

ANNUAL REVIEW 2019



WE BUILD SOLIDARITY IN THE YOUTH WORK SECTOR.

The National Youth Council of Ireland is a membership-led umbrella organisation that **represents and supports the interests of voluntary youth organisations.** We use our collective experience to act on issues that impact on young people.

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YOUTH WORK SECTOR

almost **1,400** STAFF WORK

with over **40,000** VOLUNTEERS IN ORGANISING AND SUPPORTING YOUTH WORK

for over **380,000** YOUNG PEOPLE

4 NEW members

In 2019 we welcomed Blossom Ireland, Central Remedial Clinic (CRC), Love and Care for People and Migrant Rights Centre Ireland (MRCI) into membership.



Youth Work

- Lobbied successfully to increase funding for Youth Work in Budget:

€2m additional investment provided in Budget 2020

- Continued as Vice Chair of the National Children and Young People's Advisory Council (NCYPAC); Participating in the Business, Child Poverty, Homelessness, Education, and the Monitoring of Constituent Strategies Working Groups. Member of the Youth Justice Strategy Steering Group.
- Chaired the 1st Annual Implementation Forum to review progress on implementation of Ireland's first LGBTI+ Youth Strategy
- Member of the Lead Team on the Targeted Youth Funding Schemes.
- Continued North/South Collaborations on the North/South Education Training Standards Committee (NSETS): NYCI continued to provide the NSETS Secretariat.

- Key member of a North/South Consortium with Co-operation Ireland, Ulster University and Pobal delivering YouthPact established to support the EU Peace IV Children & Young People's Programme. This cross-border partnership is supported by SEUPB, the Department for the Economy NI and DCYA to support the work and workers in the Peace4Youth programme, who are running peace-building programmes for young people aged 14-24 across Northern Ireland the border regions.
- NYCI continued to work collaboratively with Education and Training Boards Ireland.
- Secured funding to enhance and expand our **STEAM in Youth Work Programme.**
- Secured Dormant Accounts funding to support the implementation of Skills Summary in partnership with our members, the youth sector and Accenture. **Skills Summary** is a self-assessment tool to support young people to recognise and record the essential life skills that they acquire through their participation in Youth Work and Volunteering.

- Facilitated regular meetings of NYCI's

Specialist Organisations Network

and Heads of Organisations Meeting.

- Worked in Partnership with Youth Affairs Unit in DCYA to **strengthen the engagement between DCYA and the Youth Sector.**
- Commenced Compliance with the new Charities Regulator Governance Code.
- Publication of new research on

Youth Work in Rural Ireland.



Advocacy, Research and Policy

MET WITH 3 SENIOR MINISTERS



NYCI'S WORK REFERENCED

26
TIMES

in Oireachtas proceedings

DEVELOPED GENERAL ELECTION MANIFESTO ACROSS

8 POLICY AREAS

including youth work and other issues affecting young people.

SUBMISSIONS PUBLISHED on areas including National Strategy on Volunteering; establishment of an Electoral Commission; BAI Children's Commercial Communications Code Consultation.

NYCI report on provision of YOUTH WORK IN RURAL IRELAND



launched in Mayo by Minister for Rural and Community Development, Michael Ring TD.

SECURED CHANGES IN SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY full rate of Jobseekers' Allowance to young people

AGED 25



Advocacy in focus: National Youth Showcase 2019



THE NATIONAL YOUTH SHOWCASE 'YOUTH WORK CHANGES LIVES'

YOUTH WORK CHANGES LIVES

CELEBRATING VALUE, DIVERSITY AND VITALITY OF YOUTH WORK IN IRELAND took place in the Mansion House, Dublin

YOUNG PEOPLE REPRESENTING EVERY DÁIL CONSTITUENCY IN IRELAND

TOLD THEIR LOCAL POLITICIANS WHY THEY MUST INVEST MORE IN YOUTH WORK.



OVER **300** YOUNG PEOPLE met with **85 TDs and senators**

49 ARTICLES AND MEDIA MENTIONS

WITH A REACH OF **2,899,199** AND VALUE OF **€98,771**

As well as featuring in the Irish Times, Irish Examiner, Irish Independent and RTE Drivetime, there was a great regional spread with coverage of local groups in almost every county.



