

## 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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# Youth Work Activities for Children and Young People in Co. Clare

This leaflet was developed by the National Youth Council of Ireland to support young people in Asylum Seeker Accommodation Centres and young people in Refugee Resettlement Projects to link with Youth Activities in their area

## Accommodation Centres:

**Knockalisheen, Meelick, Co Clare** [very close to Co Limerick]

Manager: Laoise Carmody Tel: 061-459294

**King Thomond Hotel, The Bog Road, Lisdoonvarna, Co Clare**

Manager: Geraldine Whyte Tel: 065 7074444



See online map on [www.youth.ie/online-interactive-map](http://www.youth.ie/online-interactive-map)

## ما هو العمل الشبابي؟

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 مصدره الرئيسي منظمات الشباب على مستوى المجتمع المحلي. ويمكن إقامته بنوادي الشباب، الحلقات الشبابية، مشروعات الشباب أو الأماكن الخدمية بالتعاون مع عاملين مختصين في العمل مع الشباب و متطوعين.



Young People at NYC'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  
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## ما هو العمل الشبابي الثقافي؟

هو ما أدرك أن الاختلاف الثقافي و العرقي بالمجتمعات يزيدها ثراء. وهذا الاتجاه يتضمن تطوير السياسات والمعاملات التي من شأنها أن تدعم التواصل و التفاهم و التكامل بين المجموعات المختلفة ثقافيا و عرقيا. وأنه لضروره لضمان التلاحم المجتمعي و العيش المتجانس بين الثقافات المختلفة في المجتمع الواحد. كما يؤمن أن العمل به مسؤولية و التزام من الجميع للوصول إلى مجتمع مبني على المساواة و التضامن. و قد أدرك الحاجة لإنشاء برامج تدعم الشخصيه الثقافيه و الانتماء و بناء الثقة مع العائلات و تطوير المهارات و التنافسيه. إن العمل الشبابي الثقافي ليس بإضافه و إنما هو راسخ في تفكيرنا و تخطيطنا وتقييمنا لضمان الوصول لنتائج عادله و متساويه 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 individuel 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 planifications, nos mises en exécution et nos évaluations avec un accent particulier sur l'atteinte de l'égalité dans résultats.

## Youth Groups in Clare

### Clare Youth Service

Clare Youth Service exists to serve county Clare's young people aged 12 -25, by providing information on rights and entitlements; by representing youth interests; by providing education and training; by organising or supporting youth clubs, projects and other activities run in local communities; by listening and befriending; by responding to ideas for activities generated by young people. Clare Youth Service is a young person centred organisation believing that all young people are of equal value and citizens in their own right. Our core values of Trust, Listening, Respect, Voluntary Participation, and Representation are reflected in our work.

**Location:** Clare Youth Service, Carmody Street, Ennis

**Age group:** 12-25

**When and how you can join:** There are a range of options on clubs, groups and projects operating throughout the year. Contact Brian for more information on the options closest to you.

**Contact details:** Brian McManus, Youth Service Manager, phone 065 6845350 or email [bmcmanus@clareyouthservice.org](mailto:bmcmanus@clareyouthservice.org)

**Travel:** Young people would need to travel to the youth centre. It is a 40 minute drive from Lisdoonvarna, 34 minute drive from Knockalisheen.

**Web:** [www.clareyouthservice.org](http://www.clareyouthservice.org) or [www.facebook.com/ClareYouthService](https://www.facebook.com/ClareYouthService)





## Scouting Ireland

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. Scouting works on team building, leadership, outdoor learning, a code of living and service to others. We are 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 Clare. Also note that there are scout groups in County Limerick that may be closer to you. For locations, see [www.scouts.ie/Get-involved/Group-Locator](http://www.scouts.ie/Get-involved/Group-Locator)

**When do we meet:** Once a week: Sept.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

**Contact details:** Contact Karol Quinn, email [kquinn@scouts.ie](mailto:kquinn@scouts.ie) or phone 086 0449904

**When and how you can join:** 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

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 Clare. 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

**Contact details:** Mary at [info@irishgirlguides.ie](mailto:info@irishgirlguides.ie) or phone 01 668 3898

**When and how you can join:** 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.

## Other specialist youth organisations:

These youth organisations may offer something to those with specialist interests.

**Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade:** National uniformed organisations underpinned by the Christian faith

**Coder Dojo:** National volunteer-led organisation offering free programming workshops for young people between 7 and 17

**Irish Red Cross Youth:** Youth section of Irish Red Cross

**Irish Youth Orchestras:** Umbrella body for community-based music groups

**Localise:** National Youth Volunteers organisation that enables young people to be change makers in their community through service to others

**No Name Club:** National youth clubs that promote a lifestyle in which the use of alcohol or drugs is seen to be unnecessary

**Order of Malta:** Junior section of the ambulance corps

**SpunOut:** Interactive online community providing information on health, signposting to support services, and offering a youth media space

**USI:** Union of Students in Ireland

**USSI:** Union of Secondary Schools in Ireland, supporting young people having a voice and decision making

**Voluntary Services International (VSI):** Focus on youth volunteering in Ireland and overseas

**Young Irish Filmmakers:** A national development and educational youth film making organisation with their base in Co Kilkenny



