

YOUTH WORK PLAN

2023-2026



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FOREWORD

Welcome to the Youth Work Plan of Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, which sets the direction and focus of the ETB in relation to this area of work for the period 2023-2026. Defined as "a planned programme of education designed for the purpose of aiding and enhancing the personal and social development of young people", youth work is complementary to the formal education of young people.

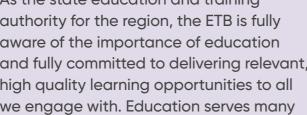
Through its responsibility for second level education, the ETB engages some 47% of overall post-primary student enrolment in the region.

Support for the educational process that is youth work is a valuable part of the continuum of quality learning opportunities for young people that are at the heart of the work of Limerick and Clare **Education and Training Board.**

As the state education and training authority for the region, the ETB is fully aware of the importance of education and fully committed to delivering relevant, high quality learning opportunities to all we engage with. Education serves many purposes including, but not limited to:

- » Preparing young people for citizenship;
- >> Preparing young people for the world of work;
- » Helping young people to shape, in a positive way, open, inclusive, creative and diverse communities.

Recent years and events – the impacts of COVID and its aftermath; the environmental crisis; war in Europe; economic uncertainty - all pose significant challenges for societies, individuals and institutions. Education, which can be delivered in many different contexts, must be central to meeting and responding to these challenges. Youth work, as recognised in the Value for Money and Policy Review, is a non-formal education intervention with young people that can help enhance seven personal and social development outcomes.



These include:

- » Communication skills;
- » Confidence and agency;
- » Planning and problem-solving;
- » Relationships;
- » Creativity and imagination;
- » Resilience and determination;
- » Emotional intelligence.

All of these are crucial skills which will enable people to work together to address the many personal and social challenges that every young person will face. Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board is pleased to take on the challenge of our role to "support the provision, coordination, administration and assessment of youth work services in its functional area".

The preparation of the Plan involved consultation with a range of partner organisations. We thank especially the members of the Youth Work Committee for their time and commitment to the task of guiding the ETB in relation to youth work services and provision.

The Youth Work Plan 2023 - 2026 provides a roadmap to guide Limerick and Clare **Education and Training** Board on that journey.





George O'Callaghan Príomhfheidhmeannach/ Chief Executive



UNDERSTANDING YOUTH WORK

YOUTH WORK IS FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

"Youth Work" is a term that encapsulates a wide variety of social, cultural, creative, educational or political activities *with, for and by* young people. It is a form of out-of-school education that focuses on young people aged 10 to 24 years and is regarded as being *non-formal* or *informal* learning. The National Youth Strategy 2015–2020 describes youth work as "a diverse range of activities, topics and measures provided by a range of actors in assorted fields and settings".

Not *all* work with young people can be defined as Youth Work. In fact, the Youth Work Act 2001 and the Education and Training Board Act 2013 define Youth Work as: "a planned programme of education designed for the purpose of aiding and enhancing the personal and social development of young people through their voluntary participation, and which (a) is complementary to their formal, academic or vocational education and training, and (b) in Ireland is provided primarily by voluntary Youth Work organisations".

In practice, Youth Work can be provided on both a **universal** and **targeted** basis.

- » Universal Youth Work is open to all young people and has an open purpose and curriculum.
- Targeted Youth Work involves tailored interventions with specific groups of young people.

Quality Youth Work celebrates diversity and ensures that young people feel included welcome, secure and comfortable.

ETHNICITY

ABILITY

SEXUAL ORIENTATION

GENDER

EDUCATION

PHYSICAL HEALTH

MENTAL HEALTH

PARENTAL/CARER STATUS

The National Youth Council¹ of Ireland describes the purpose of Youth Work as being to:

BUILD

young people's self-esteem and self-confidence

DEVELOP

their ability to manage personal and social relationships

OFFER

worthwhile and challenging new experiences

PROVIDE

learning opportunities to enable young people to gain knowledge and develop new skills

BUILD

young people's capacity to consider risks and consequences, make informed decisions and take responsibility

HELP

young people to develop social awareness and a sense of social solidarity

GIVE

young people a voice in decision-making which affect their lives

ENHANCE

young people's role as active citizens

LISTEN

to and hear what young people have to say

1 https://www.youth.ie/articles/ what-is-youth-work While there is no clear international definition, Youth Work's main characteristics and outcomes are set out by the European Commission in following way:²

Youth work offers young people meaningful activities based on young persons' needs and interests.

