

HOW DO WE KNOW IT'S WORKING?

Supporting Youth Organisations
to plan for and demonstrate the
outcomes of their work

Friday 25th
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Dundalk Institute
of Technology
Dundalk, Co. Louth



“How do we know it’s Working” is a North/South Conference focusing on supporting youth organizations and youth workers to enable them to better plan for and demonstrate the benefit, outcomes and impact of their work. The Conference is a joint venture between the National Youth Council of Ireland and Youthnet, funded through the EU Peace III Programme, and will consist of a combination of key inputs and participative workshops. The Conference aims to explore recent development in the area of Impact Measurement and showcase practice from member and other organizations to share experience across the sector.

The National Youth Council of Ireland (NYCI) is the representative body for national voluntary youth organisations in Ireland. Our mission is to ensure the development and recognition of a strong, vibrant and diverse

voluntary youth sector that involves, empowers and meets the needs of all young people. We aim to: -Inform and influence public policy that impacts on young people and youth organisations; Improve the quality of work with young people by developing, supporting and promoting best practice and quality standards within organisations; Raise the profile and value of youth work and youth organisations and of NYCI as the representative body.

Youthnet is the Voluntary Youth Network for Northern Ireland an independent agency, which represents the interests and aspirations of more than 70 voluntary youth organizations. Youthnet works with and for the voluntary youth sector in Northern Ireland by representing the views of the sector to Government and policy makers and by providing a range of information and support to member organisations.

KEY SPEAKERS

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John Bamber is a Principal Fellow with the Centre for Effective Services. John is on secondment to CES from the University of Edinburgh where he was a Senior Lecturer in Community Education. He was a member of the Benchmarking Group for Youth and Community Work Training in the UK. John has written and published widely on access to higher education, professional training, community education and youth work.

The Centre for Effective Services’ (CES) main objective is to connect the design and delivery of services with scientific and technical knowledge of ‘what works’, in order to improve outcomes for children, young people and the families and communities in which they live.

Bethia McNeil is a Programme Leader with The Young Foundation in the UK and leads on all work related to young people and the youth sector. Bethia has worked as a teacher and a trainer, in Further and Higher Education as well as in the voluntary and community sectors. She has worked for The National Youth Agency and NIACE. She also worked on The Youth of Today initiative and is currently leading the foundations work on Catalyst, a consortium of organisations working with the Department of Education as the strategic partner for young people.

The Young Foundation brings together insight, innovation and entrepreneurship to meet social needs. With a track record of 50 years success across the UK and internationally, they work through carrying out research, influencing policy and supporting organization, often with imaginative use of new technology.

CONFERENCE RUNNING ORDER

9.30 Registration with Tea/Coffee on arrival

10.00 Opening Session Conference Introduction & Welcome

10.30 **Setting the Scene** – **Dr John Bamber** (Centre for Effective Services)
“Demonstrating outcomes in youth work – challenges and possibilities”

Input 2 – Key-note speaker – **Bethia McNeil** (The Young Foundation)
“Making the difference: why measurement matters in work with young people”.

11.15 **Question Time** - delegates will have the opportunity to pose questions to the first speakers

11.30 Tea/Coffee Break

12.00 **Workshop Session 1**
Delegates will have the opportunity to select from an exciting choice of interesting and informative workshops aimed at both management and practitioners. Delegates will attend 1 workshop in each session which they will preselect using the on-line booking system
(Please note – Workshops will be allocated on a first-come/first-served basis with an attendance limit for each workshop so early booking is recommended)

1.00 **LUNCH**

2.00 **A Youth Sector Perspective**
Inputs by organizations sharing their success and the challenges they faced

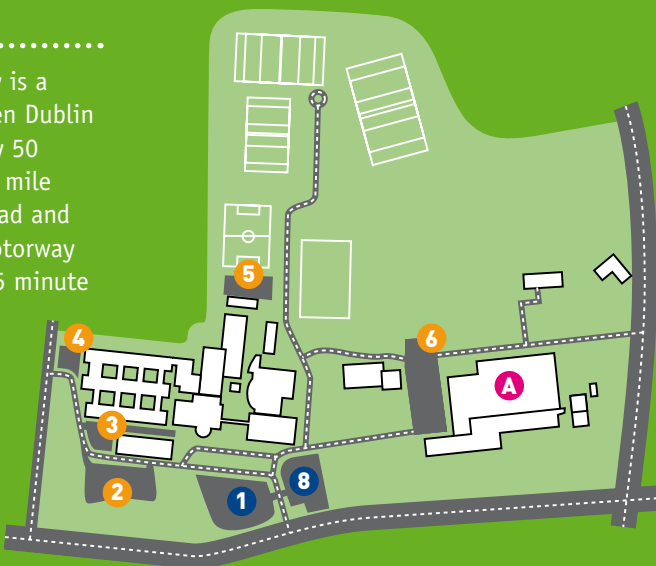
3.00 **Workshop Session 2** - As first session.

4.00 **Final Reflections** – **NYCI/Youthnet**
Representatives of the host organizations will share experience from current initiatives and provide an insight into future developments

4.30 **Closing Remarks**

VENUE DETAILS

Dundalk Institute of Technology is a 90 acre campus situated between Dublin and Belfast (each approximately 50 miles away). The campus is 1/2 mile from the main Dublin Belfast road and 3 minutes drive from the M1 motorway to Dublin. Dublin Airport is a 35 minute drive by car. Dundalk is served by the Dublin Belfast Train corridor and Dundalk's Clarke Station is approximately a 20 minute walk (or 6 euro taxi ride) from the campus.



PARKING

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- 1 8** Carparks Reserved for Faculty
- 2 3 4 5 6** Carparks for Delegates
- A** Conference Centre

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REGISTRATION

Registration for Conference 2011 will be by NYCI's on-line booking system.

**Registration will open
on Monday 17th October 2011
Registration Fee: €45 / £40**

For further information and to reserve your place and workshop selection, please go to www.youth.ie and click on the Conference Brochure. This will take you directly to the on-line site where you can complete the booking process.

CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION IS FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2011

For further information or enquiries please contact: Lisa Hyland/Elaine Lowry at: annualconference2011@nyci.ie or Direct Dial 01 425 5950