The leisure reading has increased among people under the age of 20

54% of the young people aged 15 to 29 in the Basque Autonomous Region declare they read books for pleasure and 21% write as an amateur artistic activity

On occasion of the World Book Day (April 23th), the Basque Youth Observatory is presenting some data about book-reading among Basque youths aged 15 to 29.

According to the results of the survey carried out in 2016 by the Basque Youth Observatory, involving a sample of 1,500 young people, 54% of youths claim to have read a book for leisure (regardless of what they had to read for work or studies) within the previous month to the survey.

The percentage of reading unrelated to work or studies is higher among young people than among the general population in the Basque Autonomous Region (42%, according to data published by the Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports in its Survey on Cultural Habits and Practices 2014-2015).

The percentage of young women who read for pleasure (60%) is higher than the figure related to young men (49%), even if this percentage has decreased among young women since 2012.

The young people aged 15 to 19 present the most positive evolution: in 2007 they had the lowest percentage and in 2016 they have the highest one.

Moreover, 21% of young people under the age of 30 say they write as an amateur artistic activity.

In the last eight years the percentage of young people who write has increased a lot and now, in 2016, one out of every five young people practices writing.
There are differences by age and we can see that youths aged 15 to 29 have the highest percentages of writing (26%).

New technologies provide a wide range of possibilities to writing and young people know and use those technologies and tools more than general population. That’s why the percentage of writing is higher among young people (21%) than among general population over 15 in the Basque Autonomous Region (7.6%, according to data published by the Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports in its Survey on Cultural Habits and Practices 2014-2015).