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A campaign win for YouthStart



Young people on the YouthStart programme in the North West campaigned with Derry and Strabane City Council to improve LGBTQ+ representation for Strabane in the lead up to the Derry pride event. With support from the YouthStart youth workers, young people designed this brand new sign in support of inclusion and LGBTQ+ young people.

AMPLIFY- ANNUAL 7-A-SIDE COMMUNITY RELATIONS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



Supported by Yellow Umbrella Tours, teams from all over the North united to participate in the annual 7-a-side Community Relations Football Championship. We welcomed teams from various member groups, including: St. Malachy's Football Club, North Belfast Alternatives, St. Patrick's Youth Club Keady and St. Oliver Plunkett Youth Club in Crossmaglen. Additionally, we had YouthAction groups representing Enniskillen, AMPLIFY, as well as Shared Agenda for Peace projects from Kilkeel and Newry.



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Young people from Newry YouthStart complete CRS card



Congratulations to Our New CSR Completers!

Congratulations to the 20 young men who completed their CSR training this week as part of the YouthStart program in Newry. These individuals are now ready for construction jobs or can continue their education through apprenticeships at their local college.

Thank you to our member group the Magnet Young Adult Centre for hosting the CSR training. For more YouthStart opportunities email: Deborah@youthaction.org.

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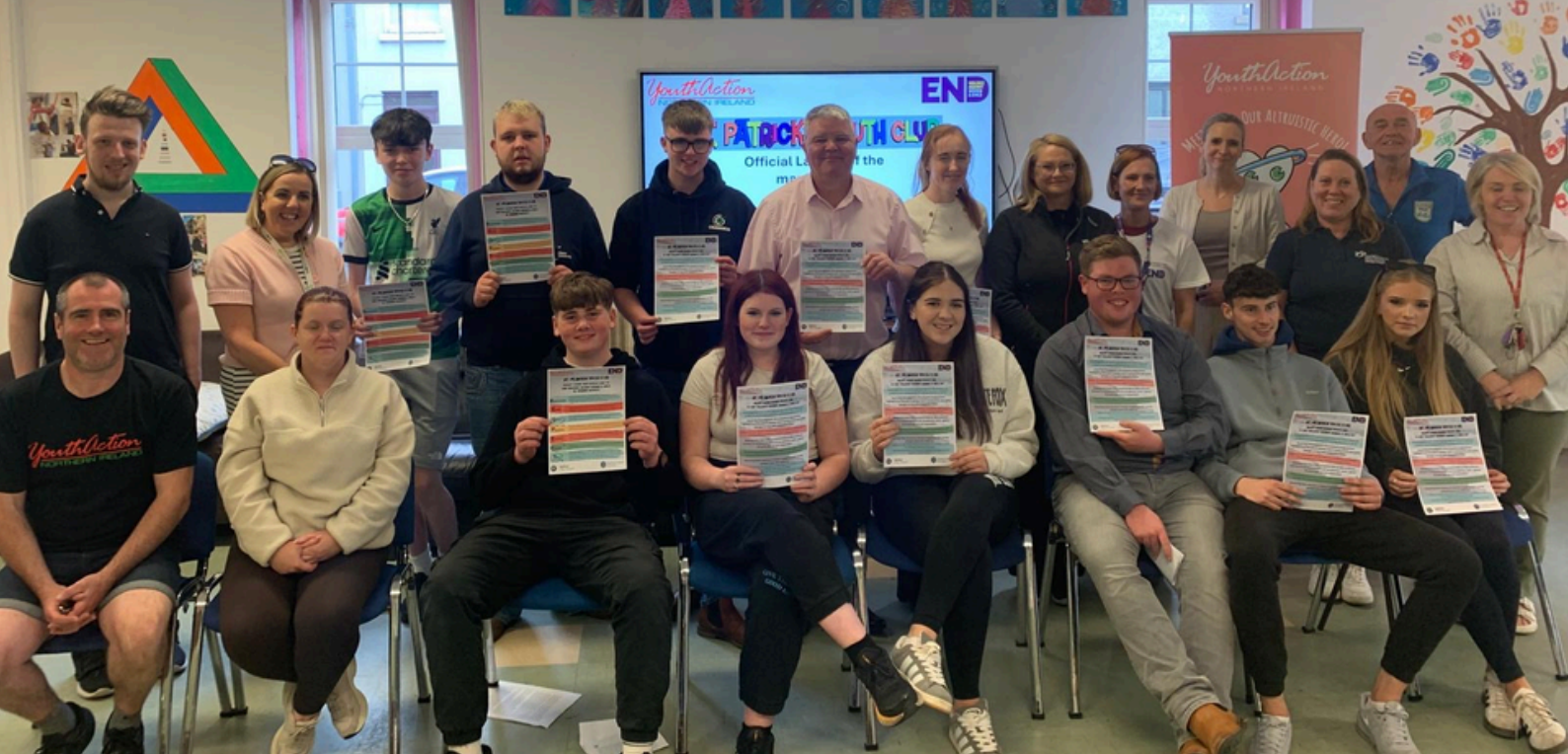