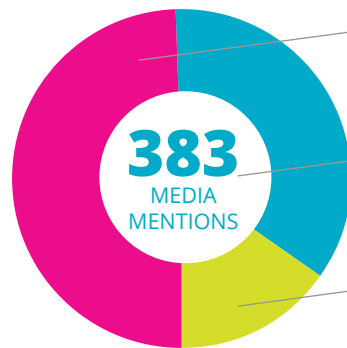
Communications

ONLINE AND SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE STRENGTHENED AND INCREASED MEDIA PROFILE FOR YOUTH ISSUES AND NYCI:

NEW NYCI WEBSITE LAUNCHED:

STREAMLINING 5,000+ PAGES OF CONTENT

SPREAD ACROSS 11 INDIVIDUAL SITES OVER NINE YEARS OLD, INTO ONE USER-FRIENDLY HUB PROVIDING SUPPORT, RESOURCES AND INFORMATION FOR THE YOUTH WORK SECTOR ON **YOUTH.IE**.



PRINT: 188 contributions, quotes and comments to both local and national press.

BROADCAST: 137 contributions to local and national radio and television.

ONLINE: 58 mention in online media sources

with reach of **23,031,055**
and value of over **€532,327+**

TWITTER:

11,000+ followers **1,880** tweets resulting in **31,508** engagements

FACEBOOK:

3,900+ page likes. **398** posts resulting in **9632** engagements.

EMAIL MARKETING:

3,600+ E-bulletin subscribers

STRATEGIC REVIEW of NYCI digital marketing activities commenced



Youth Arts

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE IN DEPT. OF APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES, MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY

DEVELOPED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL ARTS SERVICE



NATIONAL MAPPING OF YOUTH ARTS IN YOUTH WORK SETTINGS research initiated with **University College Cork**.



NEW YOUTH ARTS TRAINING PORTFOLIO LAUNCHED:

OVER **480** PARTICIPANTS

ACROSS **25**

TRAINING AND NETWORKING EVENTS NATIONWIDE

21

ARTIST AND YOUTH WORK RESIDENCY GRANTS awarded nationally supporting quality arts youth experiences for young people

5 EVENTS

in 3 **Youth Arts Regional Hub** locations nationwide

80

SUPPORT REQUESTS RESPONDED TO

PARTNERSHIP WITH STEAM IN YOUTH WORK PROGRAMME DELIVERED A RANGE OF DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH WORK ORGANISATIONS TO EMBED STEAM IN YOUTH ARTS PRACTICE



Child Protection

NYCI CHILD PROTECTION AWARENESS PROGRAMME

DELIVERED BY ITS MEMBERS' TRAINERS TO OVER



10,000
PARTICIPANTS

NYCI GARDA VETTING CONSORTIUM

5,916

vetting applications processed on behalf of the youth work sector

TRAINING DELIVERED DIRECTLY BY NYCI



CHILD SAFEGUARDING SEMINAR FOR THE YOUTH WORK SECTOR



Development Education

IRISH AID HAS A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH YOUTH 2030 LED BY NYCI, TO DELIVER DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION IN THE YOUTH SECTOR.

THE **YOUTH 2030 CONSORTIUM** IS A COLLABORATION BETWEEN NYCI, TRÓCAIRE, CONCERN AND THE CENTRE FOR YOUTH RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY).

CELEBRATING 5TH

SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF UN YOUTH DELEGATE PROGRAMME.



NEW **LEVEL 8** **CERTIFICATE** in Global Youth Work and Development Education designed

YOUTH 2030 YOUNG PEOPLES COMMITTEE:

15 members from across Ireland



7 **NEW CHANGE THE WORLD PODCASTS** ON THE SDGS CREATED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SPUNOUT.

ONE WORLD WEEK:



2,351

young people from across Ireland engaged through **45 TRAININGS** in **19 COUNTIES**;

224 **YOUTH WORKERS** participated in training;

MINI-GRANTS (26 events in 12 counties), and the **CLIMATE REVOLUTION YOUTH SUMMIT** (RDS Dublin) which 412 people attended and featured on RTE Morning Ireland.

CLIMATE CHANGE TOOLKIT: 484 DOWNLOADS



Equality and Intercultural



TRANSFORMING HATE IN YOUTH WORK

MANUAL LAUNCHED, AND TRAINING ROLLED OUT; **BEYOND HATE** COMPANION ACTIVITY RESOURCE PRODUCED.

