

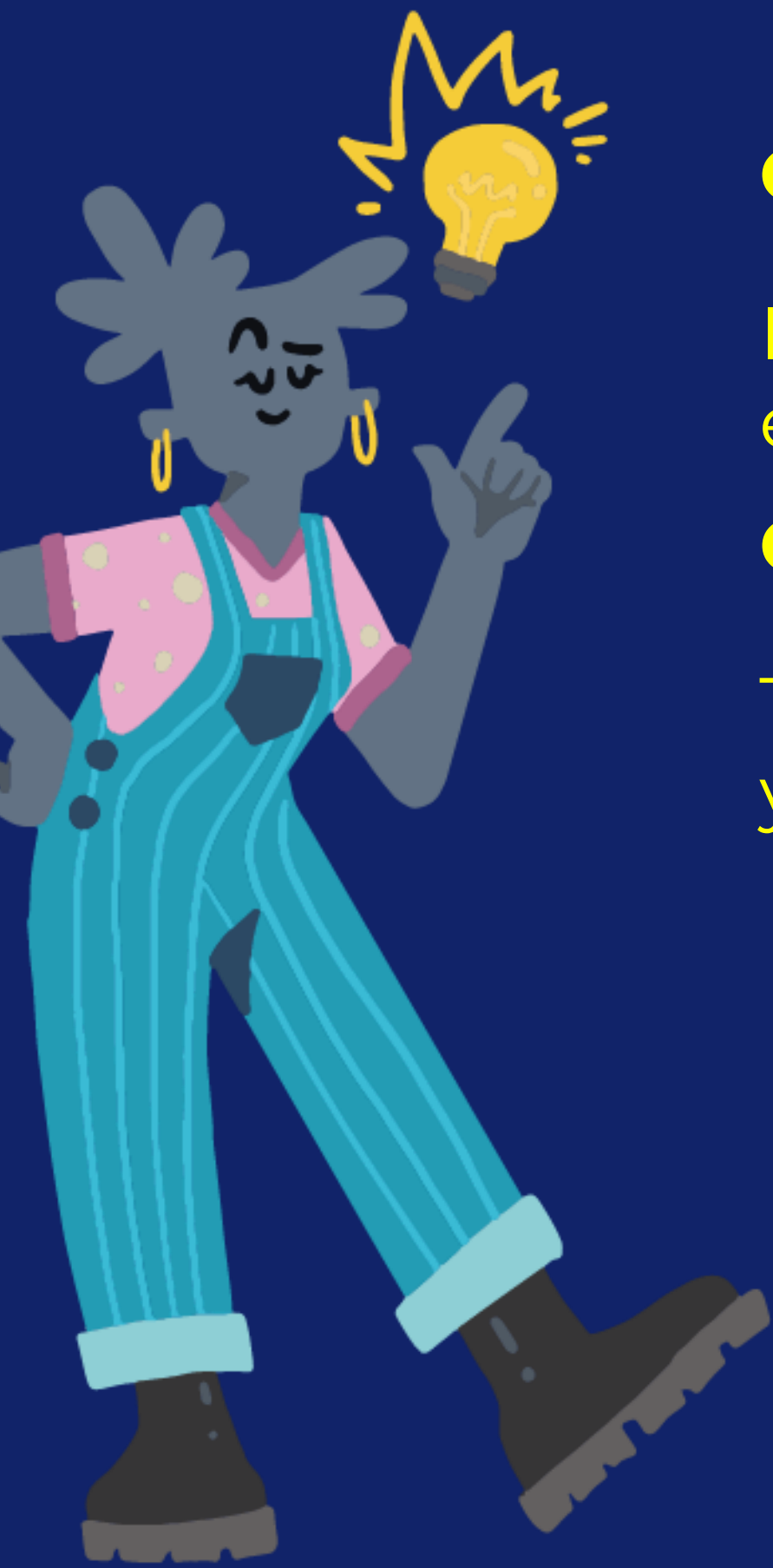


Ignite & Activate – Youth-Led Innovation for Skills Development

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Our Vision

Ireland's young people feel inspired, empowered and equipped to change the world for good.

