



Youth Work Plan 2021 - 2024



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▶ FOREWORD

We are pleased to introduce Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board's Youth Work Plan 2021 – 2024, which communicates our vision, values and plans for youth work provision in the Galway and Roscommon region.

This is an important document which informs the work of GRET B regarding its statutory responsibilities for youth work provision as set out in the Education and Training Boards Act (2013).

This Youth Work Plan is significant in that it has been developed following a process of considerable change in youth service provision both nationally and locally. This began with the defining of youth work in the Youth Work Act (2001), the setting out of statutory functions in the aforementioned ETB Act (2013), and the establishment of the UBU Your Place Your Space funding scheme in 2020, all of which provides for a consistent national approach in the recognition and value of youth work.

Our Youth Work Plan identifies the European, national, and local legislative and policy context for youth service provision and lists the principles underpinning GRET B's role therein. It sets out the sociodemographic profile of the region against the five national outcomes for children and young people as defined in Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures:

The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014–2020. The plan also maps existing youth service provision and identifies the stages of research which led to its compilation and informed the goals and actions it contains.

As this plan is launched, we would like to thank all those who contributed to its creation and development. This includes the many relevant organisations and stakeholders in our region, not least the young people we consulted and the many youth work services working across the region. We wish to acknowledge the work of the previous GRET B Youth Work Committee (2014–2019) and the current Youth and Arts Committee for its oversight in the preparation of the Plan.

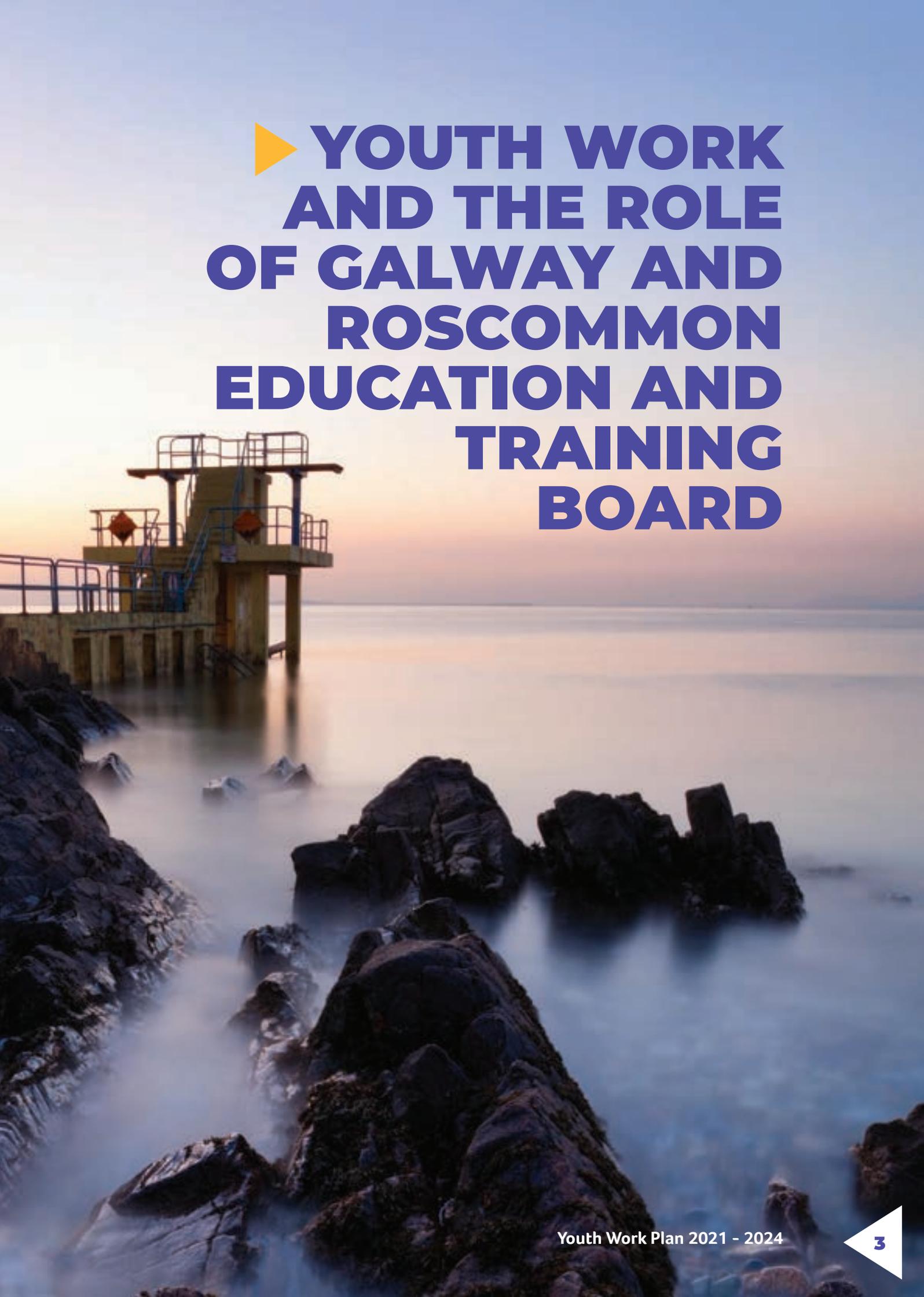
Finally, sincere thanks to the Youth Services Department of GRET B managed by Sinéad Morgan Adult Education Officer, and Youth Officers Davnet McEllin, Sara Ní Chuirreáin and Nicola Kerrigan who developed the plan. We look forward with anticipation to the implementation of the key actions identified and to our continued support of this most valuable service.



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**▶ YOUTH WORK
AND THE ROLE
OF GALWAY AND
ROSCOMMON
EDUCATION AND
TRAINING
BOARD**

Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board (GRETB) pledges to promote and support a high standard of youth work through the provision, coordination, administration and assessment of youth work services in Galway and Roscommon (ETB Act 2013).

Under this legislation, GRETB is required to develop a youth work plan to identify key priorities and goals. The plan also covers aspects such as partnerships with the voluntary sector and other statutory stakeholders in the youth work process, the involvement of young people in youth services, and monitoring and evaluation processes.

A particular focus for GRETB is:

“the needs of young people experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, the poorest outcomes”.

National Youth Strategy 2015 – 2020

“Nowadays it is very easy to feel lost and friendless. But not when you’re in...(the project). There you can laugh and talk and create something wonderful together. You forge strong relationships instantly and meet future best friends and housemates.”

What is Youth Work?

Youth work is a planned programme of non-formal education designed to enhance the personal and social development of young people through their voluntary participation.

Youth work providers are primarily community based and work with young people aged 10 to 24 years. Youth work helps young people learn about themselves, others and society, through informal educational activities which combine enjoyment, challenge and learning.

Despite the diverse backgrounds of youth service providers in the region, all should strive to deliver a high quality, well-managed and properly resourced youth service.

Such a service would:

- offer quality support to young people to help them achieve and progress
- enable young people to have their voice heard and influence decision making at various levels
- provide a diverse range of personal and social development opportunities
- help prevent disaffection and social exclusion
- be well planned, focusing on achieving outcomes that meet young people’s needs and priorities

GRETB will assist youth groups and service providers to develop clear statements about their youth work approaches and methods. The quality of youth work is monitored and evaluated through the process of the National Quality Standards Framework, for both staff and volunteer-led youth groups.

▶ GRET B PRIORITY GOALS 2021 – 2024



Based on the evidence gathered during the extensive research and consultation process outlined, Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board has set out the following strategic goals for the provision of youth work services in the region.

At the latter stages of the development of GRETB's Youth Work Plan, the impact of Covid 19 was manifesting itself on the youth population of Galway and Roscommon, particularly in the areas of unemployment and mental health. Future alterations to the plan may therefore be required to take into consideration such effects. Any changes made will be in line with national strategies and local needs.

Strategic Goal 1: Quality Youth Work Provision and Practice

To work with and support youth work providers to deliver a quality service that responds to young people, assists them to achieve their full potential and contributes to their social, cultural and economic development.

Actions:

- I) Ongoing monitoring of GRETB's **needs analysis** of the Galway Roscommon region in order to support the continued development of youth work responses that meet the needs of young people and achieve the most appropriate outcomes for them.

