

## 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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# Activities for Children and Young People in Co Cork

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 in Co Cork:

**Ashbourne House, Glounthane, Co. Cork**

Manager: Martina Collins Tel: 021-4353837

**Clonakilty Lodge, Clonakilty, Co. Cork**

Manager: Michael Plichta Tel: 023-8834466

**Millstreet Accomodation Centre, Millstreet, Co. Cork,**

Manager: Karol Smiech Tel: 029-71008

**Davis Lane Apartments, 73-75 Davis Street, Mallow, Co. Cork**

Manager: Karol Smiech Tel: 029-71008

**Glenvera, Wellington Road, Cork (SF & SM)**

Manager: Joe Deady Tel: 021-4504104

**Kinsale Road, Cork City**

Tel: 021-4318932



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



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



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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 إلي مجتمع مبني علي المساواة و التضامن. و قد أدرك الحاجة لانشاء 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 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 Co. Cork

### Youth Work Ireland Cork

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:** Youth Work Ireland Cork Youth & Community Resource Building, 11 Gurrabraher Road, Gurrabraher, 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](mailto:eleanor.osullivan@ywicork.com) or phone 087 412 6017

**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.

**Web:** [www.ywicork.com](http://www.ywicork.com) and [www.facebook.com/YWICork](http://www.facebook.com/YWICork)

**Other:** Subsidies should be available to cover travel costs from Glounthaune, but contact for details.

## Cloyne Diocesan Youth Services Ltd

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 (Middleton, 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 [reception@cdys.ie](mailto:reception@cdys.ie)

**Travel:** Young people will have to travel to our services.

**Web:** [www.cdys.ie](http://www.cdys.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/](http://www.youth.ie/get-involved/members/)

## Activate Youth Theatre

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.



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] **Photo credit:** Steve Humphries

**Location:** Graffiti Theatre Company, Assumption Road, Blackpool, Cork.

**When do we meet:** Juniors, aged 10 – 13 have workshops Thursdays 5 – 6.30pm. Pre-seniors, aged 13-15, have workshops Wednesdays 5 – 6.30pm. Seniors, aged 15+ have workshops Wednesdays 7 – 9pm.

**Age groups:** 10-13, 13-15, 15+

**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:** email Julie at [julie@graffiti.ie](mailto:julie@graffiti.ie) or call 021 439 7111

**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 Clonakilty Lodge.

**Web:** [www.graffiti.ie/outreach/youth-theatres](http://www.graffiti.ie/outreach/youth-theatres)

**Other:** Subsidies are available.



## Jigsaw Cork

Jigsaw is not a youth group. It is therapeutic support, of up to 8 sessions, for 15-25 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 or guardian always attends the first appointment for under 18s. A parent or guardian can thereafter arrange for the young person's attendance (i.e. whether accompanied or not).

**Location:** Unit 8 Southbank, Crosses Greene, Wandesford Quay, Cork.

**Age group:** 15-25

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

**Contact details:** Phone: 021 245 2500 or email: [cork@jigsaw.ie](mailto: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 Clonakilty Lodge.

**Web:** [www.jigsaw.ie/jigsaw\\_cork](http://www.jigsaw.ie/jigsaw_cork)



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## Ground Floor - YMCA

Ground Floor Youth Service is a drop-in facility for young people aged 14+. It is open 2 evenings a week and on Saturday. Ground Floor is peer led, it revolves around music and other shared interests and is inclusive of all ethnic groups and all religions or none.

**Location:** 11/12 Marlboro Street Cork

**When do we meet:** Wednesdays 2-7 pm and Fridays and Saturdays 2-9 pm

**Age group:** 14-23

**When and how you can join:** Anytime – just drop in.

**Contact details:** Aine O'Callaghan on 021 427 0187 or aine@ymca-ireland.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:** YMCA Ireland | Cork Region (ymca-ireland.net)

**Facebook:** @GroundFloorProd

**Instagram:** @GroundFloorYMCA

## UP Cork

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:** Youth Work Ireland Cork Youth & Community Resource Building, 11 Gurranaברה 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 or phone 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

## 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 Cork including Passage West. There is also a youth service in Togher.

**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 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

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.scouts.ie/Get-involved/Group-Locator](http://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

**When and how can you 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)

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

**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 County Cork see [www.irishgirlguides.ie/unit-locator/](http://www.irishgirlguides.ie/unit-locator/) for more information. There is a group in Cork city, which is a 10 minute drive from Glenvera, and a 15 minute drive from Kinsale Road. There is a group in Carrigtohill, which is a 10 minute drive from Glouthane, and a group in Mallow which is a 15 minute walk from Davis Lane.

**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 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.



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

## Bádóireacht at Meitheal Mara

Bádóireacht means boating in the Irish language. This programme is about getting young people out on the water, teaching them how to row and giving them the opportunity to explore Cork City and the River Lee by water. Rowing in our traditional Irish currachs takes place all year round. Many of our youth participants compete in the **Ocean to City** race each year.

**Location:** Most rowing sessions take place at Lapps Quay in Cork City centre

**When do we meet:** 1-hour rowing sessions are held weekly throughout the year.

**Age group:** 12 years and older

**Contact details:** Contact Clare at [badoireacht@meithealmara.ie](mailto:badoireacht@meithealmara.ie) or call 089 4900935

**When and how you can join:** Contact Clare in Meitheal Mara to enquire about joining one of the regular sessions

**Travel:** Young people would need to travel to the activity.

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

**Other:** Subsidies may be available to assist with travel costs, contact us for details. For more information on the Ocean to City race see [oceanacity.com](http://oceanacity.com)



Photo courtesy of Meitheal Mara



## 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 Cork including Cork City, The Glen and Passage west. See other locations at [www.girlguidesireland.ie/find-a-local-unit](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.girlguidesireland.ie) and social media

## 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.



## Love and Care for People

Love and Care for People (LCP) works with children, young people and women from different cultures and nationalities, including those in direct provision, to bring hope, information, education, and emotional and social support.

LCP's YouthsRule Club provides an open, friendly, safe and inclusive space for young people aged 13+ to meet, make friends, strengthen their capacity as decision-makers, develop life skills and key competencies for personal, social, emotional, physiological and professional development, develop good quality relationships with themselves and others and most importantly have fun while doing it. YouthsRule also raises awareness about environmental protection, financial education, cultural and natural heritage, healthy lifestyle and wellbeing, sport, entrepreneurship, long-term sustainable youth development, and youth active participation.

**Location:** Ardfoyle Convent, Ardfoyle Avenue, Ballintemple, Cork City.

**When do we meet:** Saturday mornings from 11-1pm

**Age group:** 13 years and above

**When and how you can join:** anytime, get in touch for more information

**Contact details:** Call Iniobong on 087 387 3256 or 087 710 6715 or email [info@loveandcareforpeople.eu](mailto:info@loveandcareforpeople.eu)

**Travel:** young people would need to travel to the group

**Web:** [www.loveandcareforpeople.eu](http://www.loveandcareforpeople.eu)

[www.facebook.com/loveandcareforpeopleworldwide/](https://www.facebook.com/loveandcareforpeopleworldwide/)

**Other:** We also have the 'Inspire Kidz Club' for children 8-12 which provides fun filled activities including dance, drama, arts and crafts, debates, fashion and design.



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