

Case study twenty-one: Spain: Open to Dawn

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Aims

The project promotes that youths do sport and numerous creative workshops in nocturnal schedules of weekend.

Project outline

Open to the Dawn is a collaborative initiative between education, business, arts organizations and the community that offers young people different alternatives to alcohol, tobacco and drugs in nocturnal schedules on the weekends. The workshops offered include cooking, soccer, dance, theatre, massages, photography, and so on, where monitors conduct mini courses of 5 or 6 week-ends in the night. The project has a lot of goodwill and energy.

Research methods

Interview, focus groups and photographs.

Results

It is incredible to see as the youths of any origin, status, religious and economic level mixed in a same activity.

Main Impact

The main impacts were the young people's positive attitude towards life and the collaboration and union apparent in the participants. The works produced by the project were very good and evidence of the abundant opportunities that the creative arts offers to life.

Main Challenges

There continue to be lots of challenges including time, space, resources, finances, teacher issues, artist issues organisation and policy issues. Issues of research and evaluation are also important but we have little funds to gather this evidence.