- II) Support the development of **inclusive youth work responses** to meet the needs of young people at risk of achieving poor outcomes including Young Migrants, Travellers, LGBTI+ young people etc., in line with national policy.

- III) Facilitate and support all funded youth projects and youth clubs/groups to **provide quality youth work**, including supporting and overseeing the implementation of the National Quality Standards for volunteer-led youth groups and staff-led projects.

- IV) Support initiatives aimed at **improving access to youth work** in local communities, particularly areas with rurally dispersed populations, by working with partners in relevant developmental organisations and with youth service providers.

Strategic Goal 2: Strong Governance

To support and monitor good governance in youth work organisations aiding the delivery of quality youth work.

Actions:

- I) Continue to put in place and review **Service Level Agreements** with services and projects, ensuring that GRETB and youth service providers are compliant with the terms of the agreements.

- II) Support and oversee funded youth projects in developing and reviewing **planning and reporting mechanisms** to meet all relevant requirements, as laid out in the Service Level Agreements and the funding conditions of the disbursed funds.

- III) Support and oversee youth work organisations in maintaining **efficient and transparent governance, management and administration systems** to support quality work.

- IV) Ensure the **participation of young people** in the design, delivery, and evaluation of services to give them a leading role in influencing decisions in their projects, services and local communities.

Strategic Goal 3: Promoting the Importance of Youth Work

To record and promote the value and importance of youth work and create a greater awareness of its impact and potential in the GRETB region.

Actions:

- I) Promote the work of youth services and the **value of youth work** across Galway and Roscommon.

- II) **Share knowledge and collaborate** with appropriate interagency networks to promote youth work services across the region, nationally and in Europe.

- III) **Support access to relevant training** for youth work organisations to upskill staff to optimise the promotion of their youth service across the community.

Strategic Goal 4: **Networking, Connecting and Collaborating**

To build positive relationships with our partners and stakeholders and identify opportunities for collaboration to enhance youth work.

Actions:

- I) **Work with partners in relevant developmental organisations** and with youth service providers to meet the needs identified in our area profile and/or in response to national policy requirements.

- II) Share knowledge and **collaborate with other services in GRETB** including Further Education and Training, Music Generation, Youth Advocacy, Community Education, Guidance Service and schools to ensure a consistent approach across the organisation.

- III) Share knowledge and **collaborate with appropriate interagency networks** to explore opportunities for promoting and supporting youth work outcomes.

- IV) Enter the bidding process, in collaboration with strategic partners, for European Youth Capital 2025 to strengthen local, national and European partnerships and significantly increase investment in young people.





▶ MONITORING AND EVALUATION

To ensure compliance with the youth work functions responsibility of GRETB, the following measures will be put in place to monitor the implementation of its Youth Work Plan:

- The implementation of the plan will be considered regularly by the Youth and Arts Committee and by the GRETB Board.
- An annual review will be prepared to detail progress and to record GRETB's contribution to national policy objectives.

“Taitníonn an club óige go mór liom mar tugann sé deis dom bualadh le mo chuid cáirde taobh amuigh d’am na scoile. Bíonn go leor ag dul ar aghaidh ag an gclub óige i gónaí”





▶ BACKGROUND AND POLICY CONTEXT

*“We are the future.
We’re being listened to.
They take our opinions
on board”*

Youth Work in Ireland is governed primarily by two pieces of legislation, The Youth Work Act 2001 and The Education and Training Boards Act 2013.

Youth work is defined in Section 3 of the 2001 Act as:

“a planned programme of education designed for the purpose of aiding and enhancing the personal and social development of young persons through their voluntary participation, and which is -

a) complementary to their formal, academic or vocational education and training; and

b) provided primarily by voluntary youth work organisations”

Section 2 of that same Act defines a young person ‘as a person who has not attained the age of 25.’

This means youth work is targeted at young people between 10-24 years of age. Voluntary participation is at the heart of youth work; it seeks to help young people to develop their full potential and achieve outcomes, which will be of benefit to themselves and the wider community.

Education and Training Boards (ETBs)

Education and Training Boards are given responsibility for the provision of youth work by section 10 (1) of The Education and Training Boards Act 2013, which states that each ETB will:

‘Support the provision, coordination, administration and assessment of youth work services in its functional area and provide such information as may be requested by the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs in relation to such support...’

ETBs are therefore responsible for the development, administration and governance of youth work services in their functional area. This involves a mix of both staff-led youth services and volunteer-led youth clubs. Funding for the provision of such services is provided to each ETB by Government, currently through the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY).

“Everyone was together and everyone was talking. You get to chat to some people you don’t know.”

Youth Work Committee

Section 19 of the Youth Work Act 2001 requires each ETB to appoint a Youth Work Committee, the structure and membership of which is defined in Section 44 of the 2013 Act.

In accordance with this obligation, Galway and Roscommon ETB established a Youth and Arts Committee in November 2019, to replace the outgoing Youth Work Committee which had been established under the previous GRETB Board.

The new Youth and Arts Committee remit is to:

- 1) Be informed of the youth and arts function conducted by Galway and Roscommon Education & Training Board;**
- 2) Inform Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board of information relating to youth work, youth and arts received by it, from the Executive of Galway and Roscommon Education & Training Board.**
- 3) Provide oversight of the Galway and Roscommon Education & Training Board youth and arts function.**



Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY)

A Service Level Agreement has been negotiated between GRETB and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to promote transparency and accountability in the delivery of youth work services in the GRETB functional area.

The Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA) was established in June 2011, with a

mandate in relation to the development of policy and the provision of funding for services for children and young people. The functions of that department were assigned to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth by the newly elected Government in July 2020.

The Department has developed a range of policies and guidelines for the provision of youth services, which include:

Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures (BOBF)

The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014–2020 is the first overarching national policy framework for children and young people (aged 0–24 years). BOBF represents the government’s agenda, prioritises children and young people and advocates a ‘whole-of-government’ approach. It establishes an outcomes approach with five national outcomes identified.

National Youth Strategy, 2015–2020

This is Ireland’s first youth strategy and aims to “enable all young people 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”. It sets out Government’s objectives and addresses the needs of young people in relation to each of the five national outcome areas as set out in Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures.

National Strategy on Children and Young People’s Participation in Decision-making, 2015-2020

Launched in June 2015, this strategy focuses on the participation of children and young people in decision-making and aims to enable children and young people to have a voice in their individual and collective everyday lives by setting out seven objectives and priority areas for action.

Value for Money and Policy Review of Youth Programmes (VFMPR)

This review in 2014 led to a fundamental change in the administration of funding schemes to youth services. It laid the foundation for the consolidation of three previous funding schemes and the establishment of a new targeted youth funding scheme, UBU Your Place Your Space. The mission is “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 strengthening their personal and social competencies”.

LGBTI+ National Youth Strategy 2018-2020

This LGBTI+ strategy emerged from the National Youth Strategy where LGBTI+ young people were identified as a marginalised group in Irish society. It is a cross-government strategy coordinated by DCEDIY. It aims to enhance the lives of young LGBTI+ people by putting in place additional measures and addressing key challenges that they face.

National Quality Standards for Volunteer Led Youth Groups (NQSFVLYG)

A set of quality standards for Volunteer Led Youth Clubs was introduced in 2013. The NQSFVLYG is aimed at supporting more than 1,600 volunteer-led clubs and groups across the country by enabling them to provide the best possible opportunities for young people to develop.

National Quality Standards Framework for Youth Work (NQSF)

Introduced in 2011 to ensure that youth work organisations provide quality services to young people in staff-led youth work organisations and to ensure development and improvement through a three-yearly assessment cycle. This aims to encourage youth organisations to review and assess their work and commit to a process of continuous development.

Other relevant publications

These publications include *Children First, National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017*; *The National Strategy for Research and Data on Children's Lives 2011–2016* and *Connecting for Life – Ireland's National Strategy to Reduce Suicide 2015-2020*.

European Context

Irish policy relating to youth work has not developed and does not function in a vacuum; it has a wider context which is informed by European Union strategies and frameworks.

