



Youth Work Newsletter May 1st 2020

The ETB Youth Work Team on Zoom! – how we meet now... 😊



In these extremely challenging times, we want to reach out to our colleagues whom we know are working above and beyond the call. We are here to support you and this newsletter is a gesture on our part to let you know what we can offer in terms of supports to you and to your young people.

We hope that you are all keeping safe and well and we look forward to supporting your work. Feel free to contact us at any time.

Stay safe and kind regards from: Cora, Seamus, Martin, Mary, Monica and Liz

The Youth Work Team is supporting funding applications through the following schemes:



UBU, Your Place Your Space

is a scheme that provides out-of-school supports to young people in their local communities to enable them to overcome adverse circumstances and achieve their full potential by improving their personal and social development outcomes. In 2020, 26 applications have been submitted to the Department of Children and Youth Affairs for approval.

The **2020 Summer Scheme Grant Scheme** was developed locally and open to youth groups for applications in February. The scheme is intended to provide a programme of activities for young people over the summer months and will respond to the young peoples' needs and interests - 18 successful applications, with an allocation of €21, 850 were awarded by the ETB.

Youth Club Grant Scheme 2020 supports voluntary youth club/group activities for young people; with priority given to clubs/groups catering for young people aged 10–21. The primary focus of the scheme is to assist local, volunteer-led youth clubs/groups that provide a programme of youth work activities for young people. This year, we have received over 90 applications and have a funding allocation of €134,150.

Capital Project 2020 is now open to ETB-funded projects only. The main aim of the grant is to assist with the following:

- Purchase of equipment to support projects or organisations in the provision of quality services for young people
- Minor health and safety improvements
- Upgrade to premises, including painting or redecoration
- Upgrade of kitchen and toilet facilities

The DCYA has made €85,000 available to the ETB for this scheme – closing date 20th May.

Limerick & Clare Education & Training Board administers over €1.9 million in UBU funding to a wide range of Community Youth projects across the region.

How the ETB Youth Work Team has helped Youth Work Projects during the COVID-19 pandemic

- Assisted projects in the region to complete the first phase of the UBU process
- 3 iPads on loan to community youth projects
- Regular telephone and email support to youth work projects
- Delivery of activity packs from Local Youth Creative Partnership (LCYP) to community youth groups
- Online creative workshops in acting, scriptwriting and drawing through the LCYP
- Meetings with youth projects and partners on Zoom



The Local Creative Youth Partnership (LCYP) was established by Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board in 2019

Operating under the auspices of Creative Ireland, the LCYP works in partnership with state and voluntary agencies to deliver creative programmes for young people in communities across Limerick and Clare. Over the past ten months the LCYP has consulted over 300 young people and delivered projects in collaboration with partners from youth, culture and informal education. Many projects have already been completed with some now on hold due to COVID-19 restrictions. Programmes included in this newsletter will continue through May.

National Drawing Day, May 16th

The National Gallery of Ireland's *National Drawing Day* takes place on Saturday, May 16th. Limerick and Clare LCYP is encouraging young people to participate by providing youth groups with simple drawing materials and by offering a step-by-step guide to participation. Participants will have the opportunity to have their drawing included on the National Gallery's digital platform. Drawing Materials should be requested from lcyp@lcteb.ie by May 8th.

National Youth Council of Ireland 2020 Artist and Youth Work Residency Scheme – extended deadline to May 20th



The NYCI's *Artist and Youth Work Residency Scheme* is now open, with an extended deadline of May 20th. The Local Creative Youth Partnership is offering support to interested youth groups with assistance in the application process for this scheme and can offer in-kind support through workshop facilitation in an art form of the group's choosing. Full details from NYCI here: www.youth.ie/articles/artist-and-youth-work-residency-scheme/

Supply of Drawing and Colouring Materials

The LCYP has already delivered activity booklets to a number of youth groups on a trial basis. These materials were produced in collaboration with The Three Muses programme in Limerick and with Clare Library and O'Brien Press. The LCYP would like to hear from groups who wish to access simple drawing materials for distribution, particularly where children and young people may not have access to online resources at home.

Online Youth Arts Workshops in Acting and Scriptwriting

In response to on-going consultation with youth groups and due to COVID-19 restrictions, the LCYP has developed a number of short, creative workshops in acting and scriptwriting for stage and screen. We would now like to hear from youth groups who are interested in trying out some of these workshops through an appropriate online platform. The online workshops can lead to a series of fully developed group workshops once current restrictions are lifted and, potentially, to short performances.

For information on any aspect of the LCYP programme contact lcyp@lcteb.ie or call 086 4120440



Image from LCYP's Winter Wonderland event, an alternative celebration for teenagers. December 20th 2019 in Dance Limerick.

Some Feedback from our Youth Work Projects

"Thanks to all the team for the assistance and supports being provided throughout this drama!"
"To the youth work team, I hope you all have a nice relaxing Easter weekend also, no Zoom"!!!
"My thanks to everyone on your team also in assisting with the UBU application specifically!"
"thank you to you guys for all the support also. We really do appreciate it...."

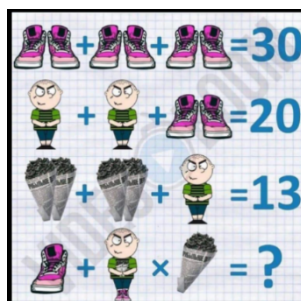


Supporting Wellbeing

Youth Workers and Youth organisations, we know and see you all doing such an amazing job providing essential support to young people but we don't want you to forget about your own wellbeing!

Consider linking in to some online collectives for an informal chat, seeing a friendly face can really help! ☺

A challenge – just to keep the brain active!!!



Useful Resources Links

- www.dcy.gov.ie/en/policy/e9b63e-children-and-youth
- www.youth.ie
- www.childrensrights.ie
- grow.ie/category/covid-19-support

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