Our Mission

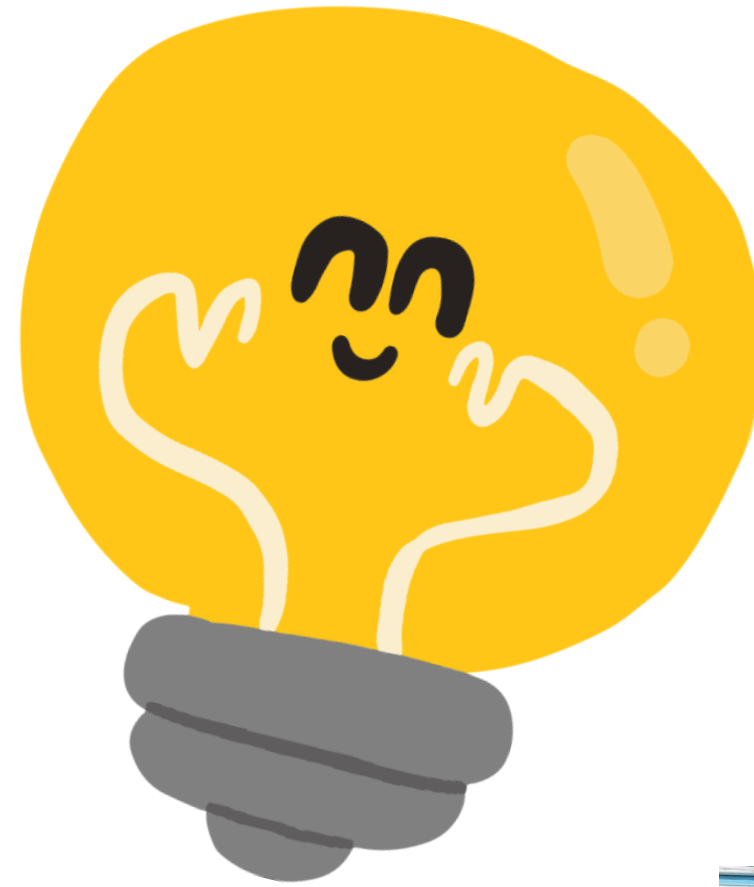
To provide social innovation education that empowers young people to take action on social issues.

Bridging Youth Work and FET through Social Innovation



Why Social Innovation?

- Real-world problem solving
- Youth voice and agency
- Builds critical thinking, collaboration, and creativity



Ignite Community



New, flexible programme
Tailored for **non-formal and community-based** settings

Short-term, modular, and adaptable

Builds confidence, connection, and awareness of social issues

Youth workers are trained as Guides to deliver the programme, with support from a YSI Local Leader

Encourages re-engagement, inclusion, and voice

Activate

Curriculum-aligned programme
Delivered in **formal education** settings

Runs over the academic year







Deepens critical thinking, collaboration, and problem-solving

Delivered by educators with support from YSI

Prepares students for FET and further pathways through real-world project learning

Skills that Stick: What Young People Gain

Key Skills Developed

-  **Critical Thinking** – Exploring social issues and solutions
-  **Collaboration** – Teamwork and peer learning
-  **Communication** – Presenting ideas and sharing stories
-  **Self-Efficacy** – Leading and following through on actions
-  **Social Awareness** – Understanding and engaging with real-world issues
-  **Resilience** – Adapting and problem-solving with support

Why It Matters for FET

-  Aligned with **FET transversal skills**
-  Builds a **bridge from youth work to education**
-  Boosts **confidence, competence, and motivation**
-  Helps shape **career and learning pathways**

Creating Pathways Together



☐ Youth-led innovation is a powerful connector:

Engages young people **where they are** – in schools, youth services, and communities

Builds the **skills and confidence** they need to progress

Creates a natural **bridge to FET** through real-world, meaningful learning

Let's work together to:

Embed **Ignite** and **Activate** in more settings

Connect youth work and FET through innovation

Co-create pathways that are inclusive, empowering and future-focused

 **Get in Touch**

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