

# ▶ Not Around Us

In County Wexford

## Guidelines for Youth Consultation

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# Introduction

- ▶ This document is designed to assist you as you consult with the young people who are involved in your organisation, group or club. It will assist you to determine if they would like your organisation to become a supporter of the 'Not Around Us' Wexford campaign.
- ▶ This document is only a guide to provide inspiration and to help you to start the conversation. However, you know your own members and users best and you should consult them in a way that is appropriate to your organisation and your members.
- ▶ In any youth consultation it is recommended that you advise parents/guardians in advance of the activity.

# Age Appropriate Consultation

- ▶ It is recommended that the young people being consulted should be separated into age categories to ensure that there is a fair and age-appropriate discussion and methodology.



- ▶ Age Categories

- ▶ 5- 12 Years (Primary)
- ▶ 13 - 18 Years (Secondary/Youth Services)

- ▶ Depending on your organisation you may wish to further sub-divide consultation within age categories.

# Consultation with 5-12 Years (Primary School)

- ▶ For primary school children, the age range is quite wide. You may have to sub-divide according to age groups. The conversation will have to be led by an adult or group leader.
- ▶ Consider focusing on the key message of “healthy and fun places” for children - parks, beaches, playgrounds etc.
- ▶ What are the positive things about these places? What do they ideally look like?
- ▶ The use of arts and crafts along with circle time can be used in order to facilitate consultation in an age-appropriate manner. Children can draw their ideal spaces.
- ▶ Smoking and vaping is generally not welcome in these spaces. Would the children like their club/group or organisation to be part of this list of “healthy and fun spaces”?
- ▶ The addition of a ‘suggestion box’ could be used for children who may want to communicate their feelings and thoughts using another method.
- ▶ At the end of the consultation, the children will have reached a decision on whether to implement the “Not Around Us” initiative in their club, organisation or group.



## Consultation with 13-18 Years (Secondary/Youth Service)

- ▶ For secondary school ages, the consultation is an opportunity to allow young people to reflect on smoking and vaping in general, address how they feel about it and ultimately decide what type of school, sports club or youth group they want to see in the future.
- ▶ If the young people agree that they want to be part of the initiative, the next step is to make a plan for getting the message out.
- ▶ A great way of getting young people to take ownership of the initiative is to ask them to do a short video, snap, post, tik-tok message etc.

- ▶ In having the conversation, it is suggested to have a three step process -



- ▶ Overleaf are some suggested questions for each stage of the process



13-18  
years



- ▶ What does smoking/vaping do to your health?
- ▶ Why do people smoke/vape?
- ▶ Are there things you do not like about smoking/vaping?
- ▶ Difference between e-cigarettes/vaping/smoking?
- ▶ How do you feel about smoking and vaping around you?
- ▶ Do you feel this affects your health?
- ▶ If you heard your young brother/sister/cousin had started smoking, what would you say to them?



- ▶ Can you tell me a place that people are not allowed to smoke?
- ▶ Why is it banned in these places?
- ▶ Tell me a place that you think is healthy?
- ▶ Do you enjoy being in those places? Why?

## Not Around Our Place

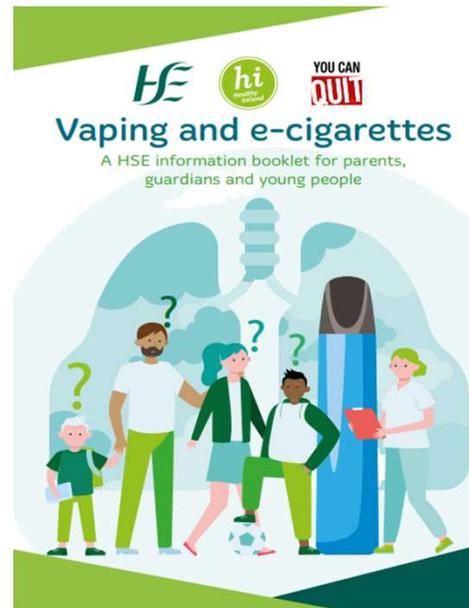
- ▶ Have you ever seen people smoking/vaping in this club/school etc?
- ▶ What did you think when you saw them?
- ▶ If you could stop people smoking/vaping in this area, would you?
- ▶ Where would you like to see smoking / vaping restricted?

- ▶ Introduce signage
- ▶ Where would we put up a sign so everyone would see it?
- ▶ What improvement do you want to see for our place from this campaign?



# Supporting Resources

- ▶ The HSE have developed “Vaping and e-cigarettes : A HSE information booklet for parents, guardians and young people” This is a useful resource for facilitators before they commence the consultation and as a sign-post resource for both parents and for young people.
- ▶ The booklet can be accessed [here](#).



## Additional Resources

- ▶ This document is only a guide to help you start the conversation. However, you may wish to consider other means, depending on your organisation/group.
- ▶ For further help and guidance please use the following link for the TUSLA Child & Youth Participation Toolkit
- ▶ [https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Tusla\\_-\\_Toolkit\\_\(web\\_version\).pdf](https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Tusla_-_Toolkit_(web_version).pdf)

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