Youth work aims at young person's personal development.

Personal development should lead to:

These should in turn result in:

Key features of the methods used by youth work are:

- Non-formal and informal learning
- Participatory and/or experiential pedagogy
- Relationship-based activities (learning as a social activity with others)
- Mentoring and/or peer support

In particular it leads to:

- Self-determination
- Self-confidence
- Self-esteem
- Socialisation
- Empowerment
- Emancipation
- Tolerance
- Responsibility
- Participation in democratic societies
- Prevention of risk behaviour
- Social inclusion and cohesion

² European Commission (2014). Working with young people: the value of youth work in the EU

DID YOU KNOW?

- Youth Work takes place in almost every town in Limerick and Clare. It is delivered by a range of bodies, including Youth Work organisations, youth clubs, youth arts groups, drug and alcohol projects, sporting bodies, scouts and girl guide groups.
- Most Youth Work is delivered by youth workers who have professional qualifications, skills and expertise in Youth Work principles and best practice. Youth Work is also delivered by volunteers who are supported by Youth Work organisations.
- Youth workers engage with young people in a broad age group, usually 10 to 24 years. They build lasting and meaningful relationships throughout their pre-teen, teenage and young adult years.
- Youth Work is based on voluntary participation. Young people choose whether, how much and for how long they want to be involved.
- » Youth Work can be about influencing society, politics and power relations. It works to promote and protect the rights of young people, especially where young people are at a disadvantage, marginalised or socially excluded.

- Youth Work is primarily funded by the Department of Children, Equality, Diversity, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY).
- » A recent report³ by Indecon, Ireland's leading independent economic research and consultancy organisation, highlights the economic benefit of investing in young people with a €2.20 return for every €1 invested in Youth Work.
- The value of Youth Work is recognised by the Irish Government. Better Outcomes Brighter Futures (Ireland's national policy framework for children and young people) highlights the following:
 - Youth Work is a protective factor that contributes to young people's overall personal and social skills
 - Youth Work supports young people into further education, training, employment and entrepreneurship
 - Young people's relationships with caring youth workers are important for adolescent development
- The contribution of Youth Work as non-formal / informal learning needs to be recognised and supported.





YOUTH WORK SERVICES IN THE ETB

Under the 2013 Act, Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board has responsibility for supporting the provision, coordination, administration and assessment of Youth Work services in the region.



2. CONTEXT

Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board is the state education and training authority for the Limerick and Clare region. It is one of 16 regional education authorities established by the Education and Training Boards Act 2013.



2,500

Staff



24

Post-Primary and Community **National Schools**



28

College of Further Education and Training Campuses



300

Locations in the **Region Working with Community Groups**



38,000

Student/Learner **Enrolments**



1x Limerick School of Music and 3x Music **Generation Programmes**



€173m

Annual Average Budget



€100m

Capital Programme Investment

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD: VISION & VALUES

The ETB provides a co-ordinated framework that supports the development of a wide range of initiatives for the young people of Limerick and Clare. This is set within the ETBs overarching goals and priorities which are outlined in the following key documents:

- » Strategy Statement 2022-2026
- FET Division Strategic Framework 2022-2025
- » Annual Service Plans
- » Public Sector Duty Action Plan and Implementation Process

The ETB's Vision Statement, as set out in the Strategy Statement 2022–2026, describes its leading role in the provision of high-quality education and training in Limerick and Clare through the provision of

"caring, effective, innovative, flexible and inclusive pathways for all our students and learners, which are reflective of the diverse needs of our community".

The Strategy Statement recognises the value and role Youth Work. Under Goal 1 (High Quality Student and Learner Experiences), Strategic Action 1.6 commits to "promote a culture of lifelong learning through recognising the value of formal and non-formal education, including outdoor and music education and the transformative role of Youth Work in our communities".

