

## **Seminar Aims & Objectives**

One-day follow-up seminar to an introductory event held in November of last year by the Irish YouthWork Centre, which explored some of the issues to be considered in working with gay & lesbian youth and gave an overview of agencies working in the field be it in service provision, information or awareness raising.

Progressing from the introductory event, this seminar will focus on a range of issues identified by the participants at the initial seminar, including the recognition that there are issues for workers who themselves are gay or lesbian which need to be explored. Sessions at this seminar will cover the following:

- ⇒ **Issues for Gay & Lesbian Youth and Youth Groups**
- ⇒ **Working With Gay and Lesbian Youth: Raising the Issues for Workers**
- ⇒ **Case Study: Developing Guidelines at Organisational and Group Level**
- ⇒ **Experience of Gay and Lesbian Teachers in Irish Schools**
- ⇒ **Equal Opportunities and Diversity**

## **Target Audience**

Youth & community work practitioners, development and training officers, and policy makers with experience or an interest in Working With Gay and Lesbian Youth.

## **Seminar Format**

The seminar will take the form of workshops, inputs and group discussion from key individuals with expertise and experience in selected areas.

## **Seminar Information Pack**

Participants attending the seminar will receive an information pack, which will include the following information on Working With Gay and Lesbian Youth:

- **Sources of Information**
- **Resources, Reports and Practice-Based Articles**
- **Service Provision**
- **Support Organisations; National and Regional**

The National Youth Federation wishes to reassure participants given the nature of the seminar and sensitivities that may be involved, that the seminar will be conducted in a completely safe and confidential manner. Any disclosures made or information shared during the seminar will remain within the confines of the day.

**The National Youth Federation wishes to acknowledge the contribution of the Irish Youth Foundation in support of the work of the Irish YouthWork Centre.**

## About the Irish YouthWork Centre

The Irish YouthWork Centre is an initiative of the National Youth Federation (NYF). It acts as a one-stop research and documentation centre which has been developed to respond to the varied information, research and training support needs of youth & community workers, researchers and students, and anyone who works with young people. Its' services include:

### Enquiry Services on:

- ◆ Trainers, consultants and specialists on youth & community work and related topics
- ◆ Venues suitable for hosting youth events and conferences
- ◆ Courses in Youth & Community Work and related fields
- ◆ Where to find youth & community work resources and training materials from other agencies
- ◆ Connecting people to projects doing exciting and innovative work within their field of interest

### Sharing Good Practice

The Irish YouthWork Centre is constantly engaged in researching and documenting innovative approaches to work with young people in areas of special interest. This information is available to youth workers through hard copy resources, database information and ongoing independent research being both undertaken and commissioned by the Centre and published by the ***Irish Youth Work Press***. These publications include quantitative and qualitative research, training manuals, issue-based guidelines for youth workers and policy documents.

### Good Practice and Policy Development Seminars

The Centre regularly organises theme based, seminars and workshops. All the seminars are supported with; up to date analysis of the issue and what's happening on the ground in the form of information and/or research packs; the issues that youth workers are likely to meet; success stories, innovative projects, good practice; and sources of further information.

### Library

- ◆ Lending service for youth & community work related books, videos and training materials.
- ◆ Photocopy and reference services for reports, statistics and hard-to-find articles on youth work.
- ◆ Newspaper cuttings, Dáil Debates, Government Bills/ Acts and youth related Statistical Updates.
- ◆ Profiles on over 200 organisations in the youth, community, social & voluntary sectors.
- ◆ Retention of over 100 youth work and youth work related periodicals/journals.
- ◆ Database facilities and printouts of all information stocked in the library.
- ◆ On-site study facility.

### Publications and Resources

Low cost resources and training materials for sale (***the IWYC acts as an official sales agent for a number of agencies including the National Youth Council of Ireland, Combat Poverty Agency, Russell House Publishing, Nightshift Publications and the Directory of Social Change***). The Centre also offers an extensive range of research, guidelines, policy documents and programme packs for sale published by Irish Youth Work Press, the publishing arm of the NYF.

A complete **Publications For Sale Brochure** is available (see address below)

Free quarterly magazine (***Irish YouthWork Scene***) to members of the Centre.

For further information on the services of the IRISH YOUTHWORk CENTRE, why not write, call in, telephone, or  
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## **SEMINAR INFORMATION**

### **Teas/Coffees & Lunch**

- There will be a break for tea/coffee at 11.45 a.m. Lunch will take place at 1.30pm directly after the workshops and both will take place in the **Brown Room** where Registration and Teas/Coffees took place in the morning.

### **12.00 p.m. & 2.15 p.m. Concurrent Workshops**

- Participants will be divided into 2 groups for the concurrent workshops by dots on their name badges: **Blue and Red**.
- **The Blue Group will attend the Case Study workshop in the Top Floor Meeting Room**
- **The Red Group will attend in the Green Room (main room for seminar) at**

### **3.45 p.m.: Review and Close**

- Everyone will reconvene in the Green Room for the final wrap up session

## **HOUSE INFORMATION**

### **The Green Room**

- Please do not bring teas, coffees or any food into the Green Room (water only)

### **Toilets**

- There are Ladies and Gents toilet facilities on both the Second and Third Floors. Simply go to the stairwell and signage appears on each floor indicating where the toilets are situated.

### **Smoking**

- Please note that this is a **No Smoking** Building.
- If you wish to smoke you must leave the building.

### **Fire Exits**

- We would like to draw your attention to the **Fire Exit** signs throughout the building.
- We also wish to highlight the fact that the gathering place in the event of a fire or fire alarm going off is the Car Park.
- The Car Park is situated at the back of the building.

- In the event of fire, proceed down the back stairs to the basement and signage will indicate the exit door to the Car Park