



## YOUTH WORK NEWS JULY 2020

As we enter Phase 3 of the easing of the COVID-19 restrictions, youth projects and groups are preparing to open, while continuing to adhere to HSE guidelines. Once again, we commend all the youth projects who have worked hard to get to this point and have provided so much support to local young people during this difficult time. It is an exciting time for young people who are looking forward to summer projects and to meeting with their friends and the youth work staff.

For this edition of the newsletter, we are delighted to have The West End Youth Centre, Limerick, as our project feature! Thanks to all the team there for this update.

### The Youth Work Team is supporting funded projects through the following:



#### Summer Scheme 2020

We are delighted to roll out our first Summer Scheme, well done to all involved. We can't wait to see all the amazing Summer Camps across the region.

#### UBU

UBU Your Place Your Space commences on July 1st and in our region, 24 projects will be actively involved in a new targeted youth funding scheme which is designed to support and empower young people who experience a greater burden of life's challenges. The scheme aims to provide services that support young people to develop the personal and social skills required to improve their life chances, including with respect to their health, education, employment and social connectedness.

#### Capital Grant Scheme

We are thrilled to announce that recommendations have been submitted to the DCYA to provide €83k to 15 youth groups throughout Limerick and Clare.

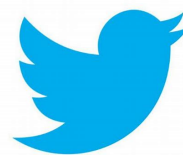


#### Youth Work Training

The Vocational and Employee Skills Development provision at the ETB's FET Centre, O'Connell Avenue Campus, Limerick, will be delivering a QQI Level 5 Minor Award in *Understanding Youth Work* commencing on September 30<sup>th</sup> 2020. The module is being delivered under the Skills to Advance initiative and is targeting those who are in employment who may wish to upskill in this area. For further information contact Mary Ryan Rose at [mary.ryanrose@lcteb.ie](mailto:mary.ryanrose@lcteb.ie), or 087 937 6747.

Did you know we're now on Facebook?  
Click on the image for regular updates on all our work in Limerick and Clare.

There is a new Youth Work collective which has an account on Twitter. Its Twitter handle is: [@ywc\\_Ireland](https://twitter.com/ywc_Ireland)



#### Project Feature

This month's project feature sheds a spotlight on The West End Youth Centre, Limerick. If you would like your project to be featured in an upcoming newsletter, please contact Liz on: [elizabeth.roche@lcteb.ie](mailto:elizabeth.roche@lcteb.ie)



## *Scairt na hÓige*

**A celebration of youth arts and culture  
 around the Shannon Estuary  
 August 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 2020**

The LCYP is excited to announce a new youth arts and culture festival around the Shannon Estuary for 2020. August 27<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> are the dates that have been identified for the 4-day festival, with events in Foynes and Kilrush already confirmed, featuring a visit by the magnificent Ilen boat to both of these landmark harbours on the Shannon Estuary. Further venues are to be announced and the LCYP would now like to hear from youth groups in the region who would like to be involved in this event, either as participants, organisers or audience.



**Create  
 your own  
 Video Game**

## **CODING**

*Are young people in your group interested in developing coding skills?*

*Would they like to try making their own video game?*

We are very lucky to have sourced a facilitator who is both skilled and interested in working with young people in this area. The LCYP can offer a long-term loan of laptops where access to hardware is an obstacle for young people with limited resources.

This programme will be available from mid-August.

## **Acrylic Painting Workshops**

In response to requests from a number of young people through our consultation process, we have been developing a programme in acrylic painting technique.

Art facilitators have been developing this work with groups online in recent months and we have delivered quality art sets to participants. We look forward to continuing with this programme as groups return to their centres over the coming weeks.





# YOUTH WORK PROJECT FEATURE

## The West End Youth Centre, Limerick

### What's new in The West End Youth Centre?

We **welcomed** Eibhlis (Youth Work Coordinator) and Sean (Youth Worker) onto our team and were delighted to welcome back Evan from a short break while Melissa kept the show on the road!

Some of our **highlights** included the Sketch Art Programme; distribution of activity packs to young people and Evan and Sean's cookery activities.

One to one chats and check ins by Melissa were key for a lot of our older teenagers. In our centre, we have also taken the opportunity to begin some refurbishment and repairs over the past weeks, and we hope that a new fresh look will be a treat for young people and adults alike, as they filter back indoors to us in the coming weeks.

### Anything exciting coming up for the summer?

**Outdoors summer programme including** sports, gardening and arts activities will take place in partnership with STEPS school completion and Limerick Sports Partnership – guided by Public Health advice.

**July & August** – weekly sessions with young people including kayaking, fishing and youth work games on the pitch

### What are you all looking forward to?

We can't wait to see, hear from and engage with young people. We are delighted to get to work together as a new team in 'direct contact' youth work for the first time. **Autumn:** youth groups returning, new youth work provision emerging, and linking with our community and voluntary partners especially Southill Hub Youth Work team who have kept in contact and shared ideas with us.

**Engaging with** new volunteers and all previous youth group members (Junior Leaders & Youth Committee members) who we know will offer new ideas and energy to our youth work delivery in the autumn.

During our repairs and refurbishment John and Olivia have been central to all this progress. We are so grateful to have them as part of our team.