The values outlined in the Strategy Statement (opposite) act as a foundation for the work of the Youth Work Services Team and align with the Youth Work values and principles that underpin this Strategic Plan. ACCOUNTABILITY

QUALITY

LEARNER FOCUS

PARTNERSHIP

EQUALITY

EMPOWERMENT

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

A HUMAN-RIGHTS BASED APPROACH

The ETB's Equality and Human Rights Values Statement commits to promoting equality, prevent discrimination and protect human rights. Through this Strategic Plan, Youth Work Services is committed to applying the Values Statement through its policies, procedures, practices and processes. The values of respect, inclusion, empowerment and social justice will drive our work.

When we say that we will apply the ETB Values Statement, we mean that in our day-to-day work we will strive to:

- » be known for our strong commitment to equality and human rights
- » eliminate discrimination, remove barriers, and promote human rights and equality outcomes for all young people involved in Youth Work
- > embed equality and human rights obligations into our culture and operations
- » place the voice of the young person at the centre of our work
- » promote open, accommodating, accessible and inclusive Youth Work provision
- » enhance our staff diversity and capacity to reflect the communities we serve

Youth Work practice is shaped by the principles of the Convention of the Rights of the Child.

Youth Work plays an important advocacy role in ensuring that young people's rights are considered in all areas of their lives.

Better Outcomes,
Brighter Futures commits
to creating "a culture that
respects and progresses
the rights of the child".

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PROMOTING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN YOUTH WORK

Using the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals, Youth Work plays an important role in building the capacity of young people to take informed action on global and national inequalities and injustices. Over the period of this strategy, we will collaborate with Youth Work organisations to translate the Sustainable Development Goals agenda into meaningful local actions involving young people.

The National Youth Council of Ireland defines Global Youth Work as:

- Seeing the world through a global justice lens, starting in the life of the young person.
- Wising non-formal education and the tools of development education in its approach.
- Actively engaging with the Sustainable Development Goals and the commitments of the SDGs.
- Facilitating young people to explore the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values necessary to become global citizens.
- Promoting critical thinking skills and empowerment.
- Facilitating an understanding of the root causes of inequality and acting for a more just and sustainable world.



NATIONAL POLICY CONTEXT

Our work is delivered within the context of a multi-layered and complex national strategy and policy environment, as summarised in the National Youth Strategy 2015 - 2020⁴:

the National Youth Strategy 2015 - 2020 ⁴ :	
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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD: THE 2030 AGENDA FOR A SUSTAINABLE WORLD	ANNUAL GOVERNMENT BUDGETARY CYCLE ACTION PLAN FOR JOBS
NATIONAL DIGITAL STRATEGY COMMISSIONING OF HUMAN, SOCIAL	REBUILDING IRELAND: ACTION PLAN FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS
AND COMMUNITY SERVICES NATIONAL LGBTI+ YOUTH STRATEGY	UNITED KINGDOM EXIT FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION
NATIONAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PLAN – GET IRELAND ACTIVE	
CHILDREN FIRST: NATIONAL GUIDANCE FOR THE PROTECTION AND WELFARE OF CHILDREN 2017	CREATING EFFECTIVE SAFETY, TUSLA CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFETY STRATEGY 2017-2022
IRISH AID DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION STRATEGY 2017-2023 NATIONAL YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH TASKFORCE REPORT 2017	NATIONAL TRAVELLER AND ROMA INCLUSION STRATEGY 2017-2021 WHITE PAPER ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE 2017
THE MIGRANT INTEGRATION STRATEGY 2016:	
A BLUE PRINT FOR THE FUTURE PUBLIC HEALTH (ALCOHOL) BILL 2016	PROGRAMME FOR A PARTNERSHIP GOVERNMENT 2016
THE ACTION PLAN FOR EDUCATION, 2016-2020	MAKING GREAT ART WORK – ARTS COUNCIL'S 10 YEAR STRATEGY 2016-2025
BETTER OUTCOMES BRIGHTER FUTURES, THE NATIONAL POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR	NATIONAL SKILLS STRATEGY 2015-2025
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, 2015-2020	NATIONAL YOUTH STRATEGY, 2015-2020
NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION, 2015-2017	NATIONAL STRATEGY ON CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING 2015-202
NATIONAL SEXUAL HEALTH STRATEGY 2015-2020 201	VALUE FOR MONEY AND POLICY REVIEW OF YOUTH PROGRAMMES 2014
201	HEALTHY IRELAND, 2013-2025, A FRAMEWORK

2010

2009

2001

FOR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

CHARITY ACT 2009

NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARDS FOR YOUTH WORK 2010

YOUTH WORK ACT 2001

EU YOUTH STRATEGY, 2010-2018

(AND SUCCESSOR STRATEGY)

4 NYCI Strategic Plan 2018-2022

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MEET THE ETB YOUTH WORK TEAM

The ETB Youth Work Team is based in the College of FET O'Connell Avenue Campus in Limerick and the Ennis Campus in Clare.

