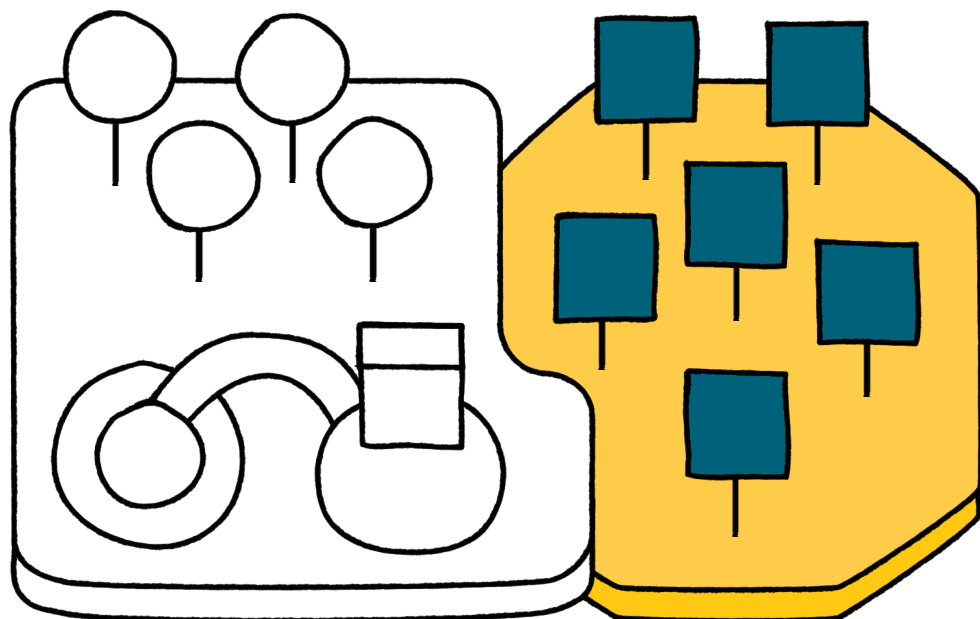


Sitten

Youth observatory
(Observatoire de la jeunesse sédunoise)



Time frame

Since 2004

Stakeholders

Political executive
Formal education
Extra-curricular education
Child protection
Prevention and health promotion
Civil society



Institutional framework



Structure-related quality criteria

Strategic orientation
Designing the provisions/
living spaces
Collaboration
Coordination
Efficacy review
Participation and identification

The starting point

The Observatoire de la jeunesse sédunoise is an interdisciplinary advisory committee made up of around thirty specialists and key partners from the fields of prevention, organised activities, education, safety, promotion and integration.

Aims

It should promote a culture of networking and follow a coordinated policy of supporting young people. It delivers an overarching vision and informs the city council (executive) of its findings and potential forthcoming challenges via the Department for Sport, Youth and Leisure.

The issues handled by the members of the monitoring centre enabled a wide range of field data to be gathered, especially regarding the integration of young people into society, their self-esteem, the recognition of voluntary work, and engagement and participation.

Target group

Key specialists and partners in the field of children and young people working in the following intervention areas: prevention, organised activities, education, safety, promotion and integration.

Costs

Integrated into the ongoing city budget

Project progression

The city of Sitten has been developing and trialling a youth monitoring centre since 2004 in order to provide a coordinated policy of supporting children and young people in Sitten, to anticipate the development of their needs and to implement new provisions and services. The monitoring centre is a platform for encounters and discussions that brings the network specialists together. This covers both the various city departments and also other stakeholders involved, especially those from the canton, schools, associations and clubs. Young people's participation is also ensured through various consultation mechanisms such as forums and specific workshops, such as the UNICEF Child-friendly City label the city was awarded or through inviting youth associations to directly participate in the monitoring centre's plenary or working meetings.

The city of Sitten has implemented a youth policy and carried out some fifteen specific projects thanks to the establishment of the monitoring centre: prevention campaigns, sporting and socio-cultural activities for children and young people, youth forums, awareness-raising activities on littering, a support phone line for parents, etc.

Success factors

- Culture of networking
- Pragmatic approach (Observations correlate with the project implementation)
- Focus on sustainable provisions/projects

Challenges

- Maintaining the network
- Anticipating new problems arising in the field of children and young people
- Keeping a listening ear available for children and young people

Conclusion

The youth monitoring centre established by the city of Sitten makes an undoubted contribution to the efficacy of the communal policy in terms of the coherence and achievement of the youth-political aims. The aim is to operate a coordinated children and young people promotion policy. The platform enables good discussions and good communication between the practical stakeholders, the administration and the political authorities.

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