



ETBI YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES



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We are delighted to launch the second edition of the ETBI Youth Work News, showcasing youth work across ETBs in collaboration with our youth work partners. ETBs have been to the forefront in the implementation of UBU, administering approximately €46million to 268 UBU youth work services on behalf of DCEDIY, as well as a number of other schemes including the Local Youth Club Grant Scheme and the Ukrainian Integration Scheme. There has been significant learning throughout cycle 1 and we look forward to engaging in the continuous improvement process in cycle 2.



Young Ireland the new policy framework for children and young people 2023-2028 was launched at the 2nd Child Summit, in November. It focuses on tackling the biggest challenges that affect children and young people in Ireland today and aims to ensure children's rights are foremost whenever decisions affecting the lives of children and young people are made. Despite no mention of the role of ETBs, it is anticipated under Action 17-Youth Services, Action 18-Inter agency Coordination, Action 19 Workforce, Action 33-39 - Learning Outcomes, Action 53-Prevention and Early Intervention, ETB's will have a significant amount of experience and knowledge to enable the realisation of the plan.

THE ETB OF THE FUTURE

It's 10 years since Ireland's 16 Education and Training Boards were established. Alongside ETBs statutory functions with respect to the coordination of education and training, it also has responsibility for supporting the coordination and development of youth work. At the conference, panelists spoke of Youth Work as a key service to build pathways for young people through education, meeting young people where they are at in their lives. Youth Work provides a critical social education model giving young people the space to think critically about the world around them and develop skills for life.



ETBI Director of Schools Paul Fields with Cora Foley LCETB with panelists John Lonergan, James Leonard, Dr Judith Butler, Michael Lenihan and Bohdan Bilash.



CMETB/GRETB – PLANET YOUTH



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The Planet Youth conference, in Galway, aimed to examine the ways in which the Icelandic Prevention Model can be adapted for use in Ireland. The event was of enormous value to policy makers, practitioners and researchers showcasing both academic and practical applications of the data derived from the biennial Planet Youth surveys.

There are currently a number of Planet Youth pilot sites operating in Ireland, starting in Galway and led by Western Region Drug and Alcohol Task Force (WRDATF), in partnership with GRETB. The experience in GRETB has quickly led to other ETBs seeing the benefits

of the model as a practical evidence based solution for maximising interagency cooperation and ensuring young people can benefit from both a response and an opportunity to engage in a proactive manner in positive health promoting activities, supported by youth workers.

The Icelandic Prevention Model is an evidence-based primary prevention model, developed by researchers, community workers and policy makers in Iceland. The model's whole population approach offers an opportunity to improve outcomes for young people in many areas of their lives.

[More information on Planet Youth.](#) [More Information on the Icelandic Leisure Card.](#)



Icelandic Leisure Card



Emmet Major Planet Youth Coordinator GRETB/WRDATF and Maureen McIntyre Development Officer CMETB, Keynote Speaker.



WWETB - RURAL YOUTH GATHERING

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The WWETB Youth Work Committee (YWC) hosted an event titled 'Rural Youth Work: The Gathering' in New Ross in early November. The YWC have adopted Youth Work in rural areas as a priority work area.

The Gathering was opened by Lindsay Malone, FET Director, who stated that Youth Work played a key part in the rural area for young people, and particularly the valuable input of volunteers. Lindsay went on to stress the commitment of the WWETB to clubs and projects in rural communities and gave as an example the inclusion of the aim to attempt to make school premises more accessible for community and youth groups as stated in the recent WWETB Strategy.

An expert panel, chaired by Mara Mutuit from Waterford Comhairle na nÓg discussed areas such as needs of young people in rural areas compared to urban areas, youth arts as a method of engaging with young people and everyday issues for young people like isolation, transport, lack of services. Participants took part in workshops on Mental Health, Substance Misuse, Community Youth Arts and Games and Ice Breakers for work with young people.

Pat Nugent, Chairperson of the Youth Work Committee and board member of WWETB, closed the session and reiterated Rural Youth Work as one of the Committee priorities during the coming years.



Graffiti Wall highlighting rural youth needs.



