



# Local Creative Youth Partnerships



# The Creative Ireland Vision

Puts creativity at the heart of public policy to allow every person in Ireland the opportunity to realise their creative potential.

## What is Creative Youth?

To provide our young people (0-24 years) with the opportunity to engage in creativity in both education and out-of-school settings.

The Creative Youth Plan 2023-2027 – led by DTCAGSM in partnership with DEY, DCDE, DFHERIS and Arts Council





Local Creative Youth Partnerships (LCYP's) were established to encourage collaboration at a community level and to target the most disadvantaged and seldom- heard children. They are centred in ETB's and supported and co-funded by DEY, DTCAGSM, and DCDE.

Since 2019, LCYP's have been funded with over €4.1 million, with a further €1.48 million allocated for 2025.

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## By establishing and building LCYP's, we aim to develop:

- Collaborative plans across local communities and between youth groups, public services and creative, cultural and art settings, organisations and practitioners;
- new local creative initiatives, targeting different groups more effectively to ensure wider coverage;
- youth workers critical role supporting creative citizenship and cultural democracy for young people





# The pilot began in 2019



Kerry LCYP

Deirdre Enright



Laois & Offaly LCYP

Patricia Wallis



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# and has since expanded;



Mayo, Sligo &  
Leitrim  
LCYP

- 2021



Galway &  
Roscommon  
LCYP

- 2021

Jennifer Hesnan



Cork LCYP

- 2022

Fiona Quinn



Cavan &  
Monaghan  
LCYP

- 2023

Alan Ryan



Tipperary  
LCYP

- 2025

(post  
advertised)



# What LCYPs do

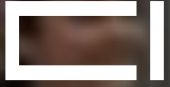
Engage young people in their communities to develop, implement and evaluate innovative creative projects.

LCYPs work with **Hub na nÓg** and undertake "voice of the child" training to ensure the voices of young people are reflected in it's programming.

The initiative has gone from strength to strength and will continue to support collaboration, build new relationships and provide greater opportunities for young people (especially those often less heard) to experience the joy of creativity.







# Roma Project in Tralee

**Aim:** to support children and young people of Roma heritage in Tralee to express themselves creatively, promoting understanding between their community and other communities.

**Projects to date and ongoing:**

- Youth voice consultations; Visual art workshops;
- Sweatshirt upcycling workshops
- Wall based mural; Ancient scarf design;
- Romani dancing workshops
- Celebration International Romani Day April 2025
- Workshops planned in drama, podcasting and film as part of other Tralee LCYP initiatives

**Outcome:** Trust, understanding, fun, team working, creative confidence, friendship.

“It was the first time we have had an event to mark Romani Day, and it means so much to the community”

- Helena Dunova,  
Roma Peer Worker



# Creative Mindset Summer Workshops

Paint Pouring, Marbling, Palette Knife Painting, Printmaking, Mosaics, Creative Writing, Crochet Starter Stitch, Jewellery Making

## Piece from Creative Writing Workshop

“What if we don’t go to school today?” I hear escaping from my mouth. I don’t recall deciding to actually say it.

“Come on Mary, she’d want us to be in school.”

## **Some Feedback from Participants**

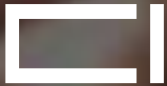
*“ paint felt nice”*

*“didn’t feel like an outcast when my social battery dropped”*

*“small group is great”*

“I did activities I enjoy and  
with people who  
understand”

- participant



# Inclusive Dance Club

Limerick Clare LCYP partnered with **Dance Limerick** to run an inclusive dance club in 2025 following a successful 2024 summer camp.

Weekly workshops, facilitator training, and expanded summer camps.

Classes are held at Dance Limerick Studio for children aged 7–16, with plans to expand into rural Limerick and Clare.

The project aligns with LCYP's goal of **promoting inclusivity, adaptability, and long-term community engagement**. It will also connect with **LCYP Creative Hubs** to further extend access in rural areas.





# Club Cruthaitheachta Chonamara

Tá an Comhpháirtíocht Áitiúil Óige Ildánach GRETB agus Muintearas Teo. ag comhoibriú le chéile mar chomhpháirtithe straitéiseacha agus cruthaitheacha chun tacú le healaíontóirí, oibrithe deonacha agus aistitheoirí chun deiseanna, faoi stiúir an óige, a fhorbairt do leanaí agus daoine óga a bheith cruthaitheacha le clubanna óige deonacha ar fud Gaeltacht Chonamara

Bhí taispeántas á reáchtáil ag an gcomhpháirtí cruthaitheach Áras Éanna le linn mhí an Mhárta. Is deis iontach í tuilleadh eolais a fháil faoin tionscnamh úr nua seo a bheidh oscailte don bpobal. Bhí smaoinítí na nÓg, samplaí dá saothar cruthaitheach agus faisnéis faoi chlubanna óige faoi stiúir oibrithe deonacha le feiceáil ann.

Tá obair déanta taobh le taobh acu i gcomhpháirtíocht le páirtithe leasmhara chun taispeántas a chruthú agus an tionscnamh nuálaíoch seo a sheoladh in Áras Éanna, Inis Oírr. Beidh an taispeántas seo á reáchtáil ag na comhpháirtí cruthaitheacha in *Áras Éanna* le linn mí na Márta. Beidh sé oscailte d'aon bhall den phobal atá fiosrach faoin tionscnamh nua seo.





# Voices of Hope Youth Choir

24 Ukrainian Children

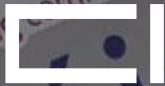
Age 6 – 18

Weekly Singing Workshops

- Public Performance
- Civic Engagement
- Young leaders co-facilitate cultural events
- Promoting Inclusion and Integration
- Keeping Traditions Alive

## Cork Local Creative Youth Partnership





# Creative Families

Creative Families was created to strengthen family connections and provide a platform for artistic expression. Families collaborated with two artists to nurture creativity, enhance communication, and foster relationships within a family environment. Over four weeks participants engaged in a series of hands-on art activities, culminating in the creation of a collaborative artwork.

The project fostered collaboration and effective communication among family members and strengthened family bonds through shared creative experiences. Additionally, it positively influenced the mental health of all family members, allowing them to express themselves creatively through art.

## Cavan Monaghan Local Creative Youth Partnership

# Cruinniú na nÓg



- The only county in the word to have a day that celebrates young people's creativity. 1000+ events all free all over Ireland [cruinniu.gov.ie](http://cruinniu.gov.ie)
- Increase awareness of the benefits of participation in creative activities.
- Last year *The Spark*, this year the letter of Imagination

Join us! 07.06.2025







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# Thank You