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For details on all of the above and to see more options see [www.youth.ie/get-involved/members/](http://www.youth.ie/get-involved/members/)

## Wavelength at Gaisce: The President's Award

Gaisce – The President's Award is a self-development programme that encourages young people aged 15-25 to find your passion, get active and make a difference in your community. Gaisce is a direct challenge from the President of Ireland to young people aged 15-25 to dream big and realise their potential. There are three levels of Gaisce – Bronze, Silver and Gold. The more time and energy you give, the greater the reward. By taking part in Gaisce, you will take on exciting personal, physical and community challenges and develop new skills and new friendships. A President's Award Leader (PAL) will support you throughout your Award Journey.

The Wavelength Project at Gaisce aims to ensure young people aged 14-25 who are seeking asylum, or who are refugees in Ireland have the opportunity to participate in Gaisce – The President's Award, whereby any fees will be waived.

**Location:** Various locations, contact the Wavelength team for more information

**When do we meet:** Participants engage with a project for 1 hour a week as a minimum.

**Age group:** 14 – 25

**When and how you can join:** Anytime during the year

**Contact details:** Email Sanaz at [wavelength@gaisce.ie](mailto:wavelength@gaisce.ie) or call 01 617 1999.

**Other:** over 25's can take a leadership role on the programme. They are called PALs (President's Award Leader). PALs can also sign up young people to the Wavelength project.

## Youth Groups in Limerick and Galway that May Be Accessible from Clare

### GOSHH – Limerick City LGBTI+ youth group

GOSHH provides a safe, confidential, welcoming environment for everyone. We promote equality and wellbeing of all with a positive and respectful approach to sexual orientation and gender diversity.

**Location:** Redwood Place, 188 Davis Street, Limerick city

**Age group:** 12-25

**When and how can you access:** Enquire anytime

**Contact details:** Rachel Newland Ph: 0874447368 Email: [youth@goshh.ie](mailto:youth@goshh.ie)

**Travel:** Young people would need to travel to the group, it is a 1 hour and 8 minute drive from Lisdoonvarna. 15 minute drive from Knockalisheen.

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





## Youth Work Ireland Galway

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:** Regional Office, 41/43 Prospect Hill, Galway

**When do we meet:** Weekly

**Age group:** 13-19

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

**Contact details:** Irene Murphy Email: irene.murphy@youthworkgalway.ie Ph:(091) 561 637 OR Deirdre Bermingham Email: Deirdre.bermingham@youthworkgalway.ie Ph:091561637

**Travel:** Young people would need to the youth centre, 1 hour 15 minute drive from Lisdoonvarna. 1 hour 17 minute from Knockalisheen.

**Other:** Subsidies are available to young people.

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

## Limerick (City) Youth Theatre

We promote youth drama opportunities that focus on the artistic, personal and social development of young people.

**Location:** The Basement, 73 O'Connell St., Limerick.

**When do we meet:** Weekly from October – June.

**Age group:** 16-23

**When and how you can join:** Applications take place in September each year. There is an audition workshop on the first Saturday in October.

**Contact details:** Deirdre Wilson/Angie Smalis. Email: [lytster@gmail.com](mailto:lytster@gmail.com) Phone: 061 311100

**Travel:** Young people would need to travel to the youth theatre. 14 minute drive from Knockalisheen.

**Other:** Scholarships are available to young people.

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



## Jigsaw Limerick Service

Jigsaw is not a youth group. It is therapeutic support for 12-25 year olds experiencing mild to moderate mental health difficulties, of up to 8 sessions. 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:** Jigsaw does not have a service in Co Clare. However, those attending schools or colleges in Limerick can access the Limerick Service at Arthur's Quay House, Limerick.

**Age group:** 12-25

**When and how you can join:** Through phone or email to discuss a consultation

**Contact details:** Ph: 061 974 510 Email: [limerick@jigsaw.ie](mailto:limerick@jigsaw.ie)

**Travel:** Young people would need to travel to Jigsaw.

**Web:** [www.jigsaw.ie/jigsaw\\_limerick](http://www.jigsaw.ie/jigsaw_limerick)

## Limerick Youth Service

Limerick Youth Service provides youth work programmes, education & training opportunities for young people aged 10-24 years. Our mission statement is "connecting with young people and supporting them to reach their full potential".

**Location:** Limerick Youth Service, 5 Lower Glentworth Street, Limerick (see a map of our other sites on [www.limerickyouthservice.com](http://www.limerickyouthservice.com))

**When do we meet:** Daily & Weekly depending on the project

**Age group:** 10-24

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

**Contact details:** Dermot Troy, Youth Information Officer, [dermott@limerickyouthservice.org](mailto:dermott@limerickyouthservice.org), Ph: (061) 412 444

**Travel:** Young people would need to travel to the youth centre. 12 minute drive from Knockalisheen. 2 minute walk from Hanratty's Accommodation Centre

**Other:** Subsidies are available to young people.

**Web:** [www.limerickyouthservice.com](http://www.limerickyouthservice.com)

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