The team comprises:

- Three Youth Officers, one each in County Clare, County Limerick and Limerick City
- » A Project Coordinator, working with UBU Your Place Your Space Projects
- » A Local Creative Youth Partnership Coordinator, supporting creative programmes based on youth voice
- » A Youth Information and Support Officer

We are supported in our work by the Youth Work Committee. This Committee's role is to make recommendations to the ETB on the performance of its Youth Work functions. The committee is representative of all key stakeholders including Youth Work organisations, Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board members, young people and other statutory bodies.





As a Youth Work team, our main focus is to help to create an environment where young people can access quality Youth Work in Limerick and Clare that is well resourced, safe and fun! We recognise the social value of Youth Work and its contribution to society across a wide range of outcomes".

YOUTH WORK PROVISION IN LIMERICK AND CLARE

A key element of our role is to coordinate the resourcing of Youth Work provision in Limerick and Clare. We do this by securing, administering and reporting on a range of national funding lines, which are set out in the table opposite. In collaboration with local Youth Work organisations, we work to identify gaps in Youth Work provision across the region and to address these gaps in the context of Government policy and funding.

UBU Your Place Your Space	€3,072,000	27 UBU Youth Place Your Space Projects (see Appendix 1)
Youth Information Centres	€110,447	2 centres: - 1 in Limerick - 1 in Clare
Capital Funding	€110,385	15 Projects
Targeted Youth Employability Support Initiative	€117,958	1 Project
Summer Youth Work Scheme	€40,230	22 Projects
Local Youth Club Grant Scheme, Equipment and other Minor Grants	€263,283	76 Local Youth Clubs
The Mid-West Regional Drugs & Alcohol Forum	€147,679	
Local Creative Youth Partnership	€154,000	
Number of Young People involved in Youth Work	11,800	
Number of Volunteers	867	



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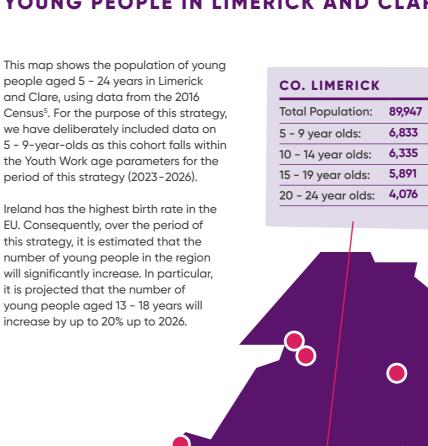
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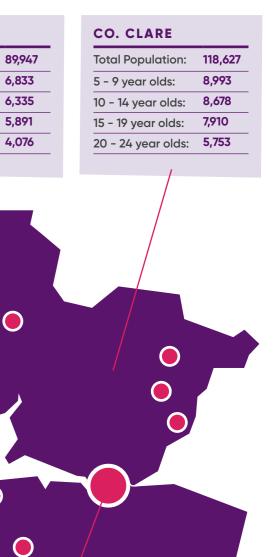
We collaborate with a range of groups and organisations that deliver Youth Work in Limerick and Clare (see Appendix 2), and we recognise the importance of working together to optimise young people's experiences and outcomes. We have strong relationships with our Youth Work partners and we look forward to building on these over the period of this strategy.

Our role also complements the work of wide range of broader community, voluntary and statutory organisations working with young people in Limerick and Clare. There are a number of overarching structures and plans which facilitate this coordination and collaboration at county and regional level. The key structures and plans in Limerick and Clare are:



YOUNG PEOPLE IN LIMERICK AND CLARE







Total Population:	104,952
5 - 9 year olds:	7,185
10 - 14 year olds:	6,106
15 - 19 year olds:	7,333
20 - 24 year olds:	8,534

Note: At the time of going to print,2022 Census figures were not available.

