Youth Work Ireland

Hats Off to Our Volunteers

Hat Making Arts Activity Pack

During Youth Work Ireland Week 2014 we are asking Youth Work Ireland Member Youth Services, clubs and projects take part in, and run a Hats Off to Our Volunteers arts activity with their young people as a way of celebrating volunteers. This pack is designed to help you get started!

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Background

Youth Work Ireland Week, now in its 3rd year, will run from April 5th – April 13th, the theme for this year is Celebrating Our Volunteers, and throughout the week through activities and events, we aim to recognise, highlight and celebrate the role volunteers make to our local youth clubs and projects across the country, and link these celebrations into a PR / Social Media campaign.

In an effort to have one unifying event that can be run in as many youth clubs and projects as possible to bring focus to the week, we are hoping as many clubs and projects as possible take part in the arts activity Hats Off to Our Volunteers. This activity has been devised to be easy, cheap to run, will engage young people and be fun!

To encourage as many clubs and projects to get involved with Hats Off to Our Volunteers, we are offering 2 prizes – an individual prize of an iPad to a young person who takes the best ‘selfie’ and €500 to the club who makes the best hat.

The Activity

1. We are asking all Member Youth Service, clubs and project to run a Hats Off to Our Volunteers arts activity at some point between during Youth Work Ireland Week April 5th - April 13th.
2. The framework of the activity is simple – in your club or project encourage young people to design, decorate and have fun creating a hat for a volunteer.
3. If possible the hat should in some way celebrate or represent one of the volunteers in the club or project.
4. Both the process of hat making and the finished project should be photographed / videoed and uploaded to the Youth Work Ireland Facebook page, tweeted or emailed to ghalpin@youthworkireland.ie (see PR Campaign bit)!
Ideas for Hat Making

**Pilgrim Hat**

Cover a large disposable plastic/paper cup with black paper or coloured crepe paper. Attach the cup to a black cardboard circle (you could use a paper plate) let the young people use their imagination to decorate the hat with arts materials.

**Samurai Paper Hats**

1. Fold in half
2. Fold in the dotted lines to meet the centre
3. Fold in the dotted lines
4. Fold in the dotted lines
5. Fold in the dotted lines
6. Fold in the dotted lines
7. Tuck the corner into the pocket
8. Finished

Samurai Hat
1. Place the centre of the newspaper sheet onto the young person’s head.
2. Use masking tape to tape around the circumference of the head – this makes the main head piece part of the hat, the overhanging newspaper will form the brim.
3. Now get creative, decorate with flower, ribbons, pictures, pipe cleaner and whatever other arts materials are lying around.
Cone Hat

Follow the Steps 1 – 4

Jumper Hat!

Using an old jumper measure the size of head of the volunteer or person you are making the hat for, both the circumference and height you want the hat to be. Make your pattern and cut out 2 or 3 panels from the old jumper and sew them together.
Try to replicate these crazy hats!

Balloon Hats

All you will need for these fun hats are colourful balloons and a balloon pump or lots of hot air!! For more ideas on balloon hats see www.magicabout.com
Print and use these for decoration

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The PR Campaign

To get involved in the social media campaign and be in with a chance to win prizes, you will need to:

1. If your club or project has a Facebook page or Twitter feed, like and follow us so we can see all the activity going on. Youth Work Ireland Facebook Page Youth Work Ireland Twitter Feed
2. Take photos and video footage of the young people participating in the Hats Off activity and upload them to our pages, twitter feed as well as your own.
3. If you are tweeting please include the hashtag #ywiweek
4. Use the finished hat as a prop to take a ‘selfie’ with a volunteer and someone prominent from the community; this could be a sports personality, celebrity, or politician.
5. Send the images to your local newspaper
6. Get the local radio station involved in the campaign.

Rules for Participation

In order to be included in the draw for an iPad for a young person or club cash prize of €500 you must follow these 4 rules.

1. This activity is only open to clubs and projects affiliated to one of Youth Work Ireland’s Member Youth Service.
2. All hats and activities must reference Youth Work Ireland either by logo, logo colours, words, ribbons or images.
3. On the description with the photo the name of this campaign Hats Off to Our Volunteers must also be mentioned, as well as Youth Work Ireland and the name of your local Member Youth Service.
4. Photos and video footage must appear on the Youth Work Ireland Facebook page, twitter account or if it easier for you send them to ghalpin@youthworkireland.ie and we will upload them and link them to your local member youth service.

Links

We have tried to give you some ideas and activities to run with, but if you want more here are a number of links that will be useful.

Spoonful Crafts and Activities - www.spoonful.com
The Crafty Crow - www.thecraftycrow.net
First Palette - www.firstpalett.com
Momstown Arts & Crafts - www.momstown-artsandcrafts.momstown.ca
Tip Junkie - www.tipjunkie.com
Enchanted Learning - www.enchantedlearning.com
The Art of Millinery - www.millinerytechniques.com
Hats You Can Make - www.instructables.com/id/Hats-You-Can-Make/
How to Make Hats Tutorials - www.hatsupply.com
Activity Village – www.activityvillage.co.uk
Paper Hat Projects – www.paperhatprojects.com
How2Hats – www.how2hats.com
Youth Work Ireland Week Official Poster

This is the Youth Work Ireland Week official poster; we would encourage all Member Youth Service clubs and projects to use this to promote the events, both Hats Off and other activities. The poster is available to download from the Youth Work Ireland Week website at www.youthworkireland.ie A number of hard copy posters with relevant Member Youth Service names and logos will be sent to all regional offices, if you would like a personalised poster with your club or project named on it, please email ghalpin@youthworkireland.ie with all your details.

Thank you for participating in our Hats Off to Our Volunteers activity; we hope you had lots of great fun doing this event and we look forward to seeing all the fabulous results. Winners will be notified in May 2014.