

## QUESTIONS TO ASK ON THE DOOR

### Quickfire Questions

Ask any candidates or canvass teams questions below if they call to your home, or you meet them out and about, over the election campaign:

- 1. How will you support the youth work sector if elected?**
  - a. If they are already a sitting TD – what have you done for the youth work sector and young people to date?
- 2. Do you support the National Youth Council of Ireland's call for Ministry for Youth in the next government?**
  - a. How would you ensure Youth is better placed and resourced than it is currently?
- 3. How will you make sure that you are hearing and representing young people if you are elected?**

### Comprehensive Questions

During election campaigns, candidates and party leaders often do visits to local groups and services. They use these opportunities for photos. Do not be afraid to challenge candidates and parties on their positions and support for the sector:

- Do you, or your party, have a plan to address the systemic issues facing the youth work sector and to support young people in achieving their full potential? Are you aware of issues with recruitment and retention, low levels of funding and how it's impacting young people?
- How will you make sure that young people have a meaningful voice in policymaking, especially considering the recent budget's failure to address their needs?
- How will you ensure that youth work services receive adequate funding to meet the growing needs of young people?

### Why?

These are guiding questions, but of course you should share your own story of why candidates should support youth work and young people – the more personal the story the more impactful! Candidates are calling to doors to get a sense of what is important to their voters. Make sure young people and youth work is firmly on their agenda!