Our Let's Talk PEACEPLUS project has been working with our member group, St Columbs Park house over the past 12 weeks. Young people as part of their wellbeing unit have been completed journaling and vision boards, preparing them for a positive future. They have just completed their OCN in Good Relations and are currently working on planning a teambuilding day.



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ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS

YouthAction NI collaborated with our member organization, St. Patrick's Youth Club Keady, on the Ending Violence Against Women & Girls Project. The young women and young men each crafted their own manifestos to raise awareness in the local community about how they can contribute to addressing EVAWG. They hosted a celebration event to officially launch their manifestos, with gratitude extended to local MLA, Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council councillors and staff, EA Youth Service, the EVAWG Team from the Executive Office, and the dedicated staff and volunteers from the youth club.

Daire Finn addressed the audience at the event and remarked; "What I realized during my time on the project is that this issue is prevalent everywhere. It's young men like us who need to step up to ensure that the young women who use the club feel safe in our community, just as we do."

Brídín Loughran also shared her insights from working on EVAWG with the young men. "The young men were truly surprised to learn how unsafe we felt in various locations around town. Their experiences in public spaces were vastly different from ours, and I believe this realization has positively influenced their perspective for the future."

ST. PATRICK'S YOUTH CLUB

KEADY YOUNG MEN WOULD LIKE TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS BY SHOWING RESPECT:

Repercussions

Every action has a consequence. Young men need to explore with young women how some of their actions negatively impact on the lives of women.

Escape

Young women need safe spaces to feel free from violence. This can be implemented across society.

Sexism

Young women are treated differently. Young men are allies with addressing this in our community.

Precautions

More programmes need to be developed and delivered with both young men & women on violence prevention.

Eroticism

Some young men see young women as objects. We need to change young men's behaviours so they can see young women positively.

Consent

This needs to be valued by both young women & men.

Time

Violence against women & girls can happen at any time but young women feel particularly unsafe at night. There needs to be better street lighting & security so that young women can feel safe while walking alone.

ST. PATRICK'S YOUTH CLUB

KEADY YOUNG WOMEN WOULD LIKE TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS BY:

Ensuring that our social spaces like the Youth Club are a safe & welcoming place for young women to go to.

Running campaigns & educational programmes highlighting how some young men's behaviours can make young women feel uncomfortable.

Ensuring free health care & sanitary products are available in all public buildings used by young women.

Making sure that conversations by all men towards women in environments such as schools, work, sports & social spaces are respectful.

Promoting awareness of the support available for all women who have experienced any form of abuse.

Ensuring that anyone in Keady engaging with young people have the skills to:

- Make young women feel comfortable to confide in them & confident that they are safe.
- Educate young men to become allies to ending violence against women & girls.