The most important of these is the EU Youth Strategy 2019 – 2027 which was introduced

with the objective of engaging, connecting and empowering young people. It promotes cross-sectoral cooperation and sets out key principles to ensure young people can engage in decision making. The three objectives of the Strategy are further defined:



Other relevant policies and guidelines include *UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)* and the *Council of Europe's Youth Policy Agenda 2030*. The latter outlines the framework within which the Council of Europe

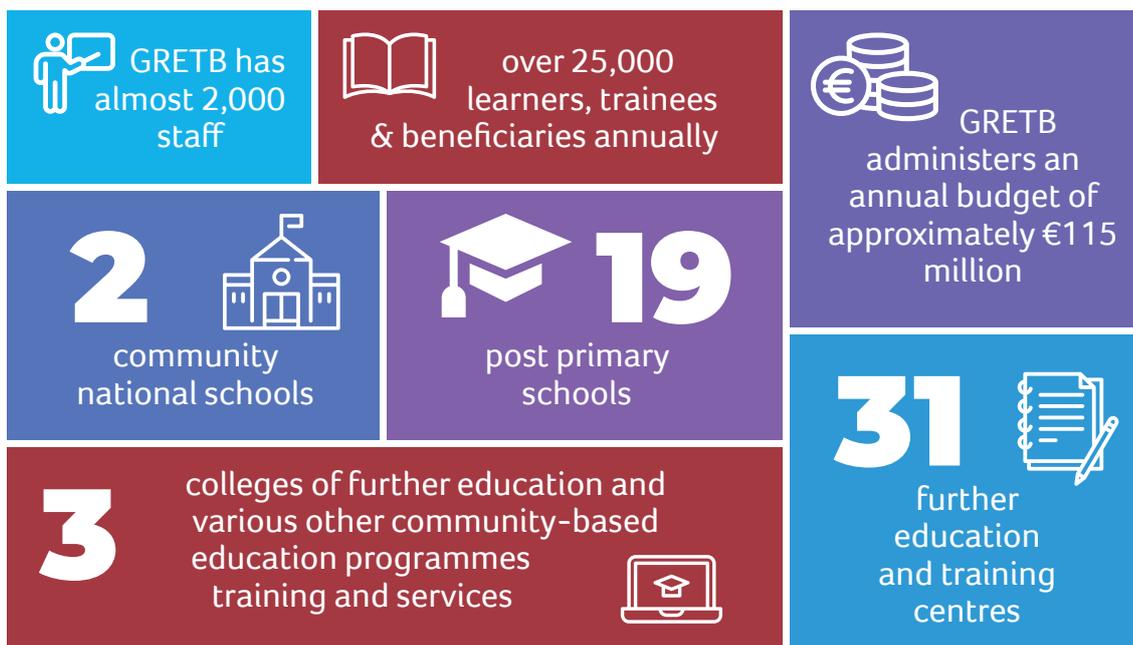
youth sector pursues its aim to enable young people across Europe to actively uphold, defend, promote and benefit from the Council of Europe's core values of human rights, democracy and the rule of law.



Regional Context

Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board (GRETB) was established in 2013 following the amalgamation of three Vocational Education Committees (Galway City VEC, County Galway VEC and Roscommon VEC) and FÁS Training.

GRETB supports the provision, coordination, administration and assessment of youth work services in the Galway Roscommon region.



GRETB's mission, as outlined in the organisation's Strategy Statement (2017-2021), is

'to support individuals through learning, to achieve their full potential and contribute to social, cultural and economic development.'

This mission statement is a key principle in guiding the provision of youth services in the GRETB functional area.

This provision is also informed by its stakeholders and by other important local policies, initiatives and plans which include:

- ▶ **GRETB Strategy Statement 2017-2021**
- ▶ **SOLAS Further Education & Training Strategy 2020-2024**
- ▶ **Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC) Plans – Galway and Roscommon**
- ▶ **Planet Youth Strategic Framework and Implementation Guide**
- ▶ **Local Youth Services' Strategies and Plans**
- ▶ **Music Generation Initiative Galway/Roscommon**
- ▶ **Local Economic and Community Plans**
- ▶ **Local Development Company Actions Plans**
- ▶ **Healthy Ireland Local Strategic Plans**

GRETB is conscious of the pivotal role youth services can play in helping young people develop their full potential and achieve outcomes which will be of benefit to themselves and to our wider society. The implementation of this Youth Work plan will

build on previous achievements by GRETB youth services and will strengthen the organisation's commitment to this important element of engagement with young people as stakeholders in our shared vision for a better future.





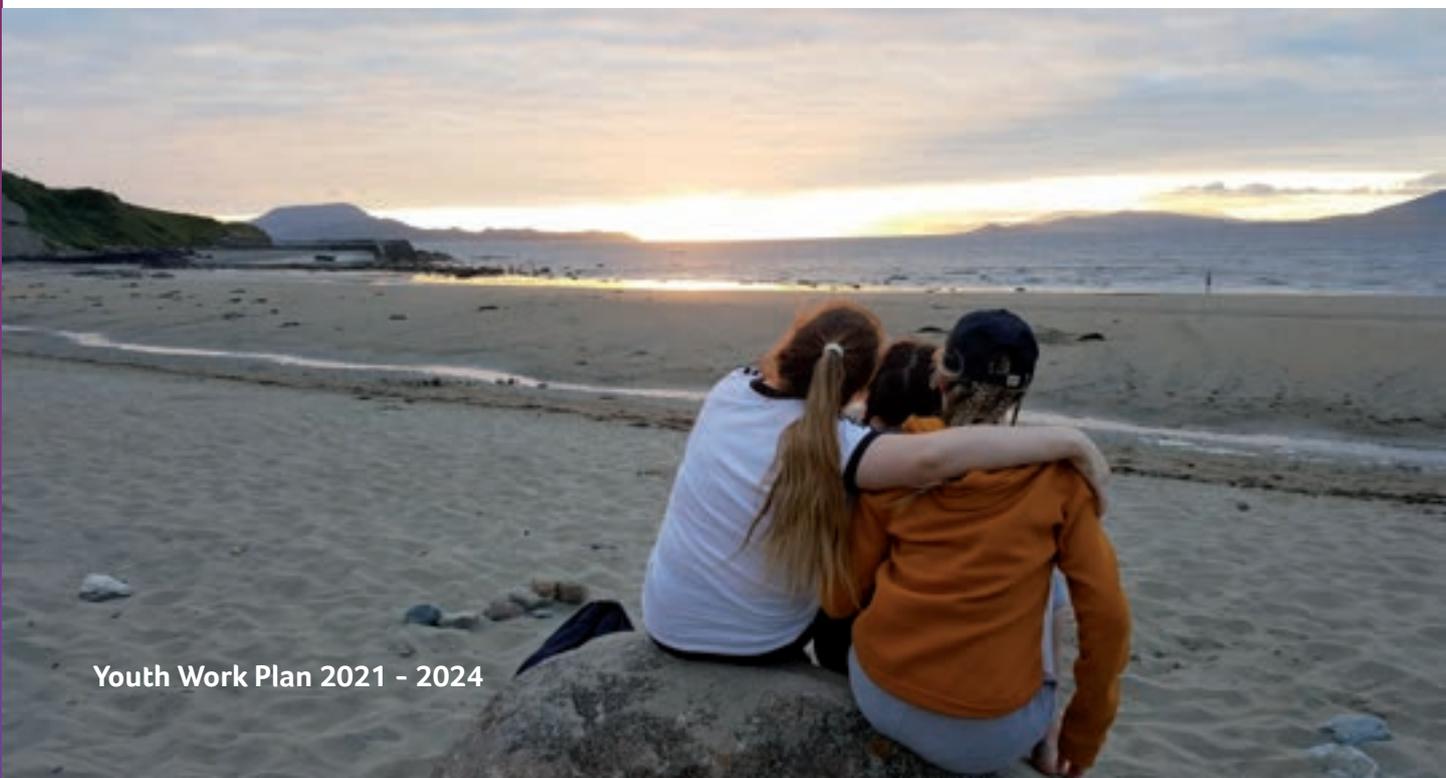
▶ VISION AND PRINCIPLES

GRETB's Strategy Statement (2017-2021), outlines our organisation's mission:

“to support individuals through learning, to achieve their full potential and contribute to social, cultural and economic development.”

GRETB Youth Service is also informed by and seeks to realise the vision set out in the **Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures (BOBF)**: The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014–2020:

‘Our vision is to make Ireland the best small country in the world in which to grow up and raise a family, and where the rights of all children and young people are respected, protected and fulfilled; where their voices are heard and where they are supported to realise their maximum potential now and in the future’.



