



Irish Youth Work Centre

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Guidelines for providing a Research Brief to Scene Magazine

Introduction

In Scene Magazines' regular readership surveys Youth Work Practitioners have consistently rated research briefs and digests as one of the key support materials that they would find useful in their work. The challenge is to ensure that these briefs are readily accessible to readers who may lack an understanding of research methodology and who may not be able to readily identify the application of the research findings to their work. To help ensure that your research is accessible and finds application in the work of Irish youth workers the following guidelines are suggested.

Guidelines

Word Count - please ensure that the brief is concise enough to fit on one page – to do this you will need to summarise your research, its methodology and key findings in 400 to 700 words.

Terminology – please describe/define any key methodological terms relating to the research that might be necessary to understand. A very brief glossary can be of assistance

Citations – like publications such as Popular Science, Scene Magazine encourages contributors to avoid academic citation conventions preferring to identify any relevant publications or authorities by name within the text. A short list of sources for further reading can be provided.

Application – the most critical element of the brief is the provision of recommendations for youth work practitioners in terms of actions that they could take in their work based on your findings. Does your research suggest any of the following?

- Beneficial changes that youth workers can make to the non-formal education programmes that they provide to young people that would be consistent with your findings?
- Particular types of interventions that youth workers should be using?
- Messages that youth workers should be communicating to young people, parents, communities or colleagues in their own profession or allied professions?
- Training or skill development that practitioners engaging with young people should have?

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