



European Alcohol and Health Forum

Task Force Youth-related aspects of Alcohol

Report to the Forum Plenary

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Youth Task Force: Mandate

Task Force to focus on identifying actions which have a potential for

- curbing under-age drinking;
- curbing drink-driving by young people;
- educating and empowering young people on alcohol issues;
- promoting responsible selling and serving of alcohol for young people;
- protecting young people from the consequences of alcohol abuse by others.

Process

3rd Meeting – 18.9.2008

- Trends and Drivers: ESPAD
- Involving youth: IRL National youth consultation, APYN on youth perceptions
- Harm by others: Alcohol Action IRL
Prepared by a working group of TF members
- The Clearing House

The Clearing House

- Initial discussion in February 2008:

'Create a 'Clearing house' in a neutral place (Commission/EAHF/joint commitment?) to:

- *Help partnerships develop*
- *Broker specific advice*
- *Share/disseminate good practice*
- *Help on evaluation/monitoring*
- *Collect/disseminate evidence of effectiveness'*

- Two Task force members asked to develop a proposal

Objectives of the Clearing House

- Promote exchange of best practice across the EU via an online database [eventually via the EU Health portal]
- Creation of a synergy effect by virtue of the database
- Develop template prevention programmes
- Develop evaluation methods/mechanisms

Elements that the Clearing House can offer

- Database of good practice
- Templates for effective programmes
- Templates for M&E
- Open up projects where possible to wider participation

Issues for next Task Force

■ Structure

- EAHF initiative/link?
- Governing structures – involvement of stakeholders/EAHF members
- Working methods

■ Funding: the database? A secretariat? Pilot projects – EU, national?

Next meeting – 20.1.2009

■ **The Clearing House**

■ Come back to

- Harm to others – ENCARE
- Trends and drivers – Swimming with crocodiles - ICAP

■ Develop a final report to spring Forum plenary

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