Better Outcomes Brighter Futures identifies five national outcomes which form the key measurables against which service provision is measured.



OUTCOME 1: ACTIVE AND HEALTHY, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WELL-BEING

Objective 1	Young people enjoy a healthy lifestyle, in particular with regard to their physical, mental and sexual health and well-being
Objective 2	Young people benefit from involvement in recreational and cultural opportunities including youth work, arts, and sports



OUTCOME 2: ACHIEVING FULL POTENTIAL IN ALL AREAS OF LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Objective 3	Young people's core skills, competencies and attributes are enhanced and promoted through accessible, responsive, formal and non-formal education and learning opportunities
Objective 4	Young people benefit from strengthened transition supports at all levels as they move through the education system



OUTCOME 3: SAFE AND PROTECTED FROM HARM

Objective 5	Young people, and in particular vulnerable and marginalised young people, are supported to feel safe at home, in school, in their communities and online, and are empowered to speak out when feeling unsafe or vulnerable
Objective 6	Young people have safe places and spaces where they can socialise and develop



OUTCOME 4: ECONOMIC SECURITY AND OPPORTUNITY

Objective 7	Young people are better able to participate in the labour market through enhanced employability skills that complement formal learning and training qualifications and entrepreneurship opportunities
Objective 8	Young people are a particular focus in policies that address social inclusion and policy



OUTCOME 5: CONNECTED, RESPECTED AND CONTRIBUTING TO THEIR WORLD

Objective 9	Young people are included in society, are environmentally aware, their equality and rights are upheld, their diversity celebrated, and they are empowered to be active global citizens
Objective 10	Young people's autonomy is supported, their active citizenship fostered, and their voice strengthened through political, social and civic engagement

The National Youth Strategy, 2015–2020 aims to:

“enable all young people 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”.

While it is a universal strategy, it sets out priorities and recognises key partners, which informs GRETB’s goals and objectives:

- ✔ **prioritises the needs of young people experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, the poorest outcomes**
- ✔ **recognises the importance of collaboration between public bodies and local organisations in the pursuit of better outcomes for young people**

It is also underpinned by nine key principles which are central tenets of GRETB’s policies and practice, in efforts to coordinate and support youth work provision in the Galway Roscommon region.



PRINCIPLES

The following principles are central to the National Youth Strategy and its implementation:

Young people and those who support them:

1. Young people are valued in their own right, and recognised as integral to society.
2. Young people are acknowledged as key drivers in achieving their cognitive, emotional, social, economic and cultural development.
3. Parents, families, other significant adults and communities are recognised as playing a critical role in the development and progression of young people.

Professionals and volunteers working with young people:

4. Professionals and volunteers who work with young people are respected, valued and appropriately supported in their work.
5. Those providing services for young people act in the best interests of young people and respect and uphold young people's rights.

Policies and practices:

6. An equality perspective is integrated into all policy and practice.

Service development and delivery:

7. Government and other stakeholders work collaboratively with vertical and horizontal communication and cooperation, to achieve more effective services and supports for young people.
8. Services for young people are open, accessible, resourced and provide additional support in response to particular needs.
9. Services for young people are quality assured, outcomes focused and informed by evidence.

Department of Children and Youth Affairs (2015) National Youth Strategy 2015–2020
Dublin: Government Publications. Available



▶ METHODOLOGY

The framework and basic principles for the development of youth work plans in Education and Training Boards were agreed through the structures of Education and Training Boards Ireland (ETBI). This framework is based on the principles and outcomes identified in **Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures (BOBF)**: The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014–2020, and The National Youth Strategy 2015 – 2020. Each ETB subsequently undertook extensive research and identified goals and priorities according to the findings and priorities identified locally.

A Coordination Group was established in March 2019 to support and guide the development of this plan; the GRETB Youth Work Committee also reviewed the research and needs analysis carried out in 2019.

Consultation for the development of this plan was facilitated by the Youth Officers with assistance from an external researcher.

The consultation process consisted of:



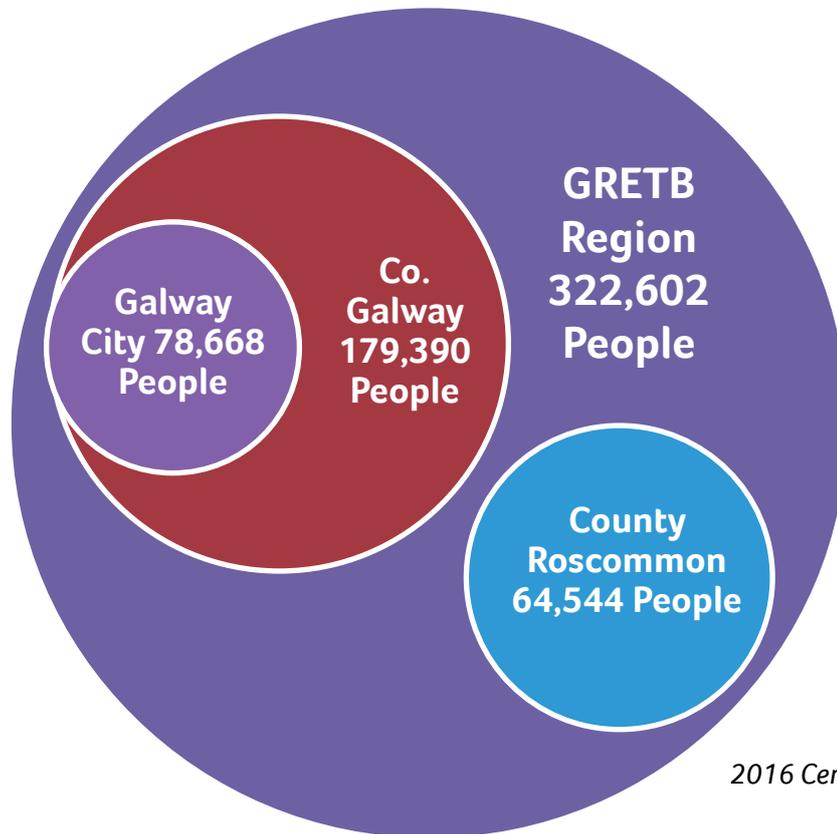
Phases completed in the preparation of the Youth Work Plan are listed in Appendix 5



▶ SOCIO- DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

The GRETB region is geographically the second largest in the state and is characterised by a diverse population and landscape. It covers the city of Galway with a large, ethnically diverse youth population in its eastern and western suburbs. It also

contains the satellite and market towns of County Galway and Roscommon, large rural areas with dispersed populations, the Connemara Gaeltacht and the Islands. Such diversity brings challenges including transport, cultural, and language barriers.



Galway City is a vibrant social, commercial and industrial centre in the west of Ireland. Rich in the area of heritage, arts and culture; it was chosen as European Capital of Culture in 2020.

Almost half (47%) of the people employed in Galway City work in commerce or the professional sector, a further 17% employed in manufacturing/technology.

It is one of the most culturally diverse cities in Ireland, as almost one in every five people (18.6%) are non-Irish nationals.

County Galway is the second largest county in Ireland and is characterised by its diversity: with the largest Gaeltacht area in the state (20% of the county's population – CSO 2016), large and medium towns, rural dispersed communities and the Islands. It has high levels of rural disadvantage to the west, including the two unemployment blackspots in the county, Leitir Móir/Leitir Mealláin (Garmna) and Cill Chiaráin (Scainimh) in the Connemara Gaeltacht. County Galway has a broad volunteer led youth and sports base. In 2019, the largest employers were in Tourism, I.T., Manufacturing and the Service Industry.

County Roscommon is predominantly rural with several small urban centres.

It has a reputation for high quality farm produce and outdoor water based activities on its many rivers and lakes. 73% of the population live in rural areas, with 69% employed in the service industry, 13% in industry and construction and 9% in agriculture. The main employer base is in Monksland, a suburb of Athlone. Boyle, in North Roscommon, is the third unemployment blackspot in the GRETB region.

