

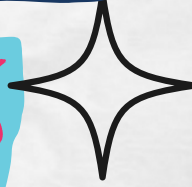


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NEW UBU YOUTH SERVICES



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Minister O’Gorman launched 8 new youth services across the country with a particular focus on rural areas. The new services are under the banner of UBU – Your Place, Your Space, which aims to provide out of school supports to young people. These supports offer a wide range of quality activities, that are mainly community-based.

The UBU programme is administered locally through ETBs and delivered by youth work services. Innovation was to the forefront with youth organisations demonstrating how they provide services based on young people’s needs and interests. Foróige highlighted exciting new VR technologies being introduced into their youth services. While Clare Youth Service provided The Exam Café, throughout the month of June, to support young people’s social and emotional wellbeing during a time of stress and anxiety.

Speaking at the event, Paddy Lavelle, General Secretary ETBI, said,

“There is a need to continue to invest in Youth Work Services as a key service to build pathways for young people through education and other services. ETBs are key drivers of education. Youth Work provides a critical social education model which is required now more than ever. It gives young people the space to think critically about the world around them and develop skills for life, to enable them to be engaged active citizens. ETBs are embarking on ambitious plans to increase pathways and access to education and employment for all through the ambitious college of the future programme”.



Paddy Lavelle, General Secretary ETBI



Minister Roderic O’Gorman speaking with young people from Cavan Town UBU, Foroige, CMETB

DCEDIY & ETB'S WORKING TOGETHER TO FURTHER DEVELOP YOUTH WORK SERVICES



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ACTION PLAN FOR YOUTH



The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth will shortly publish its new National Policy Framework for Children and Young People. One of the commitments of the Framework is to develop a new Action Plan for Youth Services with a focus on enhancing the provision of youth services in Ireland.



Dermot O'Brien, Facilitator for Youth Consultations

To help inform the Department's approach to the development of the Action Plan for Youth Services, the Minister is seeking views on current youth service provision in Ireland and what improvements you would like to see. Alongside the public consultation, ETBI collaborated with NYCI (National Youth Council of Ireland) to hear the views of young people involved in youth services, those who are past participants in youth services and now volunteer or work in youth work and young people who never engaged in youth services.



P. Keatley, APO DCEDIY, Lead Youth Action Plan

YOUTH DELEGATES





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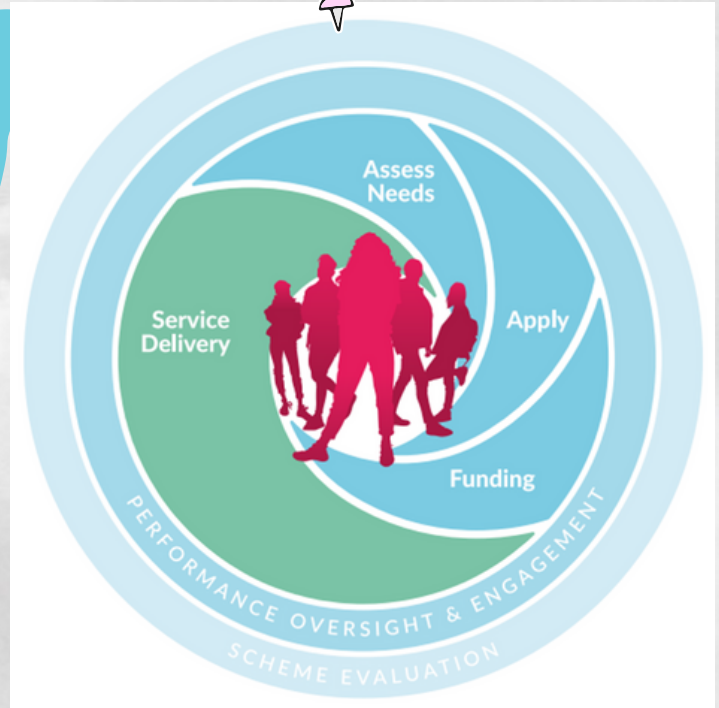
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UBU CYCLE 2 2024-2026

In February 2023, DCEDIY commenced the process for Cycle 2 of UBU. This started with the Assessment of Needs, conducted by ETBs using the APNASR tool. The APNASR tool provides an evidence baseline for identification of youth needs in an area. A service requirement is generated and approved by DCEDIY. Service Requirements are currently being issued to ETBs and services are being invited to apply to continue to provide a service in the area. Applications are due to be submitted at the end of September. Check with your local ETB for Submission dates.