Liz Duffy AEO, WWETB with Lindsay Malone Director of Further Education and Training WWETB



Ruth Griffin, ETBI Youth Support Services Manager, Dr Sinead McMahon, NUI Maynooth, Fiona Quinn, Coordinator Cork Local Creative Youth Partnership, CETB and Carmel Kelly, Drugs Outreach Worker



Regina Butler, Martin Fitzgerald, Cathy Drohan, WWETB with WWETB Youth Committee Members.



LCETB



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Supported by ICT funding grant from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, and the Toy Show Appeal, Limerick and Clare ETB were delighted to support Limerick Youth Service develop a new App - My Youth Club App, enabling young people access youth work services in their areas. On the day, Minister for State for Local Government and Planning at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Kieran O'Donnell also launched the Limerick Youth Service Strategic Plan 2023- 2027.



Seamus Bane and Martin Duhig, Youth Officers LCETB at Limerick Youth Services YWI launch of their Strategic Plan and Youth Club App.

CITY OF DUBLIN ETB

As part of the Integration Funding provided for youth work services by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, CDETb hosted a music event called "Sunrocks & Shamflowers", in partnership with Ukraine Action, the City of Dublin Youth Service, the Irish Red Cross, Sound Training Productions, UBU. At the event young people raised in Ireland attending youth work services across Dublin City & young people fleeing the war in Ukraine collectively presented a night of music & culture. Performances on the night included several collaborative pieces commissioned for the event. The event is a culmination of workshops, sessions and residential programmes that have been taking place over the last six months.

SUNROCKS AND SHAMFLOWERS

Saturday, 9th December
Doors 6pm
Show begins 6.30pm
Performances 7pm

Ukrainian Community Centre, Rathmines

An evening of integration with young Irish & Ukrainian musicians


SOUND TRAINING PRODUCTIONS


Ukrainian Action







An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lámhártoicthe agus Óige
 Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth



Crois Dhearg na hÉireann
 Irish Red Cross







KERRY ETB

Key to the vision of the Creative Youth Plan is enabling collaboration to provide greater opportunities for young people to experience and enjoy creative activities.

To enable and encourage this collaboration at a community level, the Creative Ireland Programme supported the establishment of Local Creative Youth Partnerships (LCYPs). Centred in local Education and Training Boards (ETBs). To date 7 Local Creative Partnerships have been established in ETBs - LCETB, LOETB, Kerry ETB, CETB, CMETB, GRETB and MSLETB.

Kerry LCYP - Mixing Moments is an art and audio visual experience detailing a creative journey in 2023 that allowed friendships to form and integration to happen. Mixing Moments brought together 112 remarkable individuals from diverse backgrounds, including younger and older members of Ukrainian, Irish, African-Irish, French, Indian-Irish, and English families together, fostering care and support of one another and serving as a reminder that it's often the small things in life that provide us with meaning and comfort.

Funding was provided by Creative Ireland, the Department of Education, and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration, and Youth (DCEDIY).



Mixing MOMENTS

2.00pm Saturday 11th November
Kerry County Museum

Please join us for the opening of *Mixing Moments - The Exhibition* at Kerry County Museum 2.00pm Saturday 11th November, 2023 and afterwards at The Tower at Tralee Bay Wetlands for some winter treats!

Mixing Moments is an LCYP-Kerry ETB creative project in association with Aiseanna na hÓige Dingle, Killorglin Family Resource Centre, Maíne Valley Family Resource Centre Castlemaine, Tralee International Resource Centre, South Kerry Development Partnership, Kerry County Museum, and Tralee Bay Wetlands and the Lakeside Café. It was funded through the International Protection Integration Fund 2022 at the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.

Будь ласка, приєднуйтеся до нас на відкритті виставки «Моменти змішування» в Музеї округу Керрі о 14:00 у суботу, 11 листопада 2023 року, а потім у вежі у водно-болотних угіддях Тралі-Бей, щоб поласувати зимовими частуваннями.