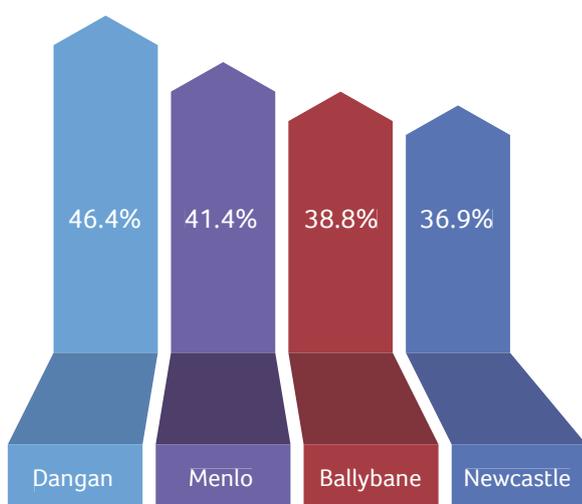
Roscommon



Youth Population

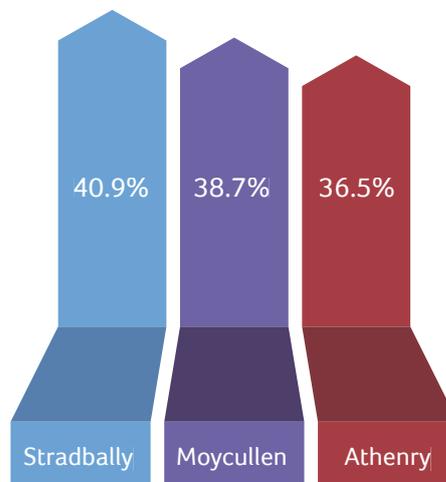
Galway City's eastern and western suburbs host the largest percentage of young people regionally, along with the commuter towns including Athenry, Gort, Loughrea, Ballinasloe and Tuam.

Areas of Galway City with a high population of people aged 0-24

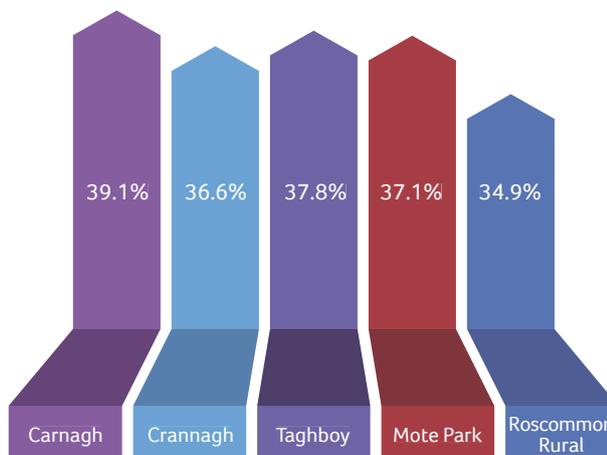


Generally, the youth population of the region matches the national youth population as a percentage of the overall population. The City of Galway however is notable for its high percentage of young people aged between 10 and 24, at 22%, compared with the national average of 19%. (CSO 2016).

In County Galway, high youth populations are located east and south east of Galway city



The Electoral Divisions of County Roscommon reveal higher youth population percentages in the south, particularly adjacent to Athlone and Roscommon Towns



Youth populations decline in the north and northwest of County Roscommon, for example, Artagh South (locally known as Gortaganny - 27.10%) and Buckill (Fairymount - 24.60%). (CSO 2016).

*Taghboy ED includes area surrounding Ballyforan

*Mote Park ED is situated south of Roscommon Town

	National Figure	Galway City	Galway County	Roscommon County
Total Population (all ages)	4,761,865	78,668	179,390	64,544
0 - 4	331,515	4,772	13,027	4,360
5-9	355,561	4,525	14,360	4,766
10 - 14	319,476	3,942	13,256	4,536
15 - 19	302,816	5,003	11,597	4,008
20 - 24	273,636	8,477	7,993	2,749
0 - 24	1,583,004	26,719	60,233	20,419
10 - 24	895,928	17,422	32,846	11,293
0 - 24 as a % of overall population	33%	34%	34%	32%
10 - 24 as a % of overall population	19%	22%	18%	17%

Source: CSO, Census 2016.



Active and Healthy

The aim of **Better Outcomes Brighter Futures** is that all children and young people are physically healthy and able to make positive health choices, have good mental health, have a positive and respectful approach to relationships and sexual health, and that their lives are enriched through the enjoyment of play, recreation, sports, arts, culture and nature.

(Better Outcomes Brighter Futures: The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People 2014 - 2020)

GALWAY

59.4% of people perceive themselves as in very good health.



Self-perceived general health tends to be highest in the areas surrounding the city; poorer health is found further away from the city and particularly to the west of the county, in Connemara.

The level of disability in County Galway was 12.6%, although the percentage population with a disability rises in areas which also have higher deprivation levels, such as parts of North East Galway and Connemara.

The Galway suicide rate was 11.4% for males, 3.5% for females, just below the national average of 13.8% for males and 3.4% for females.

ROSCOMMON

57.4% of people classify themselves as being in very good health.

Less of the population report very good general health as you move further north, particularly north of Roscommon town, which ties in with the greater levels of deprivation in the north and west of the county.



The level of disability in County Roscommon is 14.4% - slightly higher than the national average of 13.5% - with a lower rate in the more southern areas of the county.

Roscommon suicide rate was 18.6% for males (significantly higher than the national average 13.8%) and 3.2% for females, just below the national average of 3.4%

Planet Youth Survey	Galway	Roscommon
Physically Strong and Healthy	76%	78.84%
Physical Activity 3+ times per week	54%	49%
Poor Mental Health	Female 23% Male 11%	Female 17% Male 14%

Planet Youth 2018 www.planetyouth.ie

A total of 4,480 young people aged 16 across the western region took part in the Planet Youth survey of the lifestyles of young people in 2018, which examined physical and mental health perceptions amongst survey participants.



Achieving Full Potential in all areas of Learning and Development

Better Outcomes Brighter Futures, outcome two, aims to ensure that all children and young people get the best foundation in learning and development, have social and emotional wellbeing, and are engaged in, and achieving in education.

(Better Outcomes Brighter Futures: The National Policy Framework for Children & Young People 2014 - 2020)

In the Galway-Roscommon region, there are



38,135 students in primary education



23,086 in secondary education



12,904 in third level education



There is a slightly higher percentage (Galway 17.08%; Roscommon 17.32%) of young people aged 20-24 years whose highest level of education is **Upper Second Level** compared to the national figure (16.13%).



There is also a slightly higher percentage (Galway 4.22%; Roscommon 4.51%) of young people whose highest level of education is **Lower Second Level Education** compared to the national figure (4.01%).



County Roscommon boasts a high number of young people (2,390) in third level education, who travel to other counties owing to lack of similar opportunities in Roscommon.



Young people who complete third level education are also slow to settle back in Roscommon, as the HEA First Destinations Report (2012) reported that only 13% of third level graduates secured their first job in the county, the second lowest in the country after Leitrim.

CSO 2016

Achieving full potential in all areas of learning and development	National Figure	Galway	Roscommon
Number of people in third level education	160,178	10,471	2,433
Number of primary school students	558,314	30,476	7,659
Number of secondary school pupils	352,257	19,264	3,822
Young people aged 20-24 years whose highest level of education is Upper Second Level Education	44,147	2,020	476
Young people aged 20-24 years whose highest level of education is Lower Second Level Education	10,960	504	124
Retention rates in second level schools from latest cohort (% of 2010 entry cohort who sat the leaving certificate) cert in 2015 or 2016)	91.2%	92.26%	92%

CSO 2016

Planet Youth	Galway	Roscommon
Feel Safe at School	85%	87%
Bored with School	38%	38%
Mitched School in the last 30 days Regional Average (Galway, Mayo, Roscommon 13%)	13.6%	7.7%
Missed School in the last 30 days owing to illness	54%	59%
Support from parents with school	83%	83%

Planet Youth 2018 www.planetyouth.ie

A total of 4,480 young people aged 16 across the western region took part in the Planet Youth survey of the lifestyles of young people in 2018, which examined physical and mental health perceptions amongst survey participants.

Safe and Protected from Harm

Better Outcomes Brighter Futures, outcome three, aims to ensure that all children and young people have a secure, stable, and caring home environment; that they are safe from abuse, neglect, and exploitation; that they are protected from bullying and discrimination;

and that they are safe from crime and antisocial behaviour.