VISION

All young people are enabled to realise their maximum potential, by respecting their rights and hearing their voices, while protecting and supporting them as they transition from childhood to adulthood.

GOALS

- (1) "to provide young person-centred, community-based and out-of-school youth services to young people in need of support".
- (2) "to ensure that each layer of the governance structure adds value to the direct work with young people". In the context of the UBU funding scheme, these layers include DCYA, Education and Training Boards (ETBs) and funded organisations.

TARGET GROUP

Young people aged between 10 and 24 years old who are experiencing marginalisation or are disadvantaged or vulnerable are the primary target group for youth services funded by the UBU scheme.

POLICY, FUNDING & SERVICE DELIVERY CYCLE

The first policy and service delivery cycle for the UBU scheme is based on a 3.5-year process of youth service planning, implementation and review. Subsequent policy cycles will be a three-year term.

MISSION

To provide out-of-school supports to young people in their local communities to enable them to overcome adverse circumstances and achieve their full potential by improving their personal and social development outcomes.

7 VALUES

Young people are free to participate in a wide range of quality non-formal educational activities.

Provision is rights-based, and young person-centred.

Empowering young people to reach their full potential.

Community-based activities.

Relationship building, listening, trust, acceptance, patience, and respect with a focus on early intervention and prevention.

Clarity of purpose.

Projects are maximised by promoting efficient, effective and transparent governance, management, and administrative arrangements.

PERSONAL & SOCIAL OUTCOMES

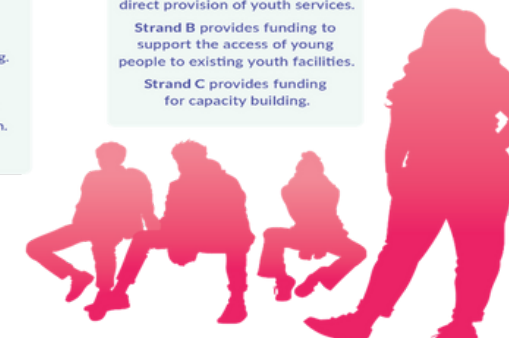
- Communication Skills.
- Confidence & Agency.
- Planning & Problem Solving.
- Relationships.
- Creativity & Imagination.
- Resilience & Determination.
- Emotional Intelligence.

FUNDING STRANDS

Strand A provides funding for the direct provision of youth services.

Strand B provides funding to support the access of young people to existing youth facilities.

Strand C provides funding for capacity building.



YOUTH WORK SECTOR NEWS

PROFESSIONAL YOUTH WORK IN IRELAND: AN OCCUPATIONAL STUDY.

Aidan Farrelly, a doctoral student in the Department of Applied Social Studies, Maynooth University is undertaking a research study under the supervision of Professor Maurice Devlin and Associate Professor Hilary Tierney. Youth work has grown exponentially in Ireland, yet there is limited data available as to who occupies the role of a youth worker.

There have been two attempts to map the sector, most recently in 2013. The findings from this project have the potential to contribute significantly to the ongoing development of workforce priorities for youth work in Ireland. Click on the survey link below

The MSocSc in Community and Youth Work part-time, in-service programme (MCYWP) is now recruiting for Nov 2023 entry. The MCYWPs innovative design and 'block and blend' delivery mode offers a unique opportunity for practitioners to combine work and post-graduate study to achieve a professional qualification in community work and youth work.

Online information sessions will be held on 10th August. Find out more [click here](#) or email the team at mcywpt@mu.ie

NYCI VISION FOR YOUTH WORK

NYCI, recently launched its new report on the Vision for Youth Work. You can view it [here](#).



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