STRATEGIC PLAN CHARLES

DEVELOPING OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

The development of this strategic plan gave us an opportunity to reflect on our journey to date and to consider how we can best support the growth and development of the Youth Work sector in Limerick and Clare.

CONSULTING WITH OUR STAKEHOLDERS

Through a comprehensive consultation process, we engaged with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders to obtain their views on our role and priorities for the next four years.



To support us in this process, we appointed an external facilitator to engage independently with stakeholders to explore strengths, challenges and opportunities in a transparent and inclusive manner.

Findings from the consultation process helped us to understand what we are doing well and where there are opportunities to strengthen our role and impact. The consultation process informed our thinking on the outcomes we are seeking to achieve, our priorities for the future, and the key actions we will implement.

We are grateful to all those that participated in the consultation process for their time, feedback and valuable insights.

Young People

Youth Work Organisations

Community and Voluntary Sector Organisations

Relevant Statutory Organisations

ETB Youth Work Committee

ETB Internal Stakeholders

ETB Youth Work Services Team

OUR MISSION

OUR MISSI*N IS TO HELP CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE Y**UNG PEOPLE CAN ACCESS **QUALITY YOUTH** W*RK IN LIMERICK AND CLARE THAT IS WELL RES#URCED, SAFE AND FUN!

OUR PRINCIPLES

During the consultation process, our stakeholders highlighted the importance of the following principles⁶ to Youth Work policy and practice. These principles will guide our work over the next four years.

- Young people are VALUED in their own right, and recognised as integral to society.
- Young people are acknowledged as KEY DRIVERS in achieving their cognitive, emotional, social, economic and cultural development.
- 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 who work with young people are RESPECTED, valued and appropriately supported in their work.
- Those providing services for young people act in the BEST INTERESTS of young people, and respect and uphold young people's rights.
- » An EQUALITY PERSPECTIVE is integrated into all policy and practice. Government and other stakeholders work collaboratively, with vertical and horizontal communication and cooperation, to achieve more effective services and supports for young people.
- Services for young people are open, accessible, resourced and provide ADDITIONAL SUPPORT in response to particular needs.
- Services for young people are QUALITY ASSURED, outcomes focused and informed by evidence.

OUTCOMES: WHAT WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE

Our work is guided by Ireland's overarching policy framework for children and young people, Better Outcomes Brighter Futures (BOBF). This aims to achieve "significant improvement in the quality and timeliness of support to children and young people and to the effectiveness and responsiveness of policy and service provision". It sets out five outcomes that the State wants to see for children and young people by focusing on "transformational goals".

TRANSFORMATIONAL GOALS CROSS-CUTTING

SUPPORT PARENTS

EARLIER INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION

LISTEN TO AND INVOLVE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

ENSURE QUALITY SERVICES

STRENGTHEN TRANSITIONS

CROSS-GOVERNMANT AND INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION

BETTER OUTCOMES BRIGHTER FUTURES

ACTIVE & HEALTHY

ACHIEVING IN ALL AREAS OFLEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

STRENGTHENS

THE SUPPORT

SYSTEM AROUND

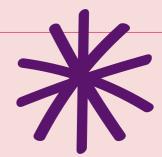
THE CHILD AND

YOUNG PERSON

SAFE & PROTECTED FROM HARM

ECONOMIC SECURITY & OPPORTUNITY

CONNECTED, RESPECTED & CONTRIBUTING In Limerick and Clare, we will work with partners towards achieving the following priority outcomes so that young people from all backgrounds and circumstances experience:



WELLBEING

SELF AWARENESS

SELF RELIANCE

INCLUSION AND RESPECT

FUN

SOLIDARITY

REAL-WORLD SKILLS

CULTURAL
PARTICIPATION AND
CROSS CULTURAL
COMMUNICATION

EMPOWERMENT

ENHANCED CRITICAL THINKING

SOCIALISATION AND SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

SELF EXPRESSION AND CREATIVTY

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES 2023-26



GOAL 1

Coordinate the resourcing of Youth Work provision in the region.

GOAL 2

Promote good practice in Youth Work provision in the region.

