

## 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 Dublin

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 and Reception Centres:

**Clondalkin Towers, Dublin**

Manager: Mark Catoire Tel: 01 4575040

**Balseskin Reception Centre, Finglas, D11**

Tel: 01 8646291



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.

## 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. وإنه 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 الشخصية الثقافية و الانتماء و بناء الثقة مع العائلات و تطوير المهارات و التنافسية. إن العمل الشبابي الثقافي ليس بإضافة و إنما هو راسخ في تفكيرنا و تخطيطنا و تقييمنا لضمان الوصول لنتائج عادله و متساويه للجميع.



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## 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 Dublin

### Crosscare, Clondalkin Youth Service

Crosscare's work is guided by three core values: Love, Respect, and Excellence. The youth service offers the young people in Clondalkin a range of services from informal drop in's and youth cafes, to youth information and more structured programmes like outdoor learning, multi-media projects and personal development programmes.

**Location:** Clondalkin Youth Service, Monastery Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22.

**When do we meet:** Weekly. We run a number of youth groups weekly with young people in Clondalkin Towers.

**Age Groups:** 11-19

**Contact details:** Mary Lawlor, [mlawlor@crosscare.ie](mailto:mlawlor@crosscare.ie) or 086 130 4618; or Julie Ann Hynes, [jhynes@crosscare.ie](mailto:jhynes@crosscare.ie) or 086 130 4612

**When and how you can join:** Enquire anytime. There is a range of groups throughout the year.

**Travel:** Groups takes place in the Clondalkin Youth Centre which is a 6 minute walk from Clondalkin Towers.

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





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)

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## 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

**Swan Youth Service:** Dublin city centre youth service with an international youth group

**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 Christian Workers Movement:** Christian organisation that challenges social exclusion to bring about change

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

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/)

## Talk About Youth Project

We aim to provide a safe, non-threatening environment where young people can meet and socialise, build on their self-esteem, develop their social skills and begin to take responsibility for shaping their own lives. We believe in young people and their ability and that every young person has something to offer.

**Location:** St Andrews Resource Centre, Pearse Street, Dublin 2.

**When do we meet:** We have a variety of different groups and programmes running on a weekly basis, including an intercultural group that meets on Wednesdays (3.30-5.30 every 2 weeks for young people aged 15+)

**Age Group:** 10-24

**Contact details:** Lisa Downes, Youth Worker, email [lisa.downes@standrews.ie](mailto:lisa.downes@standrews.ie) or phone 086 256 3383; or Contact Aoife Dare, Youth Worker, Irish Refugee Council, email [Aoife.Dare@irishrefugeecouncil.ie](mailto:Aoife.Dare@irishrefugeecouncil.ie) or phone 085 802 2239

**When and how you can join:** Enquire anytime. There is a range of groups throughout the year.

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

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

[www.irishrefugeecouncil.ie/children-and-young-people](http://www.irishrefugeecouncil.ie/children-and-young-people)

## Dublin Youth Theatre

DYT delivers quality artistic experiences through a full and varied drama workshop programme and the production of excellent, exciting and challenging theatre made by young people. DYT is committed to maintaining a high artistic standard in its productions and to engaging with contemporary theatre and youth theatre on a local, national and international level. DYT places itself at the centre of cultural life in Dublin and is a permanent home for an ongoing ensemble of young theatre artists DYT is a safe, welcoming place where members can meet other young people from all parts of Dublin in a fun, artistic and social environment.

**Location:** We work in various locations and will come to Accommodation Centres in Dublin

**When do we meet:** Weekly, usually Saturday mornings.

**Age group:** 14-22 (younger groups are also possible in Outreach projects)

**When and how you can join:** Registration for new members to the Youth Theatre group takes place once a year in September. (Outreach projects can happen at any time)

**Contact details:** Sarah Bragg-Bolger, phone 01 874 3687 or email [info@dublinyouththeatre.com](mailto:info@dublinyouththeatre.com)

**Travel:** Young people joining the Youth Theatre would need to travel to a city centre venue.

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

**Other:** Subsidies are available

## Complex Youth Theatre

The Complex is a multi-disciplinary arts movement, located in the heart of Dublin's northwest inner city. Since beginning, it has been committed to utilizing vacant spaces and transforming them into centres of professional arts practice, breathing creativity into the community. The Complex is interested in work that is of meaningful social value and therefore endeavours to create an inclusive space allowing for greater accessibility and public engagement with the arts, for the local and wider community.

**Location:** The Complex, 15 Little Green Street, Dublin 7

**When do we meet:** Weekly, usually Sundays

**Age group:** 14-19

**When and how you can join:** Open workshops take place for new members. Registration takes place once a year in October.

**Contact details:** Anthony Goulding, email [complexyouth@thecomplex.ie](mailto:complexyouth@thecomplex.ie) or phone: 086 606 5710

**Travel:** Young people would need to travel to the youth theatre.

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

**Web:** [www.thecomplex.ie/complex-youth](http://www.thecomplex.ie/complex-youth)

## Jigsaw: Dublin City Service

Jigsaw is not a youth group. Therapeutic support 15-25 year olds experiencing mild to moderate mental health difficulties, up to 8 sessions. Referral or signpost on if another service indicated or more appropriate. Initial appointment is always attended by parent/guardian for under 18s. Parent/guardian can thereafter make arrangements for young person's attendance (i.e. whether accompanied or not).

