What is Youth Work?

Youth work is complementary to the formal, academic or vocational education of a young person. It is a planned programme designed to help and support the personal and social development of the young person. Youth work is based on voluntary involvement and provided mainly by youth work organisations at local community level. It can take place in youth clubs, youth groups, youth projects and youth services with professional youth workers and volunteers. Youth work was given formal statutory recognition in the Youth Work Act 2001.

What is Intercultural Youth Work?

Intercultural youth work recognises that ethnic and cultural diversity enriches our communities. This approach involves the development of policies and practices that promote communication, understanding and integration among and between different cultures and ethnic groups. It is a commitment to social cohesion and living harmoniously in a multi-ethnic society. It believes that it is the responsibility and commitment of all to work towards achieving a society based on equality and inclusion. Intercultural youth work is not an add-on, it is embedded in our thinking, planning, implementation and evaluations with an emphasis on achieving equality of outcome for all. It recognises the need to build programmes that support cultural identity and belonging, builds trust with families and develops skills and competencies.

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العمل الشبابي هو المكمل للتعليم الأكاديمي أو الرسمي أو المهني للشباب.

هو برنامج مخطط ومصمم لمساعدة ودعم تطوير الشباب ذاتيا واجتماعيا.

العمل الشبابي يعتمد أساسا على العمل التطوعي و مصادره الرئيسي منظمات الشباب على مستوى المجتمع المحلي.

ويمكن إقامته بنوادي الشباب، الحلقات الشبابيه، مشروعات الشباب أو الأماكن الخدمية بالتعاون مع عاملين مختصين في العمل مع الشباب و متخصصين.

ما هو العمل الشبابي الثقافي؟

هو ما أدرك أن الاختلاف الثقافي والعرقي بالمجتمعات يزيد ثراءها.

وهذا الاتجاه يتضمن تطوير السياسات والمعاملات التي من شأنها أن تدعم التواصل و التفاهم والتكامل بين المجتمعات المتقاتلة ثقافيا وعرقا.

وإنه لضمانه لضمان التلاميح المجتمعية والعيش المتجانس بين الثقافات المختلفة في المجتمع الواحد.

كما يؤمن أن العمل به مسؤولية و التزام من الجميع للوصول إلى مجتمع مبني على المساواة والتسامح.

وقد أدرك الحاجة لأنشاء برامج تدعم الشخصي الثقافي و التسامح و بناء الثقافة و العناصر و تطوير المهارات و التفاعلية.

إن العمل الثقافي ليس بإضافة وإنما هو راصد في تفكيرنا و تخطيطنا وتميزنا لضمان الوصول النتائج عادلة و متساوية للجميع.
Qu’est-ce que le travail pour jeune?
Le travail pour jeune est complémentaire à l’éducation formelle, académique ou d'apprentissage d’une jeune personne. C’est un programme planifié conçu pour aider et soutenir le développement individual and social de la jeune personne. Le travail pour jeune est basé sur l’engagement volontaire et est fourni principalement par des organisations bénévoles de travail de jeune au niveau d’une communauté locale. Il peut se passer dans des clubs de jeunesse, des groupes de jeunesse, des projets ou des services de jeunesse, avec des travailleurs professionnels de jeunesse and des bénévoles. Le travail pour jeune avait reçu une reconnaissance statutaire dans la Loi de 2001 sur le Travail avec les Jeunes.

Qu’est-ce que l’Interculturalisme?
L’Interculturalisme reconnaît que la diversité ethnique et culturelle peuvent enrichir notre société. Cette approche implique le développement des politiques qui promeuvent la communication, la compréhension et l’intégration parmi et entre les cultures et les groupes ethniques. C’est un engagement à la cohésion sociale et à la manière de vivre le mieux harmonieusement possible dans une société multi-ethnique. C’est la responsabilité et l’engagement de tous dans le secteur de travail avec les jeunes, de travailler pour atteindre une société basée sur l’égalité et l’inclusion des tous. L’Interculturalisme devrait être vu comme d’autres problèmes d’inclusion et d’égalité – tels que le genre et le handicap – encrés dans nos pensées, nos plannifications, nos mises en exécution et nos évaluations avec un accent particulier sur l’atteinte de l’égalité dans résultats.

Youth Groups in Co. Cork

Youth Work Ireland Cork

Description: To provide a community based response to young people’s needs by offering them the opportunity to contribute to and participate in social education, artistic and recreational activities.

