The second piloting of the ACT Curriculum in Meath took place in Kells, from the 30th of October until the 1st of November. This group was composed of young people aged between 14 and 17, with a genuine interest in film-making. This training programme was run as an intensive three day camp over the Halloween mid-term break. From these two participant groups, 4 hours of film were created. The groups tackled issues such as cyber-bullying and completed a vox pop with trainees from a training workshop with

famous storyteller, Niall de Burca. The youth also had the opportunity to interview Niall. Each film and TV project, as outlined in the ACT Curriculum, was completed by these two participant groups.

A number of key activities were undertaken by both pilot groups. In both training programmes team-building was encouraged through assigning film roles and writing the group contract. Young people also got to know the equipment and learned how best to use every piece of equipment available. They were introduced to career guidance and asked to undertake a skill and interest audit regarding their own experience and ability in film-making at the end of the course. This was facilitated through the Re-ACT Chart. Young people were encouraged to take part in a series of activities including, group discussions, research, voting on items and debating. The youth were also encouraged to take responsibility for the completion of the film projects by scheduling their own activities, finding locations, storyboarding and choosing topics for film projects, and then, of course, going out and filming their projects for DLQ TV.

Young people from the second pilot training were so enthusiastic about film-making that they have established a film club which they plan to organise to meet one Saturday a month, with support from Meath Partnership to lease equipment and organise tutors to supervise their film-making.

As well as the hours of TV and film produced for DLQ TV, this training has also allowed Meath Partnership to engage and interest young people in learning new skills and enjoying the challenges of the film projects. Involvement in this training has also encouraged youth to consider their next steps whether it be further education or progression into employment. The implementation of DLQ has also awarded Meath Partnership the opportunity to establish and improve relationships and co-operation with youth workers and stakeholder organisations in the region.

Photos taken at the training:

August Group:



October-November Group:

