What is Youth Work?

Youth work is complementary to the formal, academic or vocational education of a young person. It is a planned programme designed to help and support the personal and social development of the young person. Youth work is based on voluntary involvement and provided mainly by youth work organisations at local community level. It can take place in youth clubs, youth groups, youth projects and youth services with professional youth workers and volunteers. Youth work was given formal statutory recognition in the Youth Work Act 2001.

What is Intercultural Youth Work?

Intercultural youth work recognises that ethnic and cultural diversity enriches our communities. This approach involves the development of policies and practices that promote communication, understanding and integration among and between different cultures and ethnic groups. It is a commitment to social cohesion and living harmoniously in a multi-ethnic society. It believes that it is the responsibility and commitment of all to work towards achieving a society based on equality and inclusion. Intercultural youth work is not an add-on, it is embedded in our thinking, planning, implementation and evaluations with an emphasis on achieving equality of outcome for all. It recognises the need to build programmes that support cultural identity and belonging, builds trust with families and develops skills and competencies.
What is youth work?

Youth work is the complement to academic or formal or professional education. It is a planned and designed program to help and support the self-development and social development of the young people. It is based primarily on voluntary work and its main source is youth organizations at a local level. It can be established in youth centers, youth circles, youth projects or service centers with the cooperation of specialists in working with young people and volunteers.

What is cultural youth work?

It is realized that cultural and ethnic differences in communities increase its richness. This trend includes the development of policies and procedures that support the communication and understanding between different communities. It is necessary to ensure social unity and coexistence between different cultures in one community. It also fosters that we have responsibility and commitment from everyone to reach a society based on equality and solidarity.

We also recognize the need to develop programs to support cultural identity and belonging and build trust with families and develop skills and competitiveness.


Qu’est-ce que le travail pour jeune?

Le travail pour jeune est complémentaire à l’éducation formelle, académique ou d’apprentissage d’une jeune personne. C’est un programme planifié conçu pour aider et soutenir le développement individual and social de la jeune personne. Le travail pour jeune est basé sur l’engagement volontaire et est fourni principalement par des organisations bénévoles de travail de jeune au niveau d’une communauté locale. Il peut se passer dans des clubs de jeunesse, des groupes de jeunesse, des projets ou des services de jeunesse, avec des travailleurs professionnels de jeunesse and des bénévoles. Le travail pour jeune avait reçu une reconnaissance statutaire dans la Loi de 2001 sur le Travail avec les Jeunes.

Qu’est-ce que l’Interculturalisme?

L’Interculturalisme reconnaît que la diversité ethnique et culturelle peuvent enrichir notre société. Cette approche implique le développement des politiques qui promeuvent la communication, la compréhension et l’intégration parmi et entre les cultures et les groupes ethniques. C’est un engagement à la cohésion sociale et à la manière de vivre le mieux harmonieusement possible dans une société multi-éthnique. C’est la responsabilité et l’engagement de tous dans le secteur de travail avec les jeunes, de travailler pour atteindre une société basée sur l’égalité et l’inclusion des tous. L’Interculturalisme devrait être vu comme d’autres problèmes d’inclusion et d’égalité – tels que le genre et le handicap – encrés dans nos pensées, nos plans, nos mises en exécution et nos évaluations avec un accent particulier sur l’atteinte de l’égalité dans résultats.

Youth Groups in Carlow

Foróige

Description: Our purpose is to enable young people to involve themselves consciously and actively in their development and in the development of society. Foróige works with all young people through our general services. Foróige services encourage young people to take responsibility for themselves and to be part of shaping the world around them while developing their talents, skills and abilities. We also work with vulnerable young people who require additional support through a full range of targeted services.

- Location of Youth Groups: Rathvilly Foróige Club, Rathvilly, Carlow and in other locations in the county. For locations see www.foroige.ie
- When do we meet: Weekly
- Age group: 13-19
- When and how can you join? There is a range of different groups throughout the year contact for more details.
- Contact details: South East Area Manager, Bernie Meally, Email: Bernie.meally@foroige.ie Ph:0863847003
- Travel: Young people would need to travel to the youth centre.
- Web: www.foroige.ie
Young People at NYCI’s launch of their research **Make Minority a Priority**: a research report on the insights from minority ethnic young people growing up in Ireland and recommendations for the youth work sector

[www.youth.ie/minority](http://www.youth.ie/minority)  **Photo credit:** Steve Humphries

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**Carlow Regional Youth Services**

**Description:** Carlow Regional Youth Service (CRYS) is a local voluntary service affiliated to Youth Work Ireland. Our mission is to work to empower young people to achieve their potential through quality youth work. CRYS provides a range of services and opportunities through community based youth work programmes, drop in, specialised services for young people at risk, leadership training, etc.

- **Location of Youth Groups:** CRYS works with young people aged between 8-23 years on a daily basis. We offer a comprehensive service to young people in the Carlow area, with a community based project in Graiguecullen and John Sweeney Park, Youth Cafe in Burrin Street, with county based youth projects in Tullow, Bagenalstown and Hacketstown. Our Afterschools programme operates in three locations in Carlow.

- **When do we meet:** Daily and weekly depending on the youth group

- **Age groups:** 8-23 years primarily divided into three age groups:
  - 8-12 year olds - Afterschool /Homework Support, Junior youth Group programme, Summer Camp, School of Rock
  - 12-18 year olds - Drop in facility, Planned Youth Work Programmes, Youth Participation Programmes, Youth Leadership Training, Specialist Support Services such as the Follaine Counselling Service, LGBTI, FRIENDS Resilience Programme
  - 18-23 year olds – Volunteer Training, Youth Work Accredited Training, Some services for vulnerable young adults in their social time.

- **When and how can you join?** There is a range of different youth groups throughout the year. Contact for more details.

- **Contact details:** Kathryn Wall, CEO, Montgomery House, Athy Rd Carlow
  Ph: 059-9130476, 086 6071413 Email: info@carlowys.ie

- **Travel:** Young people need to travel to the youth group

- **Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/carlowrys/](http://www.facebook.com/carlowrys/)
**MUI (My Unique Individuality)**

**Description:** MUI (My Unique Individuality) is an exciting LGBTI+ Youth Group at Carlow Regional Youth Services.

- **Location of Youth Club:** The Vault Project, 11 Burrin street, Carlow Town
- **When do we meet:** The group meets on Tuesdays from 6-7:30pm
- **Age group:** 12-18
- **When and how can you join?** Contact for more details.
- **Contact details:** Leanne Sweeny Ph: 085 2722379 or (059)9133714 Email: leannecrys@yahoo.ie
- **Travel:** Youth groups are provided in Carlow Town.
- **Web:** [www.facebook.com/MuiLgbtGroupCrys/](http://www.facebook.com/MuiLgbtGroupCrys/)

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**Scouting Ireland**

**Description:** Scouting Ireland is part of the worldwide movement of Scouting. We work through a non-formal educational approach with boys and girls. We focus on the development of young people as whole individuals, by building knowledge, skills, responsibility but above all character. In Ireland, as across the globe, Scouting works on team building, leadership, outdoor learning, a code of living and service to others. Scouting Ireland is working toward an inclusive environment, that it is not just open to all, but welcoming to all.

- **Location:** There are a number of scouting groups in Carlow. For locations see [www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1-OR_SIHojh1gurnqZ8HQ-Lba7eo&ll=53.459381901524814%2C-7.96990826897445&z=8](http://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1-OR_SIHojh1gurnqZ8HQ-Lba7eo&ll=53.459381901524814%2C-7.96990826897445&z=8)
- **When do we meet:** Usually once a week from September to July as well as overnight trips
- **Age Groups:** Beavers aged 6-8; Cub Scouts aged 9-11; Scouts aged 12-15; Venture Scouts aged 15-17; and Rovers aged 18-25
- **Get started:** Contact Karol Quinn Email: kquinn@scouts.ie Ph: 086 0449904
- **When and how can you join Scouting Ireland:** Enquire anytime. Places can be limited if we don’t have enough Leaders. You may have to wait until September to join your local group. [www.scouts.ie/about/About-Scouting/](http://www.scouts.ie/about/About-Scouting/)
- **Travel:** Young people would need to travel to the group.
**Irish Girl Guides**

**Description:** Irish Girl Guides (IGG) are a youth-driven, dynamic organisation offering a varied and exciting programme for girls and young women aged 5-30, and opportunities for women of all ages. As a girl-only movement, girls are free to develop and express themselves in a safe, comfortable, supported setting. Our members learn new skills, grow in self-confidence, develop teamwork and leadership skills, experience new activities, and build lifelong friendships. We have a strong emphasis on the outdoors, environment, community responsibility and global sisterhood. IGG actively promotes diversity and inclusion and welcomes girls and young women from all walks of life.

- **Location:** There a number of groups throughout Carlow. See [www.irishgirlguides.ie/unit-locator/](http://www.irishgirlguides.ie/unit-locator/) for more information.

- **When do we meet:** Weekly, usually from September to May / June

- **Age groups:** Ladybirds aged 5-7; Brownies aged 7-10; Guides aged 10-14; Senior Branch aged 14-30

- **Get started:** Contact Ruth Hughes [support@irishgirlguides.ie](mailto:support@irishgirlguides.ie)
Ph. 01 6683898

- **When and how can you join IGG?:** Enquire any time. Places can be limited if we don’t have enough Leaders. You may have to wait until September to join your local group. [www.irishgirlguides.ie/how-to-get-involved](http://www.irishgirlguides.ie/how-to-get-involved)

- **Travel:** Young people would need to travel to the group.