

The ask:

An increase of €27million for the youth work sector in the next budget (Budget 2027)

This increase would do two things:

1.

Help existing youth work services deal with things getting much more expensive over the last few years

2.

Make sure there is more money to have buildings and spaces for youth work (this is called capital investment)

How did we decide that €27 million was the amount needed?

NYCI talks to the youth work sector (like managers of services), and does research, to find out what increase is needed each year

What happens if there is not an increase of €27 million?

- Youth work services might need to reduce opening hours, offer fewer programmes and have longer waiting lists
- Staff and volunteers experience burnout, and there are issues hiring and keeping youth workers
- Communities and young people lose out

What politicians can do:

- ✓ Raise the need for youth work funding in the Dáil or Seanad
- ✓ Write to the Minister for Education and youth about funding youth work
- ✓ Visit their local youth work service

Is there a government policy for youth work?

Yes, it is called 'Opportunities for Youth'



The Local Champions are youth advocates who have received training to campaign on behalf of the youth work sector. The Project is kindly funded by the Community Foundation Ireland.