200



YOUTH WORKERS

TRAINED AND PRESENTATION MADE TO 25 ACADEMICS ON **MAKE MINORITY A PRIORITY** RESEARCH.

Consultation in collaboration with **IRISH HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITY COMMISSION** with

80+

YOUNG PEOPLE

on their **EXPERIENCES OF RACISM** supported by NYC's **MAKING LINKS** network of minority ethnic youth leaders.

GEARING UP FOR TRANSFORMATIVE PRACTICE RESOURCE DEVELOPED, DESIGNED AND PRINTED AS PART OF THE **YOUTHPACT PROJECT**.

4

COUNTY-WIDE MEETINGS

HELD AS PART OF **LINKING ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES TO YOUTH WORK** PROJECT.

CHAMELEON PROJECT

ON BUILDING AND MAINTAINING RESILIENCE IN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY WORK HELD WITH

13 YOUTH LEADERS



Youth Health Promotion

HEALTH QUALITY MARK (HQM) AWARDED TO

7

HEALTH PROMOTING ORGANISATIONS



(3 GOLD/1 SILVER/3 BRONZE)

HQM, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NUIG

underwent an evaluation resulting in a new manual with 3 new criteria added.

3

33

TRAINING EVENTS delivered to

464 PARTICIPANTS

by **National Youth Health Programme**



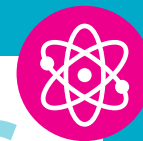
NEW ONLINE MINDFULNESS TRAINING CREATED

in partnership with

THE SANCTUARY
(Mindfulness and Compassion Self-Care programme)



STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths) in Youth Work



152



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
delivered to youth workers and
Youthreach staff through:

- One-day introductory and follow-up STEAM in Youth Work trainings
- A three-day STEAM School residential (delivered in collaboration with NYCI's Youth Arts programme)
- A continues professional development programme on Games in Youth Work (delivered in collaboration with NYCI's Development Education programme by Limerick Institute of Technology).

6 GRANTS



**OF €2000
TO €5000**

AWARDED TO FRONTLINE
YOUTH WORK
ORGANISATIONS TO
CARRY OUT STEAM IN
YOUTH WORK PROJECTS.

International and Digital Youth Work

Developed **EUROPEAN DIGITAL YOUTH WORK (DYW)**

guidelines for youth sector and policy makers, training materials and best practice videos through the international strategic partnership www.digitalyouthwork.eu building capacity and supporting the development of DYW strategies, reaching 61,000 throughout Europe.

CITIZENSHIP IN A DIGITAL ERA

TRAINING FOR **24** YOUTH
FOR **WORKERS**

FROM ACROSS EUROPE.



17 NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCILS AND INTERNATIONAL NGOs

FROM THROUGHOUT EUROPE MET IN IRELAND FOR A YOUTH LED SEMINAR, HOSTED BY THE NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL OF IRELAND, ON **SHRINKING CIVIL SPACE FOR YOUTH.**

YOUNG PEOPLE FACILITATED TO ATTEND **NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL POLICY AND ADVOCACY EVENTS** HOSTED BY THE EU COMMISSION, COE, CHAIR OF THE OIREACHTAS ON EUROPEAN UNION AFFAIRS, THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH AFFAIRS, AND BRITISH IRISH PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY AND THE EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM

NEW EU YOUTH STRATEGY DEVELOPED -

including:

11 YOUTH GOALS

DEVELOPED BY YOUNG PEOPLE

including: **700+** from Ireland (in 2018)

A FURTHER 388 young people participated in the process in Ireland in 2019 through 10+ events and trainings.



Skills Summary



A NEW ONLINE TOOL THAT CAPTURES
**THE SKILLS YOUNG PEOPLE GAIN BY
PARTICIPATING IN YOUTH WORK AND
VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES,**
WAS LAUNCHED IN MARCH 2019

It is recognised as a measurement tool in the Youth Employability Initiative.



714 USER NUMBERS
IN YEAR ONE

35 NUMBERS OF
YOUTH WORKERS
TRAINED

Finances



INCOME
€2,305,780

EXPENDITURE
€2,288,575

Complete accounts
available on
www.youth.ie



SOURCES OF
FUNDING:
Income from: **43**

GRANTS VIA

18 FUNDING
BODIES

as well as resource sales,
membership and training fees.

21 STAFF EMPLOYED

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