(Better Outcomes Brighter Futures: The National Policy Framework for Children & Young People 2014 - 2020)



The Galway and Roscommon region has **41 children** listed as Active on the Child Protection Notification System in 2020. In total **374 children** were registered as in care in May 2020 and **138 young people** aged 18 - 22 were in receipt of an aftercare service.

Tusla Quarterly Performance and Activity Data 2020



Garda Youth Diversion referrals in Galway City and County in 2017 were **1029**; referral numbers between Roscommon and Longford were **314**. The figure for Galway, which includes Galway City and County, is by far the highest making up **almost 50%** of the total number of referrals in the Western Region. However, it is also in the area in the region with the highest population.



The number of households experiencing **homelessness in Galway** has risen by **20%** since 2018, with **174** households living in emergency accommodation and approximately **24** rough sleepers accounted for in 2019 (*COPE Galway 2019*). In 2020, Galway Simon Community has identified **72 families** with **189 children** and young people living in emergency accommodation in the West of Ireland (May 2020).



Planet Youth Data (2018) shows that, in general, young people feel safe and cared for, although there are local fluctuations, particularly regarding substance misuse. This is particularly true in some rural disadvantaged areas, for example **55%** of young people in Gort and **54%** in North Connemara have been drunk once or more in their lifetime. This compares with the County Galway average of **46%**.

Planet Youth Lifestyle Survey 2018	Galway	Roscommon
Pupils who find it easy to get caring and warmth from their parents	91%	92%
Report feeling safe at school	85%	87%
Pupils who have been drunk once or more in their lifetime	46%	48%
Reported being drunk in the last month	27%	25%
Reported lifetime cannabis use	19%	17%
Reported lifetime use of tranquillisers	10%	6%
Reported being out after midnight once or more in the last week	16%	16%

Young people out after midnight are five times more likely to use cigarettes, two and a half times more likely to report drunkenness and twice as likely to use cannabis.

Planet youth data www.planetyouth.ie



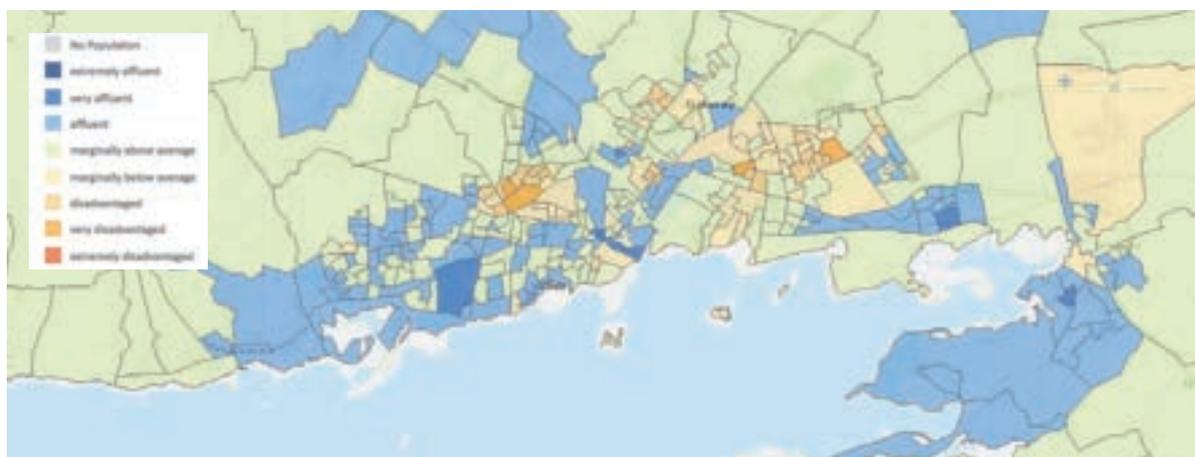
Economic Security and Opportunity

Better Outcomes Brighter Futures, outcome four, aims to ensure that all children and young people are protected from poverty and social exclusion; that they are living in child/youth-friendly sustainable communities; that they have opportunities for ongoing education and training; and that they have pathways to economic participation, entrepreneurship, fulfilling employment, and independent living.

(Better Outcomes Brighter Futures: The National Policy Framework for Children & Young People 2014 - 2020)

The Pobal Trutz Haase and Jonathan Pratschke (HP) Deprivation Index provides a valuable indicator of affluence or deprivation across a geographical area. The Index, developed by socio-economic consultants Trutz Haase and Jonathan Pratschke, uses various socio-economic and demographic indicators in its calculations. Each area is given a score and a description. This ranges from approximately -40 (which is described as 'Extremely Disadvantaged') to +40 (which is described as 'Extremely Affluent') with zero being based on a national average.

*Pobal. Pobal HP Deprivation Indices [Online]
Available at: <https://maps.pobal.ie/>.*



Based on the census 2016, in **Galway City** the Electoral Divisions (EDs) with the lowest HP deprivation scores, all of which fall within the 'Marginally Below Average' band of deprivation, are the following: Newcastle (-7.64); Shantalla (-4.20); and Mervue (-3.37)

When the data is disaggregated to Small Area (SA) level however, there are four Small Areas in Galway City which are classified as 'Very Disadvantaged' which are in the Ballybane (eastern suburbs) and Westside areas of the city. There are also 22 SAs which fall within the 'Disadvantaged' category of the HP deprivation score.



In **County Galway** there are 13 EDs with a score of -10 or below. They all fall within the 'Disadvantaged' band of deprivation. When the data is broken down to Small Area (SA) level there is one SA which is classified as 'Extremely Disadvantaged'.

This is found within the ED of Ballinasloe Urban and has a HP deprivation score of -30.93. In addition, there are 11 SAs which are classified as 'Very Disadvantaged' and 74 SAs which are classified as 'Disadvantaged' and are mainly located in the east and north of the county and in Connemara. (CSO 2016)



In **County Roscommon** there are 8 EDs with a HP deprivation score of -10 or below. They all fall within the 'Disadvantaged' band of deprivation. When the data is examined at Small Area (SA) level there are four SAs which are classified as 'Very Disadvantaged' and a further 44 SAs which are classified as 'Disadvantaged' primarily in the north west of the county around Castlerea, Ballaghaderreen and Boyle. (CSO 2016)

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Available at: <https://maps.pobal.ie/>.*



The **unemployment rate** among the general population is 11.7% in County Galway and 13% in County Roscommon, while the national unemployment rate is 12.9%. The unemployment rate of Galway City reflects precisely the national rate of 12.9% (CSO 2016).



The rate of unemployment among **15 to 24 year olds** is generally lower in Galway than it is in Roscommon: County Galway has a rate of 26.5% and Galway City 21% however, County Roscommon has a rate 30.5%, slightly higher than the national youth unemployment rate of 25.6%. (CSO 2016)



There are **three unemployment blackspots** in the GRETB region: Boyle, County Roscommon and Scainimh and Garmna, known locally as Cill Chiaráin and Leitir Móir in South Connemara, County Galway.

All figures correct at time of writing



Connected, Respected and Contributing to their World

Better Outcomes Brighter Futures, outcome five, aims to ensure that all children and young people have a sense of their own identity, are free from discrimination, and are part of positive networks of friends, family and community; furthermore, that they are civically engaged, socially and environmentally conscious, and are aware of their rights as well as being responsible and respectful of the law.

(Better Outcomes Brighter Futures: The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People 2014 - 2020)

There is a higher percentage of young white **Irish Travellers (0-24 years)** in Galway City (3.55%), County Galway (2.56%) and County Roscommon (1.51%) than nationally (1.14%) (CSO, 2016). These young people are mainly resident in the eastern and western suburbs of Galway City, in the north and east of County Galway and across County Roscommon. GRETB Stakeholder Consultation findings show that census statistics may not accurately represent the number of Travellers in the GRETB region owing to under self-identifying by Travellers in the Census.

In Galway City there are **two Direct Provision centres** for those seeking asylum and refuge. The Eglinton in Salthill (67 young people aged 0 - 25 resident in 2019) and the Great Western Hostel in Eyre Square (36 males aged 18 - 25 resident in 2019). There is an **Emergency Reception and Orientation Centre (EROC)** in Ballaghaderreen in North Roscommon for refugees; it is a transient community with people entering and leaving regularly and thus the numbers are subject change. In March 2019, 60 young people resided in the centre aged between 5 and 18 (*GRETB Research Report, 2019*).

