

BRADOG

YOUTH DIVERSION PROJECT

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What is a YDP?

- Bradóg Youth Diversion Project is a community-based specialist project which supports young people in the Northwest and Inner City of Dublin. It seeks to divert young people from becoming involved (or further involved) in anti-social and/or criminal behaviour, by providing suitable activities to facilitate personal, positive, social and personal development, civic responsibility and long-term employability prospects.



Who we work with?

Young people aged 12 -17 years

Young people aged 8-11 years (Early Intervention)

Families of young people referred

Past participants (over 18's)



Roma

- Joint consultation with the department of Justice, Garda Diversion Programme and Local Diversion Projects
- A higher percentage of Roma Offending resulted in court appearances
- No engagement with the Youth Diversion Programme
- Not being able to locate, obtaining correct details, communication issues, lack of understanding of programme and the consequences to not accepting, trust issues.
- Result was funding for specific Roma workers to overcome these challenges

How we support the diversion programme to engage roma young people

- Attend meetings with JLO
- Making phone calls, house calls, explaining the diversion programme and project
- Translating to finding out the reasoning behind the offence

Outcomes

Short Term

- Increase involvement in external activities
- Reduce impulsivity
- Increased decision-making skills with peers
- Improved positive attitudes and behaviour
- Improved Educational attainment

Long Term

- Reduced youth offending
- Improved Opportunities
- Enhanced Civic Responsibility and connection with the community
- Improvement in Community Functioning
- Improved Pro-Social Behaviour
- Enhanced health and wellbeing

Inclusion in the YDP

- Suitability of young people for the project
- Work with Yp, Family and stakeholder to identify risk, needs to develop plans to support the young person and reduce offending

Targeting Roma Young People

We had 28 Roma referrals referred into our project

The need was identified after Roma young people were being overrepresented in courts

Jlo's found it hard to meet and give cautions to young Roma people due to lack of trust and communication barriers

the service

Risks/Needs

- Offences
- Family
- Education
- Peers
- Substance abuse
- Leisure activities
- Personality
- Attitudes
- Additional needs (Family and Youth)

Interventions

Success

Challenges



RELATIONSHIP
BUILDING



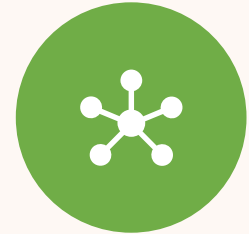
INTEGRATION



LANGUAGE BARRIER



LIMITED KNOWLEDGE
OF ACTIVITIES IN THE
SERVICE



BUILDING TRUST
WITHIN THE ROMA
COMMUNITY



Questions & Answers