

Comhairle na nÓg AGM



Recommendations from the AGM-

TOP 2 (as per vote)

1. Have a Youth Club that is central and get a bus service to bring people from different areas and different ages at different times on the weekend as young people in the country areas and smaller towns have no-where to go at weekends.

(This can happen through St.Mary's Youth Centre and Rural Transport potentially)

2. To address the poor attitude towards teenagers –put a youth section in newspapers to voice the opinions of young people, have access points in each area where young people can voice their concerns and ideas for teenagers in the County that feeds into the County Council, extend Comhairle na nÓg to more areas in Offaly where there can be mini Comhairle's.

Other recommendations

- Job creation- Innovation camps for teenagers in Offaly, more help on starting up your own business, work schemes for younger people, Entrepreneurship classes in School not just mini-company more about design and the design process.
- Environment- rewards scheme for recycling in County Offaly, give awards to teenagers who take on environmental initiatives in their area.
- Drugs & Alcohol- a poster campaign to encourage off licenses not to sell alcohol to Under 18's / discourage older people not to buy for young also. Better information on the effects of drugs and alcohol e.g. weed and its links to psychosis now.

Offaly Comhairle na nÓg Executive meeting

Date: Nov 19th 2013 in St.Mary's Youth Centre

Group 1 Teenage Issues

What – Local, safer disco

Who – 13-15/16-18yrs old

Where – Tullamore

When – Friday Nights, twice a month

Why- Not safe

How – Garda presence on the night

What to do – feel free to do as you like.

Come & go policy.

Free of charge/€2 per night

Soccer in the hall

Who - Teenagers

What – Discos/Nightclub

When – Once a month

Where – Harriers

Why – Boredom, Travel too long

How -

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How do we implement the recommendation from the AGM-Facilities we would like to see

Edenderry – Youth cafe

Rhode – Community Centre

Daingean – Community Centre

Tullamore –

Ferbane – Youth Club

Small fee €2 etc

Belmont-Ferbane-Cloghan-Banagher-Birr-Kilcormac-Boora-Tullamore €2

Monthly Bus passes, cheaper for kids & teens

Cheaper cinema tickets

Better transport

Central Youth Club

Summer Camps for Teens apart from sports (art, music etc)

Youth cafes

Sponsored sleepovers – raise money for charities, bring loads of new people together, meet new people, raise money.

Days Out for good weather

Drive in Cinema for teens

Camping

Driving lessons in fields
More Discos
Paintball Alley
Disneyland Ireland
Football Pen with basketball hoops>

Pizza

What Happens at this Youth facility

Icebreakers

Music

Drama Workshops

Small Fee

People over 18

Workshops

Group Therapy Sessions

Stress Relievers

Trust Exercises

Samples of different sports – Tai Chi, Martial Arts, Zumba, Boxing.

TV

Pizza

The Room

Speakers for Career

Membership Cards

Fight Nights

Sponsored stuff for charities – play/drama, sleepovers, skydives.

Supervisors

Group 3

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1. Newspaper Article

Designated section in newspaper for young people to voice opinions.
Offaly Topic, Midland Tribune, Offaly Independent.

2. Problem Box

Get a safe box for each school/youth organisation that teens can put problems in that will be worked on by Comhairle.
Schools, young people, youth organisation.

(Incorporate idea 1 & 2)

Mini Comhairle

A mini Comhairle set in each town to make the Comhairle's local in electoral areas
(Edenderry/Tullamore/Birr)