There is a significantly higher percentage of **non-Irish nationals** residing in Galway City (18.20%) than nationally (11.40%). Some Small Areas (SAs) around the City have elevated percentages of non-Irish nationals. In Ballybane particularly, there are a number of Small Areas where over half the population are non-Irish nationals (CSO, 2016).

Although, County Galway has a lower than average percentage of **non-Irish nationals**, there are pockets within the county where the percentage rises considerably. The main areas with elevated percentages of non-Irish nationals are in Tuam (20.20%), Ballinasloe (14.90%), Gort (26.40%), Athenry (16.20%) and Loughrea (14.90%).

County Roscommon is home to relatively high numbers of **Slovakian and Romanian Roma**, with estimated figures of 131 young people residing in the county (*Roscommon CYPSC, June 2020*).

The 2016 Census records **396 people of Brazilian origin** among a population of 2,130 in Gort. The South Galway town has one small area where 43.80% of the population is made up of non-Irish nationals. However, the unofficial figure is estimated at up to 2,000 undocumented Brazilians resident in Gort (Stakeholder Consultation 2019). Definitive figures for undocumented people is difficult to obtain because of their lack of official status and their consequent exclusion for the most part from census measurement.

There is a slightly higher percentage of **young carers** aged 0-24 years in Galway City (0.97%), County Galway (0.87%) and County Roscommon (0.88%) than nationally (0.83%) (CSO, 2016).

According to CSO figures for 2016, 39.8% of the population of Ireland over the age of 3 could **speak Irish**. Within Ireland, County Galway has the highest percentage of Irish speakers (49%) owing to the fact that it is home to the largest Gaeltacht in the country. In addition, Galway City and its suburbs has the highest rate of Irish speakers (41.4%) for an urban area.

In 2016, 3,564 **residents lived on islands** in County Galway (CSO 2016). Due to additional transport challenges, island communities can be more socially isolated and face greater barriers when accessing services. (*Evidence Baseline Report on Children and Young People, in Galway and Roscommon, GRETB 2019*)





▶ MAPPING OF EXISTING SERVICES

“Is deis iontach é seo do dream óg an cheantair bualadh le chéile. Tugann an club deis dúinn an Ghaeilge a úsáid go neamhfhoirmiúil agus píosa chraic a bheith againn ag déanamh cairde nua, imirt cluichí nó ag obair ar tionscadal”

GRETB funded Youth Projects / Services

GRETB oversees the provision of youth work services in counties Galway and Roscommon, by means of funding to staff-led youth projects and services and grant aid to volunteer-led youth clubs.

All funding for the projects listed is made available by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for administration by Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board.

STAFF-LED YOUTH WORK PROVISION

- 21 Projects funded under UBU and Youth Information Centre
- 10,000+ young people attended services in 2019
- €2 million average annual budget spent on staff led youth service provision and supports

VOLUNTEER-LED YOUTH WORK PROVISION

- 108 volunteer led clubs and groups
- 4,831 young people attending volunteer led youth clubs in 2020
- €136,230 allocated to volunteer led youth clubs/groups in 2020

CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN YOUTH SERVICE PROVISION 2018-2020

- 2018 - €96,905
- 2019 - €48,000
- 2020 - €56,769



Other Youth Service Provision in Galway and Roscommon





▶ APPENDICES

“When you work with older people the big change for us is it’s such a difference to be asked and give your opinion”

Appendix 1: Terms of Reference for GRETB Youth and Arts Committee

Section 10 of the Education & Training Boards Act 2013 ('the Act') sets out the functions of each Education and Training Board ('ETB'). The youth work function for an ETB is provided for in subsection (j), namely to: *"support the provision, co-ordination, administration and assessment of youth work services in its functional area and provide such information as may be requested by the Minister for Children & Youth Affairs in relation to such support."*

A Youth and Arts Committee may be established by the ETB in accordance with Section 44 of the Act. Galway and Roscommon Education & Training Board has, on the 12th day of November 2019, established the Galway and Roscommon Education & Training Board Youth and Arts Committee.

Chairperson

Cllr. Shane Curley a member of Galway and Roscommon Education & Training Board was also appointed as the Chairperson of Galway and Roscommon Education & Training Board Youth and Arts Committee on the 12th day of November 2019, pursuant to the powers of the ETB, as set out in section 44(4) of the Education & Training Board Act 2013.

The ETB also determined these Terms of Reference for the Galway and Roscommon Education & Training Board Youth and Arts Committee on the above date, in line with the Board's powers under section 44(1) and same are signed hereunder by the Chairperson of Galway and Roscommon Education & Training Board as verification of said determination.

Duties of Committee

The remit of the Youth and Arts Committee is to:

1. Be informed of the youth and arts function conducted by Galway and Roscommon Education & Training Board.
2. Inform Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board of the information relating to youth work, youth and arts received by it, from the Executive of Galway and Roscommon Education & Training Board.
3. Provide oversight of Galway and Roscommon Education & Training Board youth and arts function.

The Youth and Arts Committee does not and shall not fulfil any executive functions of the Education & Training Board as these are within the remit of the Chief Executive and/or his/her delegates.

Membership of ETB Youth Work Committees

A Youth and Arts Committee shall have no more than 12 members, pursuant to section 44(2) of the Act. Galway and Roscommon Education & Training Board Youth and Arts Committee shall consist of 12 members.

Membership may consist partly of members of the Education & Training Board and partly of members who are not members of that board but whom are appointed by Galway and Roscommon Education & Training Board. See appendix 1.

The members of the Galway and Roscommon Education & Training Board Youth and Arts Committee are:

1. GRETB Nominee
2. GRETB Nominee
3. GRETB Nominee
4. GRETB Nominee
5. GRETB Nominee
6. HSE/Children and Youth Services Committee representative
7. Local Authority Arts Officer (position to rotate among 3 local authority areas)
8. Udarás na Gaeltachta/Ealaín na Gaeltachta Teo Áisitheoir Ealaíona
9. Irish Primary Principals Network Representative
10. National Association of Principals and Deputy Principals Representative
11. Comhairle na nÓg representative Galway
12. Comhairle na nÓg representative Roscommon

Removal of Members

A member of the committee may be removed from office at any time by the Education and Training Board, in line with section 44(13) of the Act. The Education and Training Board may also dissolve the committee at any time, as provided for under section 44(15).

Regulation of Meetings

The quorum for the Galway and Roscommon Education & Training Board Youth and Arts Committee shall be 5.

Meetings of the Galway and Roscommon Education & Training Board Youth and Arts Committee will be held a minimum of once and no more than four times per annum.

Meetings will follow a pre-determined agenda, in line with the template set out at Appendix 2 hereunder and will be agreed between the Chairperson of the Committee and the Executive. Same should be circulated to all Committee members up to 7 days in advance of each meeting.

Term of Office of Committee

The term of office of Galway and Roscommon Education & Training Board Youth and Arts Committee shall be 5 years.

These Terms of Reference shall be issued to the Chief Executive of Galway and Roscommon Education & Training Board and to the Chairperson of the Galway and Roscommon Education & Training Board Youth and Arts Committee on the next business day after the board's determination herein.

Appendix:

Section 44 of the Education & Training Board Act 2013 also provides that the appointing members to committees is a matter for the ETB board. In considering the most effective composition of the Youth and Arts Committees, the ETBI Youth Work Committee recommends to ETBs boards the appointment of at least 1 and no more than 3, members of the ETB and for the remaining membership to include representation from the following 4 groups:

- Representatives from the Voluntary Youth Sector (a minimum of 1 and not more than 3);
- Representatives from Statutory Bodies e.g.

HSE, An Garda Síochana, Local Authorities, Children's Services Committees (a minimum of 1 and not more than 3);

- Young Persons from Comhairle na nÓg or similar youth structure, one male and one female (a maximum of 2);
- Co-option representatives of organisations

with an interest in the youth work sector e.g. third level colleges providing youth work courses in the ETB area (not more than 1).

It is important that the participation of young people is supported and that capacity building is provided to these representatives to maximise their participation.

