

YOUTH NETWORK WORKSHOP SERIES

2013 – 2014

What? A series of ten one day workshops facilitated by Alice Mary Higgins, with the support of Wexford Local Development, to take place from September 2013 to February 2014.

Why? To bring together young people with experience of unemployment from across Co. Wexford to look at common ground and advocate for better services and increased work opportunities.

Who? Young people aged between 18 and 25 who want to advocate for a positive future for themselves and their peers and make their voices heard to policy makers, employers and through the media.

When and Where? Starting Tuesday the 24th of September in Enniscorthy (venue to be confirmed) from 11am to 3pm and continuing on Tuesdays approximately every 2 weeks after that until early 2014.

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| <p>BE PART OF WORK TO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Set up a new Wexford Youth Network. ▪ Research and analyse needs. ▪ Communicate these needs to politicians at national and European level. ▪ Meet elected representatives in Dáil Eireann and participants in the pilot Youth Guarantee Scheme in Ballymun. ▪ Organise and lead an Information Project. ▪ Persuade local employers to take part in a 'Wexford Work Experience Week'. ▪ Collaborate with older people through the Age Equality Network. ▪ Take the new Youth Network forward. | <p>DEVELOP SKILLS IN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Group and team work. ▪ Research and analysis. ▪ Advocacy and lobbying. ▪ Project planning. ▪ Designing media campaigns ▪ Communication and presentation. |
| <p>INCREASE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Services and supports available locally. ▪ Employment opportunities. ▪ National and European policy on youth employment. ▪ How the Irish political system works. ▪ Local and national media – print, broadcast and online. | <p>BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Young people's groups across Wexford and further afield. ▪ Service providers. ▪ Employers. ▪ Elected representatives. ▪ Older people's groups and networks. ▪ Journalists. |

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for further details on how to sign up.