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YouthAction NI Amplify group from Member group Melmount Forum attended Lake Kilrea as part of their summer programme. Young people also enjoyed pizza and bowls in the Jet Centre!





Teambuilding Day Hosted by Community Sports Network

Three AMPLIFY partners—YouthAction, Community Sports Network, and Foroige—joined forces for a collaborative team day organized by Community Sports Network.

The day was divided into two engaging sessions:

- **The first session featured a series of youth work activities centered around sports.**
- **The second session involved friendly competition in alternative sports.**

Young people from all three organizations, competed in four exciting sports: Soft Archery, Dodgeball, Pickle Ball, and American Football.

To learn more about how AMPLIFY could be implemented in your youth center, please reach out to YouthAction NI.



MEMBERS



Membership Needs Assessment

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Attention Member Groups!

We kindly ask you to complete our online needs assessment. This will assist YANI in tailoring their support to better serve your organization, young people, and community.

Training for membership groups

Are you looking for an effective way to demonstrate the impact of your work to funders, supporters and EA/ETI?

The Youth Achievement Awards empower young people to share their own stories by documenting their learning and the difference your project has made in their lives.

Recognised by ETI as a robust tool for Quality Assurance, Youth Achievement Awards can help you:

- Record and evidence outcomes
- Monitor progress
- Capture powerful stories of impact

Join our Microsoft Teams session on quality assurance through Youth Achievement Awards (YAA):

Wednesday 17th September 2025
2.00pm-4.00pm



Come along and discover how YAA can strengthen your evaluation, reporting and storytelling.

To register for session email: helen@youthaction.org

Celebrate learning with

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Recognise and evidence youth experiences

Adapt to existing youth work programme

Gain certificate for active participation
and leadership skills



To register email:

helen@youthaction.org

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Youth
Achievement
AWARDS

Youth Achievement Awards are a quality assurance tool endorsed by OCN NI

The activity levels suit varied ages & abilities

Bronze - 3 challenges - 30 hours total

Silver - 4 challenges - 60 hours total

Gold - 4 challenges - 60 hours total

Platinum - 5 challenges - 130 hours total



Cost includes:

Registration & certification through OCN NI

Administration & quality assurance

Training session & content guidance

Resources : Digital or printed booklets & scrapbooks

Bundle deals available for schools & membership groups

SAFEGUARDING

TRAINING

DATES TO ATTEND

**Tuesday 16th September and
Tuesday the 23rd September,
6:30pm–9:30pm. Online**

We are offering the opportunity to complete Keeping Children and Adults Safe Module 2 Integrated. Both sessions need to be completed to receive your certificate.

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To register email donna@youthaction.org

INTRODUCTION TO: GOOD GOVERNANCE TOOLKIT

A practical workshop providing activities
that promote good governance
and leading with purpose.



Thursday 18th September 2025

10.30am-1.30pm

14 College Square North Belfast BT1 6AS

This resource is aimed at local youth & community groups
keen to develop their boards and committees.

To register email:helen@youthaction.org

Light lunch will be provided.

Our member group Keady & District Angling Club was successful in obtaining one of YouthAction's Coca Cola small grants to help run the Paddy McKenna School of Angling. Delivered in partnership with St. Patrick's Youth Club & the Our Generation Team, 38 young people attended three action packed days of angling hosted on one of the lakes at Carnagh Forest just outside of Keady. Lots of fish were caught over the three days & young people learned angling skills that will stay with them for a life time. Our LifeMaps programme was interwoven into the three days & young people learned different skills to look after their wellbeing while fishing.



Special word of thanks must go to Keady & District Angling Club volunteer Naoise who without her we would have been lost! as well as getting an opportunity to catch a few fish, she also helped the other young people with setting up rods, helping them cast & unhooking fish – well done to her!



