

Presentation Title: The process of producing a youth friendly resource using data from HBSC Ireland 2006

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The Health Behaviour in School aged Children (HBSC) study is an international survey, with the most recent survey conducted in Ireland in 2006, funded by the Department of Health and Children. During the HBSC survey, children voluntarily give their time and information about themselves. However, beyond the data collection phase children are not involved in the study, whereas other stakeholders are provided with various dissemination options and can request specific data analysis and topic focused reports.

The aim of this study is to explore young people's ideas in relation to how the HBSC Ireland data can be disseminated as a youth friendly resource. Through workshops a participatory approach is being utilised. The objectives of this study are twofold: 1) to establish effective methods and levels of engagement in the research process, and 2) to gain an insight into the importance of the HBSC topics to children. Three pilot studies have been carried out in both primary and post primary schools in Galway city. Recruitment of both primary and post primary schools is currently taking place. It is anticipated that eight schools, including both DEIS/ non DEIS schools of mixed gender will participate in the study, located in both rural and urban areas of Ireland.