GOAL 3

Facilitate networking and collaboration between organisations working with young people in the region.

GOAL 4

Promote the value and visibility of Youth Work in the region.

OBJECTIVE 1.1

Work with partners to identify gaps in youth work provision across the region and identify measures to address gaps in the context of the national policy and funding environment.

OBJECTIVE 1.2

Secure, administer and report on national funding strands for youth work provision in Limerick and Clare.

OBJECTIVE 2.1

Support youth work providers to embed quality standards and good governance into their work.

OBJECTIVE 2.2

Promote and support creativity in youth work practice in order to enable the creative potential of all young people.

OBJECTIVE 2.3

Listen to the voice of the young person and embed it into our work.

OBJECTIVE 3.1

Create opportunities for youth work practitioners to share information and best practice.

OBJECTIVE 3.2

Collaborate with interagency partners to respond to young people's needs in a strategic and integrated way, as set out in Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures.

OBJECTIVE 3.3

Enhance collaboration between youth work providers and education and training providers to facilitate young people's progression.

OBJECTIVE 3.4

Build on existing partnerships to enhance opportunities for young people in the areas of culture and creativity.

OBJECTIVE 3.5

Support Sustainable Development Goals agenda by working in partnership with local Youth Work Organisations.

OBJECTIVE 4.1

Promote the role, value and impact of youth work as non-formal learning that enhances young people's personal and social development.

OBJECTIVE 4.2

Highlight and advocate for the sustainable resourcing of youth work in the region.



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PRIORITY ACTIONS

- We will collate relevant data and draw on local knowledge and expertise to build an evidence-based understanding of the Youth Work needs and gaps in the region.
- We will collaborate with Youth Work organisations and other partners to develop initiatives in response to Government and other funding strands.
- Through coordination, administration and assessment, we will support Funded Organisations to implement their agreed programmes of work.

OUTCOMES

- >> There will be an evidenced-informed approach to the strategic development of Youth Work provision in the region.
- >> There will be a better understanding of the needs of young people in the region and the gaps in services to meet these needs.
- There will be a coordinated approach to the resourcing of Youth Work provision in the region.

GOAL 2

Promote good practice in Youth Work provision across the region.

OBJECTIVE 2.1

Support Youth Work organisations to embed quality standards and good governance into their work.

OBJECTIVE 2.2

Promote and support creativity in Youth Work practice to enable the creative potential of all young people.

OBJECTIVE 2.3

Listen to the voice of the young person and embed it into our work.

PRIORITY ACTIONS

- 1. We will provide oversight to ensure that Funded Organisations are operating to best standards in governance.
- 2. We will promote models and approaches of inclusive Youth Work to reflect the diversity of society.
- 3. Through our Local Creative Youth Partnership, we will collaborate with Youth Work organisations to provide opportunities for young people to develop their creative lives.
- 4. We will promote the participation of young people in the design, delivery and evaluation of Youth Work services.
- We will engage with Youth Work organisations to support their professional learning and development needs.
- We will share knowledge and collaborate with our ETB colleagues to enhance education and training opportunities for the Youth Work sector.

OUTCOMES

- Young people will enjoy creativity as part of their lived experience and their rights to access cultural activity will be acknowledged.
- Young people from minority groups will be engaged in Youth Work.
- The voice of young people will be heard in decision-making processes.
- There will be improved links between ETB Youth Work Services and ETB Further Education and Training.
- Youth Work practitioners will have enhanced knowledge, skills and competencies, leading to improved practice and outcomes for young people.

GOAL 3

Facilitate networking and collaboration between organisations working with young people in the region.

OBJECTIVE 3.1

Create opportunities for Youth Work practitioners to share information and best practice.

OBJECTIVE 3.2

Collaborate with interagency partners to respond to young people's needs in a strategic and integrated way, as set out in Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures.

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OBJECTIVE 3.4

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OBJECTIVE 3.5

Support Sustainable
Development Goals agenda
by working in partnership with
local Youth Work Organisations.