"I have found these days very therapeutic & relaxing & I can see how being out in natural makes you feel better. I've learned new things on how to fish & will definitely try to get out here more". - Young person





Shared Agenda for Peace

A programme supported by PEACEPLUS and managed by SEUPB

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Shared Agenda for Peace is an exciting opportunity for young people, youth workers, and volunteers to engage in a program that helps build relationships and connections through shared experiences.

Core Themes

1

Developing the People:

OCN training opportunities for staff and volunteers.

2

Developing the Practice:

Interactive youth led programme and social action.

3

Developing the Organisation

Committee support on governance and inclusion.

Activities

- Teambuilding
- Residential
- Youth Led Events
- Small Grants opportunities
- Accredited Training
- Youth Achievement Awards
- Arts, Sports, Podcasts, Music



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2025-26

YouthAction N.I is a membership based, regional organisation, with an 80 year history of supporting and developing local voluntary youth organisations.

Full Membership

Open to all local voluntary youth & community groups who share the values and aims of YouthAction NI and are committed to supporting young people. Membership rates are based on the number of members in your youth club:

- £ Groups under 30 members- £25
- Groups under 50 members-£35
- Groups with 51+ (60p/member to a maximum of) £75

EA registered youth groups nominating YouthAction NI as their Regional Voluntary Youth Organisation :

- £ Fee of £20 (20% Reduction)

Associate Membership

Organisations who share the values and aims of YouthAction NI and who are committed to supporting young people. There are two main categories:

- Umbrella organisations from both the statutory and voluntary sectors.
- Agencies, communities and businesses with an interest in or commitment to young people.

- £ Fee of £75

Key Benefits

- ✓ Free, unlimited Keeping Adult and Children Safe training for staff and volunteers.
- ✓ Unlimited Access NI checks for staff and Volunteers. (Unavailable to Associate members)
- ✓ Discounted OCNNI Youth Work Training Level 1-3 and Youth Achievement Awards.
- ✓ Free Youth Work Resources and Toolkits.
- ✓ Designated Youth Worker to provide bespoke support to your youth organisation.
- ✓ Organisational good governance and policy support.
- ✓ Funding support, small grants, regional member cluster support workshops,

See Membership Services and Benefits flyer for full details on membership opportunities.

Small Grant Opportunities

Coca Cola Thank You Fund
Irish Youth Foundation UK Small Grants
20 x Membership Small Grants (£500)

Become a member today !

Contact: Donna Salt
donna@youthaction.org
028 37511624

Registration Form April 2025-
March 2026



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS & SERVICES

<p>01. Needs Assessment & Development Plan</p> 	<p>02. Staff & Volunteer Development</p> 
<p>03. Governance Support</p> 	<p>04. Child Protection & Safeguarding Support</p> 
<p>05. Funding Support, Meet the Funder Events</p> 	<p>06. Insurance Support</p> 
<p>07. Thematic Curriculum Support & Youth Work Resources</p> 	<p>08. Master Classes with Rainbow Factory & Techie School</p> 
<p>09. Programmes for Young People</p> 	<p>10. Quality Assurance & Impact Recording</p> 
<p>11. Risk Assessment & Management</p> 	<p>12. Communication, Information & Monthly Ezine</p> 
<p>13. Networking & Connections With Like Minded People</p> 	<p>14. Stronger Local & Regional Voice</p> 
<p>15. Regional Cluster Meetings & Members Celebration & Connector Event</p> 	<p>16. Discounted Tickets to YANI Training & Events</p> 



OPPORTUNITIES



22ND

AUGUST 5-8PM

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NEW!
YOUTH DROP IN

**COMING
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OPEN TO 16+ YOUNG PEOPLE
@ YOUTHACTION BELFAST 14
COLLEGE SQUARE NORTH ★



CONTACT:
NATHAN@YOUTHACTION.ORG
TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

AWAKEN: A JOURNEY OF STRENGTH

What we'll explore:

 **Respect, Consent & Boundaries**

 **Challenging Gender Stereotypes**

 **Recognising Harmful Behaviours**

 **Online Safety & Digital Respect**

 **Empowerment & Allyship**


 **Self Defence**




**Building respect, safety and
allyship together**

 **Duration: 10 Weeks**

 **Location: TBC**

 **Open to: young women
16-25 years old**

**Not currently in work or
seeking work.**

 **For more information:
Leah@youthaction.org**



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**Creative expression:
find your voice and find her
voice**



**A programme for young
people 16-25 years**

Every Thursday

1pm -2.30pm

14 College Square North,
Belfast, BT16AS .

Contact : naomi@youthaction.org

028 90 240551



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TIKTOK



Some of our young people are creating content for our new TikTok account to highlight the programmes they are taking part in!



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

**SAFEGUARDING BOARD NI AND
BARNARDO'S NI WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

On behalf of the Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland, Barnardo's NI is holding events for children, young people, parents and carers, across Northern Ireland.

Join our sessions to share your views and influence SBNI's next 4-year Strategic Plan



Activities For
All Ages



Refreshments
& Drinks



Travel
Reimbursement

Scan the QR code for more information
and to get involved!

Dates

Booking

& MORE INFO



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Upcoming DATES

Your Experience

Your Voice

YOUR IMPACT

August
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Newtownabbey

Mossley Pavilion

10:00AM- 11:00AM | Primary School Group
11:00 AM- 1:00 PM | Children / Young People

August
7

Armagh

Orchard Leisure Centre

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Children / Young People

August
8

Belfast

Girdwood Community Centre

11:00AM- 2:00PM | Children / Young People

August
11

Strabane

Riversdale Leisure Centre

10:00 AM – 12:00PM | Parents / Carers
1:00PM- 4:00 PM | Children / Young People

August
13

Lisburn

Resurgam Youth Initiative

1:00PM- 4:00PM | Children / Young People

August
18

Online Session

10:00 AM – 11:00AM | Parents / Carers
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM | Parents / Carers

August
20

Cookstown

Gold SureStart

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Parents / Carers
1:00 PM – 2:00PM | Primary / Pre-School
2:00PM- 4:00 PM | Children / Young People

August
26

Enniskillen

Fermanagh House

1:00PM –4:00 PM | Children / Young People



FUNDING



BELFAST CITY COUNCIL'S NEW COMMUNITY SUPPORT PLAN LARGE GRANT

Community and voluntary groups can apply for funding up to a maximum £60,000 to support the delivery of programme activities under BCC's Community Support Plan Large Grants. Funding can cover Core running costs of community facilities, Programming and Staff Costs relating to the programme.

Now open for applications until 12 noon on 6 October 2025. Funding will last for three years; applications will not open again until summer 2028. They are hosting information sessions for interested applicants. Find out more on the link above.

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HALIFAX FOUNDATION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND: THRIVE PROGRAMME

THRIVE – a new grants programme celebrates the Foundation's 40th year and is made possible thanks to additional funding from their sole funder Lloyds Bank.

THRIVE aims to support charities in providing financial advice, building financial resilience, delivering financial education, or encouraging good financial health among people in greatest need.

Registered charities can apply for grants of up to £15,000 over 2 years. Opens for applications on 1st September 2025 and closes at 12 noon on 26th September 2025.



HENRY SMITH FOUNDATION LAUNCHES TWO SCHEMES

In line with The Henry Smith Foundation's new strategy, Elevate Your Impact (2025–2030), they have launched Shout! to make sure young people are heard, especially when the world does not listen.

Focusing on organisations working with care-experienced young people, LGBT+ young people, and young people with learning disabilities and/or neurodivergences, eligible applicants can apply for up to £240,000 (£60,000 per year). Deadline 20 August 2025. Together We Begin will open 31 July funding organisations that provide early years parenting support and promote children's development through sustained, face-to-face work in the home with up to £150k (£40–50k per year).

Deadline for EOIs is 5pm on 28 August 2025.

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