- **Location of Youth Club:** Youth Work Ireland Cork Youth & Community Resource Building, 11 Gurranabraher Road, Gurranabraher, Cork.
- **When do we meet:** Weekly
- **Age group:** 13-23
- **When and how can you join?** There are a range of different groups throughout the year. Contact us for more details.
- **Contact details:** Eleanor O’Sullivan Email: eleanor.osullivan@ywicork.com
- **Ph:** 0874126017
- **Travel:** Young people would need to travel to the youth group. 10 minute drive from Glenvera, 55 minute drive from Millstreet, 21 minute drive from Kinsale Road, 21 minute drive from Ashbourne House, 57 minute drive from Clonakility Lodge.
- **Other:** Travel costs from Glounthaune are covered by YWI.
- **Web:** [www.ywicork.com](http://www.ywicork.com)
- **Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/YWICork](http://www.facebook.com/YWICork)
Cloyne Diocesan Youth Services Ltd

**Description:** CDYS provide a range of youth groups, support services and facilities across most of the major towns in North, East and parts of West Cork. CDYS is a vibrant organisation working in communities that provide facilities, supports and specialist services to young people and families.

- **Location:** Various locations across North, East and parts of West Cork (Midleton, Cobh, Fermoy, Carrigtohill, Mitchelstown, Charleville, Mallow and Macroom)
- **When do we meet:** Depends on location and project but typically youth services and groups are open from 3-9 daily.
- **Age Group:** CDYS services cater for 10-25 years of age (depending on the specific service)
- **Get Started:** Contact Cally Jeffers, Operations Manager, cally@cdys.ie
- **Travel:** Young people will have to travel to our services.
- **Web:** www.cdys.ie

Activate Youth Theatre

**Description:** Activate Youth Theatre is a vibrant energetic breeding ground for young actors and for the development of interesting new work, both scripted and devised. Through weekly drama workshops the youth theatre delivers a unique creative experience that promotes artistic and social development, and serves the young people at its heart.

- **Location of Youth Group:** Graffiti Theatre Company, Assumption Road, Blackpool, Cork.
- **When do we meet:** **Juniors** Age range: 10 – 13 Workshops: Thursdays 5 – 6.30pm **Seniors** Age range: 13 – 18 Workshops: Wednesday 7 – 9pm
- **Age groups:** 10-13, 13-18
- **When and how can you join the Activate Youth Theatre?** Members typically join in September. However, a young person can get in contact directly throughout the year to see if there is availability.
- **Contact details:** Niall Cleary Email: niall@graffiti.ie Phone: 021 4397111
- **Travel:** Young people would need to travel to Activate Youth Theatre. 5 minute drive from Glenvera, 58 minute drive from Millstreet, 17 minute drive from Kinsale Road, 20 minute drive from Ashbourne House, 1 hour drive from Clonakility Lodge.
- **Other:** Subsidies are available.
- **Web:** www.graffiti.ie/outreach/youth-theatres
Jigsaw Cork

**Description:** Jigsaw is not a youth group. It is therapeutic support, of up to 8 sessions, for 12-25 year olds experiencing mild to moderate mental health difficulties. We do referrals or signpost young people on if another service is more appropriate. A parent/guardian always attends the first appointment for under 18s. A parent/guardian can thereafter arrange for the young person’s attendance (i.e. whether accompanied or not).

- **Location of Youth Service:** Unit 8 Southbank, Crosses Greene, Wandesford Quay, Cork.
- **Age group:** 12-25
- **When and how can you access Jigsaw?** Through phone or email to discuss a consultation
- **Contact details:** Ph: 021 245 2500 Email: cork@jigsaw.ie
- **Travel:** Young people would need to travel to Jigsaw. 12 minute drive from Glenvera, 56 minute drive from Millstreet, 13 minute drive from Kinsale Road, 21 minute drive from Ashbourne House, 58 minute drive from Clonakility Lodge.
- **Web:** [www.jigsaw.ie/jigsaw_cork/](http://www.jigsaw.ie/jigsaw_cork/)

Young People at NYCI’s launch of their research **Make Minority a Priority**: a research report on the insights from minority ethnic young people growing up in Ireland with recommendations for the youth work sector

[www.youth.ie/minority](http://www.youth.ie/minority)  Photo credit: Steve Humphries
**Ground Floor - YMCA**

**Description:** Ground Floor Youth Service is a drop-in facility for young people aged 14+. It is open 3 evenings a week and on Saturday. Ground Floor is peer led, it revolves around music and other shared interests attracting mostly minority ethnic young people.

- **Location of Youth Group:** 11/12 Marlboro Street Cork
- **When do we meet:** Wednesdays and Thursdays 2-6 Friday Sat 2-9
- **Age group:** 14-23
- **When and how can you join?** Anytime – just drop in.
- **Contact details:** David Backhouse Ph: 021 427 0187 david@ymcacork.net
- **Travel:** Young people would need to travel to YMCA. 14 minute drive from Glenvera, 1 hour drive from Millstreet, 14 minute drive from Kinsale Road, 23 minute drive from Ashbourne House, 59 minute drive from Clonakility Lodge.
- **Web:** [www.ymcacork.net/groundfloor/](http://www.ymcacork.net/groundfloor/)

**UP Cork**

**Description:** UP Cork provides a community based response to the needs of LGBT young people by offering them opportunities for active participation and inclusion in addressing issues that affect them and for personal and social development. Here at UP Cork, we believe that LGBT young people are entitled to the same rights and privileges as other young people, and when supported in their communities they will thrive as healthy, happy and equal citizens.