PRIORITY ACTIONS

- We will organize networking events to facilitate peer support and sharing of information and good practice at local level.
- We will enhance our communication with stakeholders using a range of communication mechanisms, including our website, social media, traditional media and newsletters.
- 3. We will collaborate with local organisations to develop initiatives which meet the emerging needs of young people.
- 4. We will continue to promote the value of informal learning and creative engagement with our partners.
- 5. We will work with our partners to develop cultural programmes based on the voice of the young person.
- We will collaborate with Youth Work organisations to translate the Sustainable Development Goals agenda into meaningful local actions involving young people.
- We will work with strategic partners to explore the development of Planet Youth in the region, to strengthening evidence-based planning.

OUTCOMES

- There will be stronger interagency collaboration offering improved opportunities for young people to enhance their personal and social development.
- There will be closer partnerships with the cultural sector will offering expanded opportunities for young people to explore their creativity.
- >> There will be an evidenced-based understanding of the lives and lifestyles of young people in Limerick and Clare.
- Youth-led actions which contribute to the sustainable development in our planet.



OBJECTIVE 4.1

Promote the role, value and impact of Youth Work as non-formal learning that enhances young people's personal and social development.

OBJECTIVE 4.2

Highlight and advocate for the sustainable resourcing of Youth Work in the region.

PRIORITY ACTION

- 1. We will capture and showcase best practice in Youth Work provision in the region.
- 2. We will build the capacity of the Youth Work organisation to showcase the value and impact of Youth Work.
- We will use local and national structures to promote a better understanding of the value, role and impact of Youth Work and to advocate for enhanced resourcing of the Youth Work sector.

OUTCOMES

- Youth Work organisations will be able to demonstrate the value of their work better.
- >> There will be a better understanding of the role, impact and value of Youth Work in the region.
- >> There will be improved resourcing of Youth Work in the region.



MEASURING OUR PROGRESS

We want to be able to monitor and assess our progress towards achieving our goals. Therefore, we will develop an Outcomes Framework to outline how we will work systematically towards achieving sustainable outcomes for young people in the region. This framework will help us to ensure that:

- our activities are consistent with our vision, mission and values
- our activities are within the parameters of our strategic goals and objectives
- » we are tracking and evidencing our impact
- we are continuously adjusting our strategy and activities to respond to internal and external opportunities and challenges.

Our Outcomes Framework will describe the short, medium and long-term impacts we are working to achieve. We will recognise success by achieving these impacts and by ensuring that we are an effective programme working to best practice standards.

IMPLEMENTING OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

This strategy will guide our work over the period 2023–2026 and will help ensure that we fulfill our role effectively and efficiently. The Youth Work Committee will oversee implementation of the strategy and will make recommendations to the ETB in this regard. Each year, we will develop an annual plan which will outline our programme of work and priorities for the year ahead.





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APPENDIX 1

>> UBU Your Place Your Space Projects

DJECT NAME	ORGANISATION	
e Box Creative Arts Therapy Centre	Blue Box Creative Arts Therapy Centre	
Clare Youth Service Ennis Shannon	Clare Youth Service	
Clare Youth Service Killaloe	Clare Youth Service	
FAI Regional Development Officers Limerick	Football Association of Ireland (FAI)	
Foróige Croom Youth in Action Project	Foróige	
Foróige Loobagh Area Youth Project	Foróige	
Garryglass Youth Project Limerick	Garryglass Children's Holiday Home Ltd.	
Limerick City Drug Education Prevention Strategy (DEPS)	Limerick City Community Development Project	
Limerick GAA Regeneration Coaching Project Limerick	GAA Limerick	
Limerick Sports Partnership Development Officers	Limerick Sports Partnership	
Limerick Youth Service City Suburbs	Limerick Youth Service	
Limerick Youth Service East Limerick	Limerick Youth Service	
Limerick Youth Service Garryowen Youth Project	Limerick Youth Service	
Limerick Youth Service Kings Island	Limerick Youth Service	
Limerick Youth Service Lava Java Youth Project	Limerick Youth Service	
Limerick Youth Service Rathkeale/Askeaton	Limerick Youth Service	
Limerick Youth Theatre	Limerick Youth Theatre Ltd.	
Moyross Disadvantaged Youth Project	Moyross Community Enterprise Centre	
Munster Rugby Limerick Community Rugby Project	Munster Rugby	
Northside FRC – Follow Your Dream	Northside Family Resource Centre	
Our Lady of Lourdes Community Youth Project	Our Lady of Lourdes Local Education Committee	
Limerick Scout County	Limerick Scout County	
Southill Hub Youth Project	Southill Area Centre	
St John's Partnership	Garryowen Community Development Programme	
St Leila's 3 O'Clock Project	St. Munchin's Community Centre	
West End Youth Centre	Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group	
Youth Encounter Project	St Augustine's Limerick	