**Location:** 41-45, Mountjoy Square South, Dublin 1 and Jigsaw Clondalkin, Moorefield Avenue, Neilstown, Dublin 22

**Age group:** 15-25

**When and how can you access this service:** Through phone or email to discuss a consultation

**Contact details:** City centre Ph: 016583070 Email: [dublincity@jigsaw.ie](mailto:dublincity@jigsaw.ie), Clondalkin Ph: 015380087 Email: [clondalkin@jigsaw.ie](mailto:clondalkin@jigsaw.ie)

**Travel:** Young people would need to travel to Jigsaw. It is a 23 minute walk from Clondalkin Towers to Jigsaw Clondalkin.

**Web:** [www.jigsaw.ie/jigsaw\\_dublin](http://www.jigsaw.ie/jigsaw_dublin)

[www.jigsaw.ie/jigsaw\\_clondalkin](http://www.jigsaw.ie/jigsaw_clondalkin)



## BeLonG To

BeLonG To Youth Services is the national organisation supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI+) young people in Ireland. We work with LGBTI+ young people, between 14 and 23 years, to create a world where they are equal, safe, and valued in the diversity of their identities and experiences. We also advocate and campaign on behalf of young LGBTI+ people, and offer a specialised LGBTI+ youth service with a focus on mental and sexual health.

**Location:** Parliament House, 13 Parliament Street, Dublin 2.

**When do we meet:** Fortnightly – we have several groups

**Age Group:** 14-23

**Contact details:** Gillian Brian, phone 087 328 3668 or email [gillian@belongto.org](mailto:gillian@belongto.org)

**When and how you can join:** Contact Gillian for more details.

**Travel:** Young people would need to travel to group, it is a 1 hour bus ride from Clondalkin.

**Web:** [www.belongto.org](http://www.belongto.org)

## Foróige

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:** Foróige has youth clubs and youth services in a number of locations in Dublin. See locations at [www.foroige.ie](http://www.foroige.ie)

**When do we meet:** Weekly

**Age group:** 10-18

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

**Contact details:** Valerie Scully, Senior Youth Officer, Tallaght Youth Services, Ph: 01 4140510 / 086 8506463 Email: [valerie.scully@foroige.ie](mailto:valerie.scully@foroige.ie)

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

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

## 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. 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 Dublin including Clondalkin. For locations see <https://www.scouts.ie/Get-involved/Group-Locator/>

**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

**Contact details:** Karol Quinn, email: [kquinn@scouts.ie](mailto:kquinn@scouts.ie) or phone: 086 044 9904

**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.



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## Irish Wheelchair Association

The IWA runs youth clubs in Dublin for teenagers with a physical disability from 13-19 years of age. The youth clubs are a fun, safe, interactive space for teenagers to hang out, make new friends and plan activities and projects of their choosing.

**Location:** Located in Clontarf, Clondalkin and Bray.

**When do we meet:** Weekly

**Age Group:** 13-19

**Contact details:** IWA youth worker David Barry, phone: 087 0506946 or email: david.barry@iwa.ie

**When and how you can join:** Contact for more details.

**Travel:** Young people would need to travel to the youth club.

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



Irish Girl Guides, Ennis, Co Clare - Photo courtesy of IGG

## 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 Dublin. 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.

## Catholic Guides of Ireland

The Catholic Guides of Ireland (CGI) is a Nationwide association open to girls and women from all backgrounds. CGI provides accessible Guiding opportunities within a safe environment to enable all girls and young women to develop to their full potential. We encourage members to explore Creativity, Health, Out of doors, International, Communication, Environment and more. Our members are empowered and inspired to actively engage in various local and global issues, and to recognise the contribution they make to society. Members have opportunities to gain skills in the areas of leadership & teambuilding, and they develop self-esteem and pride in themselves and their capabilities.

**Location:** CGI have Units in areas across Dublin, including Finglas and Clondalkin. See all locations at <https://www.girlguidesireland.ie/find-a-local-unit>

**When do we meet:** Weekly from September to June with occasional activities during the summer months

**Age Group:** Cygnets: 5-6, Brigini: 6/7-10/11, Guides: 10/11-17, Guiders: 18+

**Get started:** Contact [admin@girlguidesireland.ie](mailto:admin@girlguidesireland.ie) or (01) 661 9566

**When and how can you join:** Contact the National Office at any time for more information on your local group and the availability of places.

**Travel:** Young people would need to travel to the Unit meetings.

**Web:** [www.girlguidesireland.ie](http://www.girlguidesireland.ie) and social media



## Towers Hip-Hop Dance Group

A workshop for young people to engage with music and dance in a fun, safe space with other young people. Hip-Hop group has previously performed at South Dublin Food Festival and at Civic Theatre during social inclusion week.

**Location:** Clondalkin Towers

**When do we meet:** Saturday afternoons

**Age Group:** 6-16

**Contact details:** Contact Naima Chaudhry, phone 089 244 9189 or email [clondalkintowers.residents@gmail.com](mailto:clondalkintowers.residents@gmail.com)

**When and how you can join:** Enquire anytime for more information

**Travel:** Located in Clondalkin Towers.



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## 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.



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