- **Location of Youth Group:** Youth Work Ireland Cork Youth & Community Resource Building, 11 Gurranabraher Road.
- **When do we meet:** Weekly
- **Age group:** 15-23
- **When and how can you join?** There is a range of different groups throughout the year contact for more details.
- **Contact details:** Nadia Moussed Email: nadia.moussed@ywicork.com Ph: 086 0443745
- **Travel:** Young people would need to travel to the group. 10 minute drive from Glenvera, 55 minute from Millstreet, 21 minute drive from Kinsale Road, 21 minute drive from Ashbourne House, 57 minute drive from Clonakility Lodge.
- **Other:** Subsidies are available.
- **Web:** [www.ywicork.com](http://www.ywicork.com)
Foróige

Description: Our purpose is to enable young people to involve themselves consciously and actively in their development and in the development of society. Foróige works with all young people through our general services. Foróige services encourage young people to take responsibility for themselves and to be part of shaping the world around them while developing their talents, skills and abilities. We also work with vulnerable young people who require additional support through a full range of targeted services.

- **Location of Youth Groups:** Foróige has youth clubs and youth services in a number of locations in Cork including Passage West

- **When do we meet:** Weekly

- **Age group:** 10-18

- **When and how can you join?** There is a range of different groups throughout the year: contact for details of a group near you.

- **Contact details:** Declan O Leary, Cork Area Manager Ph:086 2200735 Email: Declan.oleary@foroige.ie

- **Travel:** Young people would need to travel to the youth groups

- **Web:** [www.foroige.ie/](http://www.foroige.ie/)

Scouting Ireland

Description: Scouting Ireland is part of the worldwide movement of Scouting. We work through a non-formal educational approach with boys and girls. We focus on the development of young people as whole individuals, by building knowledge, skills, responsibility but above all character. In Ireland, as across the globe, Scouting works on team building, leadership, outdoor learning, a code of living and service to others. Scouting Ireland is working toward an inclusive environment, that it is not just open to all, but welcoming to all.

- **Location:** There are a number of scouting groups in County Cork. For locations see [www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1-QR_SIHojh1gurnqZ8HQ-Lba7eo&ll=53.459381901524814%2C-7.96990826897445&z=8](http://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1-QR_SIHojh1gurnqZ8HQ-Lba7eo&ll=53.459381901524814%2C-7.96990826897445&z=8)

- **When do we meet:** Usually once a week from September to July as well as overnight trips

- **Age Groups:** Beavers aged 6-8; Cub Scouts aged 9-11; Scouts aged 12-15; Venture Scouts aged 15-17; and Rovers aged 18-25

Get started: Contact Karol Quinn Email: kquinn@scouts.ie Ph: 086 0449904

- **When and how can you join Scouting Ireland:** Enquire anytime. Places can be limited if we don’t have enough Leaders. You may have to wait until September to join your local group. [www.scouts.ie/about/About-Scouting/](http://www.scouts.ie/about/About-Scouting/)

- **Travel:** Young people would need to travel to the group.
**Irish Girl Guides**

**Description:** Irish Girl Guides (IGG) is a youth-driven, dynamic organisation offering a varied and exciting programme for girls and young women aged 5-30, and opportunities for women of all ages. As a girl-only movement, girls are free to develop and express themselves in a safe, comfortable, supported setting. Our members learn new skills, grow in self-confidence, develop teamwork and leadership skills, experience new activities, and build lifelong friendships. We have a strong emphasis on the outdoors, environment, community responsibility and global sisterhood. IGG actively promotes diversity and inclusion and welcomes girls and young women from all walks of life.

- **Location:** There are a number of groups throughout County Cork see [www.irishgirlguides.ie/unit-locator/](http://www.irishgirlguides.ie/unit-locator/) for more information.
- **When do we meet:** Weekly, usually from September to May / June
- **Age groups:** Ladybirds aged 5-7; Brownies aged 7-10; Guides aged 10-14; Senior Branch aged 14-30
- **Get started:** Contact Ruth Hughes [support@irishgirlguides.ie](mailto:support@irishgirlguides.ie)
  Ph: 01 6683898
- **When and how can you join IGG?:** Enquire any time. Places can be limited if we don’t have enough Leaders. You may have to wait until September to join your local group. [www.irishgirlguides.ie/how-to-get-involved](http://www.irishgirlguides.ie/how-to-get-involved)
- **Travel:** Young people would need to travel to the group.