

Comhairle na nÓg AGM 2013
Suggested Themes from Workshop discussions

Facilities

More facilities taking into account everyone's interests. Not just GAA e.g. dancing, singing.
Better public transport for young.

Youth Club central & get the bus services to bring people from different areas there, different age group, and different times on the weekend. Youth to be in charge not adults.

RESPONSE TO ISSUE- A central Youth Café

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

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

Poor attitude to Teenagers

Put a Youth Section in newspapers to voice the opinions of young people.

Young people have no power to change things - recommendation – problem box located in accessible areas such as schools, community centres etc. Young people have option to submit problems anytime any day, collected by Comhairle group once/twice a month, discussed, main problems chosen. Then make problem accessible to young people in Offaly (giving them a period of time to submit solutions) then bring main problem and solutions recommended to County Councillors. We want a mini Comhairle in each local community/town/rural area so young people's voices can be heard.

RESPONSE TO ISSUE

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)

Job Creation

Innovation Camps e.g. music, singing.
Apprenticeships e.g. plumbers, mechanics.
Work Schemes for younger people.
Volunteering to have something to do e.g. local clean up.
Courses e.g. Computer course.
Employers to give young people equal opportunities.
Entrepreneurship class in schools.
More details on how to set up your own business when you finish school.

Alcohol

That Comhairle would work on a poster campaign to encourage off-licences not to sell alcohol to under 18's/discourage older people not to buy for young also.
Teenagers should be better educated on drugs and alcohol, moderation & effects.
Awareness and education of teen substance abuse...PREVENTION

Link youth to adults to involve us in decisions – Youth Town Council.

Environment

Set up recycling centres. Give awards for participation e.g. Gaisce award.
Get Community involved. Aware of how big the problem is...
Green Schools. Lead by example. Poorly maintained environment – litter. To work with the County Council to introduce a reward scheme for recycling to motivate people to recycle. More bins need to be incorporated into towns and villages.