

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 County Wexford

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

Emergency Accommodation Centres for asylum seekers in Co. Wexford are in Courtown and New Ross



See online map on 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. 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 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.



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 [www.youth.ie/minority] **Photo credit:** Steve Humphries

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 Wexford

Youth Work Ireland: Ferns Diocesan Youth Project

We 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: We have youth clubs and services throughout Co Wexford including Wexford Town, Enniscorthy and Gorey. For locations see <https://fdys.ie/youth-services/#1482232821847-c4df3f69-242d>

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. Please contact for more details.

Contact details: Pilar Loring, Senior Youth Worker, email: pilar.loring@fdys.ie or phone: 053 923 4574 or 087 781 7059

Travel: Young people would need to travel to the youth centres

Web: <https://fdys.ie/youth-services/>

Wexford LGBT+ Group

Wexford LGBT+ Youth support young LGBT+ young people to meet other young people, make friends, talk about things important to them and have fun.

Location: FDYS, Francis Street. Wexford Town

When do we meet: Weekly – contact for details.

Age group: 16-25

Contact details: Emma Whitty, phone: 086-4645573 or email: emma.whitty@fdys.ie

When and how you can join the group: Enquire anytime.

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

Web: <https://fdys.ie/>

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

For details on all of the above and to see more options see www.youth.ie/get-involved/members/



Photo Courtesy of Youth Work Ireland: Equality '17 Event

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 Co Wexford. For locations, see 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 on 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/

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

Gorey Youth Needs

Gorey Youth Needs is a Gorey based LGBT Youth Group. We take part in many different activities, including; Digital Photography; Foods of the World Cookery; and an Alcohol Awareness Programme

Location: Mary Ward Lane, St Michael's Rd, Mill Lands, Gorey

When do we meet: Weekly, Wednesday 6.00-8.00 pm

Age groups: 16-19

Contact details: Karen McCann, phone: 086 151 2861, 053 948 1704 or email: karen.mccann@gyng.ie

When and how you can join the group: Enquire anytime.

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

Web: www.gyng.ie/

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: there is a range of different Foróige groups in locations throughout Co Wexford including Davidstown, Enniscorthy Wexford town, Askamore, and Gorey. Please contact for more details.

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 for more details.

Contact details: Foróige South East Area Manager, Bernie Meally, email: bernie.meally@foroige.ie or phone: 086 384 7003

Travel: Young people would need to travel to the group

Web: www.foroige.ie/

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 Co Wexford. See 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: Contact Mary at 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

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 Wexford, including Enniscorthy, Wexford Town and Gorey. See all locations at 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+

Contact details: admin@girlguidesireland.ie or 01 661 9566

When and how you can 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 and social media

Wavelength at Gaisce: The President's Award



Photo courtesy of Scouting Ireland

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 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.