Mixing Moments – це творчий проєкт LCYP-Kerry ETB у співпраці з Aiseanna na hÓige Dingle. Сімейним ресурсним центром Killorglin, Сімейним ресурсним центром Maíne Valley Castlemaine, Міжнародним ресурсним центром Tralee, Партнерством розвитку Південного Керрі, Музеєм округу Керрі, а також водно-болотними угіддями Тралі-Бей і кафе Lakeside. Він був профінансований через Інтеграційний фонд міжнародного захисту 2022 року при Департаменті у справах дітей, рівності, інвалідності, інтеграції та молоді.

Logos: Rialtas na hÉireann Government of Ireland, Clár Éige Blianaich Creative Ireland Programme, Kerry County Museum, Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna Chíarraí Kerry Education and Training Board, Aiseanna na hÓige Dingle, Tralee International Resource Centre, South Kerry Development Partnership, Kerry County Museum, Tralee Bay Wetlands, Lakeside Café, The Downtown Hub.



CORK ETB

Youth Officers/Development Officers from across Ireland travelled to Fota Wildlife Park in Cork for a training and wellbeing day hosted by Cork ETB.



Lorraine Duane, Lisa McGrath (TETB), Abina Curtin, Cathal Geraghty, Fiona Quinn, Caitriona McNaéidhe (CETB), Cora Foley (LCETB), Mick Finn (CETB), Breda Ruane (MSLETB), Martin Duhig and Seamus Bane (LCETB).



NYCI NATIONAL CONFERENCE



The Vision for Youth Work, developed together by stakeholders across the youth sector, sets out a vision for the future direction of youth work in Ireland over the next 10 years, where 'All young people living in Ireland have access to high-quality, well-resourced youth work services, which meet their expressed needs, delivered by paid professionals and well-supported volunteers. More Information [here](#).



LEARGAS -EUROPE GOES LOCAL

ETB youth work services from across the country attended a session in Portlaoise to highlight and explore European opportunities to support quality development of youth work. It aimed to provide a space to explore barriers and opportunities to get involved in European youth work. The event was part of activities within the Europe Goes Local project. It aimed to address two of the key objectives of Europe Goes Local: (1) To make European dimension an integral part of youth work provision (2) Strengthen dialogue between Léargas and stakeholders of local youth work (focusing on international youth work).



Patrick Burke CE Youth Work Ireland, and Donal Kelly CE Tipperary Regional Youth Service sharing their experiences of Erasmus and EU Solidarity Corps.



YOUTH WORK SECTOR NEWS

NATIONAL LOTTERY GOOD CAUSES AWARDS

We would like to recognise the great work of several ETBs in supporting projects that were selected as finalists in the National Lottery Good Causes Awards Youth Category Award. This year three of the five finalists were UBU projects. Staff and volunteers from the Funded Organisations celebrated their achievement at the Awards event last month, attended by Minister for Public Expenditure, Pascal Donohue, who had the opportunity to hear all about the power of youth work.

Well done to

- **UBU Sligo Leitrim Home Youth Liaison Service, MSLETB**
- **UBU Foroige Croom Project, LCETB**
- **UBU Youth Work Ireland Meath, LMETB**

Outright winner of the National Lottery Good Causes Award for Youth was the **Roscommon Young Carers Project**, which is the largest project in Ireland dedicated solely to Young Carers. The project has received ETB funding via the Local Youth Club Grant and Equipment schemes. Young carers are children under the age of 18 who provide regular and ongoing care and emotional support to a family member. Young adult carers are defined as a separate and distinct group aged 18-24 who provide or intend to provide care, assistance, or support to another family member on an unpaid basis. These young people carry out significant or substantial caring tasks and assume a level of responsibility that would usually be associated with an adult.

FORÓIGE LAUNCH GO DIGITAL PROGRAMME

Foróige recently launch a new digital youth brand called **Foróige Go** - Digital skills for what's now and next. Foróige aims to support young people to develop the skills, knowledge, and confidence to navigate the digital world safely, responsibly, and creatively, and contribute to thriving communities online and offline. All the Foróige digital youth work programmes are designed to facilitate young people to grow their empathy, critical thinking, and digital citizenship.



Ruth Griffin ETBI Youth Support Manager with Foróige staff demonstrating the Go Digital Programme

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