

Induction Programme for youth professionals delivered

A short induction programme for youth professionals was organised and delivered by staff in Meath Partnership in early 2013, to front-line staff and youth workers from the Navan School Completion Programme, the Navan Young People's Development project (NYPD) and Youthreach, based in Navan, County Meath.

These three groups, all of whom work with youth-at-risk, will nominate the most suitable young people to take part in the DLQ training in August and September 2013. At the induction programme, which took place over two short sessions, the youth professionals were introduced to the ACT Curriculum, and were given an overview of the 18 roles that all young people will have the opportunity to try out once the training is underway.

These induction workshops also offered Meath Partnership

staff the unique opportunity to discuss the practical career guidance tools, which will be developed for the DLQ training participants, with the youth professionals, and to get their insight into the use of embedded-learning techniques throughout the ACT Curriculum. Overall, these learning techniques and supports were very well received, and both parties are very eager to begin the recruitment and delivery of the ACT Curriculum.

For more information on the DLQ project please visit
www.digital-latin-quarter.eu

Recruitment of youth-at-risk participants arranged

Directly after the first dissemination workshop for youth professionals, which Meath Partnership hosted in February 2012, staff developed strong working relationships with three organisations who offer second-chance education to early school leavers and youth-at-risk.

These organisations expressed an awareness of the issues facing youth-at-risk today, and understood the aims of the DLQ project. Their enthusiasm was fuelled by the unique approach DLQ is taking to second chance education by embracing embedded learning techniques and the development of key literary, numerical, digital, civic and social competences.

Through these services, Meath Partnership were introduced to a group of 24 individuals who have all had a negative experience with formal education, and all have a keen interest in digital media skills. These young people will undertake an intensive two week training programme during the summer months to complete the ACT Curriculum.

BELOW: Some of the first recruits to take part in Digital Latin Quarter training are pictured with the branded DLQ merchandise that has been designed with the idea of helping the participants to feel as though they are part of a team.