APPENDIX 2

>> Local Youth Clubs in the Region

Adapt Child and Family Services	Garryowen Youth Committee	Ruan Scouts (17th Clare)
Ahane Scout Group (45th Limerick)	GOSHH	Scariff Foróige Club
Askeaton Ballysteen Youth Club	HYPE YC	Scariff/Mountshannon Scout Group
Ballina Killaloe Foróige Youth Club	Kildimo Youth Club	(10th Clare)
Ballybricken Scouts	Killaloe/Ogonelloe Scout	Shannon Scout Group
Ballybrown Girl Guides	Group (5th/22nd Clare)	Shannon Banks Scout Group (25th Limerick)
Ballynanty Youth Club	Killeedy Youth Club	Sixmilebridge Scout Group
Ballyvaughan Scout Group	Killimer Knockerra Youth Club	(14th Clare)
(7th Clare)	Kilmaley Youth Club	SOS Congolese Youth
Blackberry Guides	Kilnaboy Youth Club	St. John's Youth Club
BOT Youth Club	Kilrush Youth Club	St. Joseph's Scout Group
Brosna Educational Centre	Lava Javas Youth Cafe	St. Marys Scout Group
Bruff District Guides	Loughgraney Youth Club	(2nd-6th Limerick)
Bruff Scout Group (29th Limerick)	Maigueside Foróige Youth Club	St. Munchin's Senior Boys Club
Castleconnell Scout Group	Monaleen Milford Scouts	St. Patrick's Boys and Girls Clubs
Castleconnell Youth Café	Mullagh Youth Club	St. Paul's Scout Group (32nd Limerick)
CCE Garrai Eoin	Murroe Boher Scouts (14th Limerick)	St. Anne's School Youth Club
Clarecastle Scouts (3rd Clare)	Newcastle West Scouts	St. Bridget's Guides
Coder Dojo Ennis	Newcastle West Youth Club	St. John's Guides
Corofin Youth Club	Newmarket on Fergus Scouts (5th Clare)	Steps Youth Café
Dóchas Midwest Autism Support - Social Interaction Clubs	Northside Summer Camp	Teen Friendship Club
Domain Youth Club	Oola Youth Club	The Saturdays
Doon Youth Club	Order of Malta Cadets Limerick	The Saturdays John Street Group
Down Syndrome Limerick	Order of Malta Cadets Shannon	Tulla Scouts (12th Clare)
Ennis Scout Group	Pallasgreen Youth Club	Young Women's Integration group
Ennistymon Scouts (9th Clare)	Pallaskenry Scout Group	Youth Shack Ennistymon Clare
Fedamore Youth Club	Pearl Guides	

Rathkeale Youth Café

Fishbowl Youth

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APPENDIX 3

>> Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board Youth Work Committee Membership

SECTOR	ORGANISATION	NAME
1. Education and Training Board	Limerick and Clare Education and	Cllr. Gabriel Keating
	Training Board	Cllr. Sarah Lee-Kiely
		Mr. Sean McMahon
·	TUSLA Child and Family Agency	Mr. David Studer
	Limerick Garda Division	Mr. Padraig Tobin
	Limerick City and County Council	
3. Voluntary and Youth sectors	Clare Youth Service	Ms. Margaret Slattery
	Foróige	Mr. Eric O'Brien
	Irish Girl Guides	Ms. Evelyn Hayes
	Limerick Youth Service	Mr. Maurice Walsh
	Scouting Ireland	Mr. Philip Kelly
	Scouting Ireland	Mr. Noel Leahy
4. Young People	Comhairle na nÓg Clare	Mr. Caleb Pennill
	Comhairle na nÓg Limerick	Ms. Caitlin Guckian
	Comhairle na nÓg Limerick	Ms. Asher Ní Chaoindealbháin
5. Co-option	City-wide Youth Forum	Ms. Suzi Cronin





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