

# 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.

# Intercultural Youth Work

Intercultural youth work is based on the understanding that ethnic and cultural diversity enriches our communities and that in intercultural youth settings everyone has a sense of belonging, is respected, and can contribute. It recognises the need to build programmes that support this, that builds trust with families and develops skills and competencies. It considers it to be the responsibility of all to work towards achieving a society based on equity and inclusion where all young people can reach their potential. This involves the development of practice and policies that facilitate dialogue to build understanding and collaboration among and between different cultures and ethnic groups. It recognises that racism is a barrier to inclusion and that steps must be taken to address it.

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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 Centres in Co. Dublin

Artane	Ranalahy
Ballsbridge	Rathfarnham
Ballymun	Rathmines
Balseskin	Red Cow
Blancharstown	Saggart
Clondalkin	Sandyford
Drumcondra	Santry
Dundrum	Skerries
Dundrum	Swords
Inchicore	Tallaght
Lucan	Dublin city centre
Newcastle	
Newlands Cross	

## 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 الشبابيه، مشروعات الشباب أو الأماكن الخدميه 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 التو اصل و التفاهم و التكامل بين المجموعات المختلفة ثقافيا و عرقيا. وإنه لضروره لضمان التلاحم المجتمعي و العيش المتجانس بين الثقافات المختلفه في المجتمع الواحد.

كما يؤمن أن العمل به مسؤولية و التزام من الجميع للوصول إلي مجتمع مبني علي المساواه و التضامن. و قد أدرك الحاجه لانشاء برامج تدعم الشخسيه الثقافيه و الانتماء و بناء الثقه مع العائلات و تطوير المهارات و التنافسيه. إن العمل الشبابي الثقافي ليس بإضافه 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 'Youth Work'?

Le 'Youth Work' 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.

## L'Interculturalisme?

Le travail interculturel des jeunes est basé sur la compréhension que la diversité ethnique et culturelle enrichit nos communautés et que dans les contextes interculturels des jeunes, tout le monde a (devrait avoir) un sentiment d'appartenance, est respecté et peut contribuer. Il reconnaît la nécessité de mettre en place des programmes qui soutiennent cela, qui renforcent la confiance avec les familles et développent les aptitudes et les compétences. Il considère qu'il est de la responsabilité de tous d'œuvrer à la réalisation d'une société fondée sur l'équité et l'inclusion où tous les jeunes peuvent réaliser leur potentiel. Cela implique l'élaboration de pratiques et de stratégies qui facilitent le dialogue afin de renforcer la compréhension et la collaboration entre les différentes cultures et groupes ethniques. Il reconnaît que le racisme est un obstacle à l'inclusion et que des mesures doivent être prises pour y remédier.

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## 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:** Derek Blake, [dblake@crosscare.ie](mailto:dblake@crosscare.ie) or 086 127 1437

**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

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

There are other Crosscare youth groups throughout Dublin – see [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie)



Young People at NYC1's launch of their research **Make Minority a Priority**: a research report on the insights from minority ethnic young people growing up in Ireland and recommendations for the youth work sector [[www.youth.ie/articles/make-minority-a-priority-report/](http://www.youth.ie/articles/make-minority-a-priority-report/)]

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## Що таке робота з молоддю?

Робота з молоддю є доповненням до формальної, академічної чи професійної освіти молоді людини. Це спланована програма, покликана допомогти та підтримати особистий та соціальний розвиток молоді людини. Робота з молоддю базується на добровільному залученні та здійснюється переважно молодіжними організаціями на рівні місцевих громад. Це може відбуватися в молодіжних клубах, молодіжних групах, молодіжних проектах і молодіжних службах з професійними молодіжними працівниками та волонтерами. Робота з молоддю була офіційно визнана в Законі про роботу з молоддю 2001 року.

## Міжкультурна робота з молоддю

Міжкультурна молодіжна робота базується на розумінні того, що етнічне та культурне розмаїття збагачує наші спільноти і що в міжкультурному молодіжному середовищі кожен має почуття приналежності, поважається та може зробити свій внесок. Вона вбачає необхідність створювати програми, які підтримують це, які зміцнюють довіру в родині і розвивають навички та компетенції. Вона передбачає відповідальність усіх працювати над досягненням суспільства, заснованого на справедливості та інклюзивності, де всі молоді люди зможуть реалізувати свій потенціал. Це передбачає розвиток практики та політик, які сприяють діалогу для побудови розуміння та співпраці між різними культурами та етнічними групами. Вона вбачає, що расизм є перешкодою для інклюзивності та що необхідно вжити заходів для його усунення.

## 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

**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/)

## 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**: Áine Ferris on [aferris@scouts.ie](mailto:aferris@scouts.ie) or phone 087 3425899

**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 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 Miranda Roberts, phone: 085 8014276 or email: [Miranda.Roberts@iwa.ie](mailto:Miranda.Roberts@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)

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## Gaisce: The President's Award

Gaisce – The President's Award is a self-development programme that encourages young people aged 14–25 to find their passion, get active and make a difference in their community. Gaisce is a direct challenge from the President of Ireland to young people 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, community, and team challenges and develop new skills and new friendships. A President's Award Leader (PAL) will support you throughout your Award Journey.

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.

**Location:** Various locations, contact the Gaisce 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 Karol Quinn at [karol@gaisce.ie](mailto:karol@gaisce.ie) or call 087 3393301

**Website:** [www.gaisce.ie](http://www.gaisce.ie)

## 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)

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## BeLong To

BeLong To Youth Services is the national organisation supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) young people in Ireland. We work with LGBTQ+ 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 LGBTQ+ people and offer a specialised LGBTQ+ youth service with a focus on mental and sexual health.

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

**When do we meet:** weekly – we run four peer support groups

**Age Group:** 14-23

**Contact details:** Brenda Kelly, phone 01 2640730 or 086 1086548 or email [brenda@belongto.org](mailto:brenda@belongto.org)

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

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

**Web:** <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)

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## 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



# 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. The initial appointment is always attended by parent/guardian for those under 18s. Parent/guardian can thereafter make arrangements for the 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.

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

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



National Youth Council of Ireland BOBF2 consultation

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# 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.



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**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

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## An Siol

We provide a clinic for young asylum seekers in Dublin. Our service includes cv making, job sorting, interview preparation, Immigration and legal assistance referral, Voucher support, social activities provision and general youth work.

**Location:** 19 Manor Street, Stoneybatter, Dublin 7.

**When do we meet:** 11.30–1.00pm (clinic is by appointment only)

**Age group:** 16–25

**When and how can you join?** You can call or send an email

**Contact details:** Bukky (Olubukola Idowu) P: 0879523989 E: [oidowu@ansiol.ie](mailto:oidowu@ansiol.ie)

**Travel:** bus 37, 39, and 70 stop in front of An Siol

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

## 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;

**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)

## 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.



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