Appendix 2: Youth and Arts Committee Membership

- Cllr. Shane Curley – Chairperson, GRETB Representative
- Cllr. Terry O’Flaherty - GRETB Representative
- Cllr. Kathleen Shanagher - GRETB Representative
- Mr. Daniel Cronin - GRETB Representative
- Mr. Tom Costello - GRETB Representative
- Mr. Morgan Mee - Children & Young People Services Committee Representative
- Mr. Daniel Dwyer - Comhairle na nÓg Representative, Roscommon
- Ms. Ruby Ní Dhubslaine – Comhairle na nÓg Representative, Galway
- Mr. Alan Mongey - National Association of Principals and Deputy Principals Representative
- Ms. Muireann Ní Dhroighneáin - Údarás na Gaeltachta Representative
- Ms. Sharon O’Grady - Galway County Council Arts Officer Representative
- Ms. Anna Feely - Irish Primary Principals Network Representative
- Mr. Peadar Mac Fhlannchadha – Conradh na Gaeilge Representative

Appendix 3: Staff-led Youth Work Service Provision

- Ballinfoyle Area Youth Project (Foróige)
- Bohermore Youth Development Project
- Brú Bhríde Youth Project (Western Traveller and Intercultural Development Centre)
- CAPE Project & shOUT! Project (Youth Work Ireland Galway)
- East Galway Youth Project (Youth Work Ireland Galway)
- Eastside Youth Service (Foróige)
- Forum Adolescent Support Programme
- Galway City Youth Café (Foróige)
- Galway Youth Theatre
- Gort Youth Service (Foróige)
- Involve Youth Service – Ballinasloe, Loughrea and Salthill
- Knocknacarra Area Youth Project (Foróige)
- Loughrea Youth Project (Youth Work Ireland Galway)
- No. 4 Youth Service
- Ragoon Family Centre
- Roscommon Youth Service 1 (Foróige and Roscommon LEADER Partnership)
- Roscommon Youth Service 2 (Roscommon LEADER Partnership)
- Tionscnamh Óige Mhuintearas
- Tuam Youth Service (Youth Work Ireland Galway)
- Westside Youth Project (Youth Work Ireland Galway)
- Youth Information County Galway (Youth Work Ireland Galway)

Appendix 4: Volunteer-led Youth Work provision (funded through the Local Youth Club Grant Scheme in 2020)

- Ardrahan Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Athenry Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Aughrim Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Barna Youth Hub (Foroige)
- Bullaun Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Caroneen Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Carrabane Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Clarinbridge Foroige Club (Foroige)
- Claregalway Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Clonfert Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Corofin Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Cortoon Lavelly Gardenfield Foróige (Foroige)
- Craughwell Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Cregmore Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Dunmore Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Kilbeacanty Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Kilconly Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Killimordaly/Kiltulla Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Kinvara Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Knockdoe Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Lackagh Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Leitrim Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Loughrea Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Maree Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Milltown Foróige Club (Foroige)
- New Inn Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Newcastle Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Oranmore Foróige Club (Foroige)
- St Thomas Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Turloughmore Foroige Club (Foroige)
- Ardcarne/Cootehall Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Arigna Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Boyle Foróige Junior Club (Foroige)
- Cloonfad Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Four Roads Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Frenchpark Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Granlahan Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Loughglynn Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Oran Foróige Club (Foroige)
- Phoenix Darts Club - Ballaghaderreen (Foroige)
- Moore Youth Club (Youth Work Ireland Midlands)
- Athlone Youth Darts Academy (Youth Work Ireland Midlands)
- Killkerrin Youth Club (Youth Work Ireland Galway)
- Tuam Youth Club (Youth Work Ireland Galway)
- Oughterard Youth Club (Youth Work Ireland Galway)
- Club Shine Variety Group (Youth Work Ireland Galway)
- Our Lady's Boys Club (Youth Work Ireland Galway)
- Q Club Variety Group (Youth Work Ireland Galway)
- Abbey-Duniry - 30th Galway Scout Group (Scouting Ireland)
- Athenry - 19th Galway Scout Group (Scouting Ireland)
- Bengoora - 31st Galway Scout Group (Scouting Ireland)
- Carrabane - 27th Galway Scout Group (Scouting Ireland)
- Carrabane - 27th Galway Scout Group (Scouting Ireland)
- Claregalway - 12th Scouts (Scouting Ireland)
- Craughwell 4th Galway Scout Group (Scouting Ireland)
- Gort - 17th Galway Scout Group (Scouting Ireland)
- Kilcoona - 26th Galway Scout Group (Scouting Ireland)

- Kinvara - 28th Galway Scout Group (Scouting Ireland)
- Loughrea - 3rd Galway Scout Group (Scouting Ireland)
- Oranmore - 8th Galway Scout Group (Scouting Ireland)
- Oughterard - 15th Galway Scout Group (Scouting Ireland)
- Tuam - 2nd Galway Scout Group (Scouting Ireland)
- Portumna 10th Galway Scouts (Scouting Ireland)
- Menlo - 32nd Galway Scout Club Group (Scouting Ireland)
- Port of Galway- 24th Sea Scouts (Scouting Ireland)
- Renmore - 13th Galway Scouts (Scouting Ireland)
- St Joseph's - 1st Galway Scout Group (Scouting Ireland)
- St Patricks - 14th Scout Group - Shantalla (Scouting Ireland)
- Boyle Scouts (Scouting Ireland)
- Castlerea - 3rd Roscommon Scout Troop Scouting Ireland
- Kilglass/Tarmonbarry - 17th Roscommon Scouts (Scouting Ireland)
- Moore - 5th Roscommon Scouts (Scouting Ireland)
- Rinn Duinn (Lecarrow) 14th Roscommon Scout Group (Scouting Ireland)
- Roscommon - 12th Scouts (Scouting Ireland)
- Club Óige na mBeanna Beola (Club Óige na Gaeltachta)
- Club Óige Lurgan (Club Óige na Gaeltachta)
- Club Óige Chois Cuain (Club Óige na Gaeltachta)
- Club Óige Chois na hAbhann (Club Óige na Gaeltachta)
- Club Óige Leitir Móir (Club Óige na Gaeltachta)
- Club Óige an Spidéal (Club Óige na Gaeltachta)
- Club Óige Inis Oirr (Club Óige na Gaeltachta)
- Club na nÓg Inis Mór (Club Óige na Gaeltachta)
- Club Óige Gharumna (Club Óige na Gaeltachta)
- Club Óige Rónáin, Inis Mór (Club Óige na Gaeltachta)
- Ionad Óige Iorras Aithneach (Club Óige na Gaeltachta)
- Óige Bhriocáin (Club Óige na Gaeltachta)
- Óg Ógras an Fhairche (Ógras)
- Óg Ógras Tuairíní (Ógras)
- Óg Ógras Dara (Ógras)
- Carnmore Dilse Senior Branch Girl Guides (Irish Girl Guides)
- St Nicholas Collegiate Guides (Irish Girl Guides)
- Galway City Senior Branch Girl Guides (Irish Girl Guides)
- Boyle Girl Guides (Irish Girl Guides)
- Rosmote Girl Guides (Irish Girl Guides)
- St. Teresa's Girl Guides - Castlerea (Irish Girl Guides)
- Headford No Name Club (No Name Club)
- Mountbellew No Name Club (No Name Club)
- Kilbride No Name Club (No Name Club)
- Friendship Weeks (Independent)
- Galway Autism Partnership (Independent)
- Ros Nua Youth Club (Independent)
- St. Patricks Brass Band Galway (Independent)
- Roscommon Young Carers Youth Project (Independent)
- Belclare Comhaltas (Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann)
- Glinsk Pioneer Youth Club (Pioneer Total Abstinence Association)
- 9 Arch Claregalway Musical Group (Association of Irish Musical Societies)
- Vision Arch Club (National Federation of Arch Clubs)
- Athenry Orchestra (Irish Association of Youth Orchestras)
- Galway Youth Orchestra (Irish Association of Youth Orchestras)

Appendix 5: Preparation of Youth Work Plan

Phase 1	Engagement of researcher to conduct statistical analysis and support the consultation process for a Youth Work Plan.
Phase 2	Establishment of a Co-ordination Group to oversee the development of the Youth Work Plan.
Phase 3	Consultations carried out with Young People, Youth Work Staff, Managers, key organisations.
Phase 4	Identification of themes from the consultation process to inform priority goals.
Phase 5	Drafting of Youth Work Plan.
Phase 6	Review of Youth Work Plan by Youth & Arts Committee.



“The garden project was an opportunity to meet people in the area. It was a way to break the ice and broke down barriers between young and old. Some think teenagers can be intimidating”



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