

Welcome to our September 2025 Ezine! In this months Ezine you can find updated information on events, funding, training and opportunities for member organisations as well as highlights from our organisation.

HIGHLIGHTS!



Inspirational Young Person



A young person, Bethany Flemming, on the Amplify project in Enniskillen has received a Civic Honour Award from Fermanagh Trust for: Inspirational Young Person –for her powerful advocacy and contribution on housing rights and tireless efforts to improve opportunities for young people in Fermanagh.

Bethany has split her £1000 bursary between YouthAction NI (Fermanagh) & Action for Children Rossorry Grove Sheltered Housing Accommodation.

READ MORE





BATON OF HOPE

Some young people from our Kilkeel Amplify group alongside our member organisation Kingdom Youth Club welcomed the arrival of the Baton of Hope 2025 in support of suicide prevention and mental health initiative.

We tied a message of hope to the Tree Of Hope and added a Yellow ribbon honouring hope and cherishing memories. The Baton of Hope 2025 passed to the RNLI who transported it by search and rescue to its next destination.

We are deeply grateful to have been involved and will continue to carry the message of Hope forward.



BATON
OF
HOPE

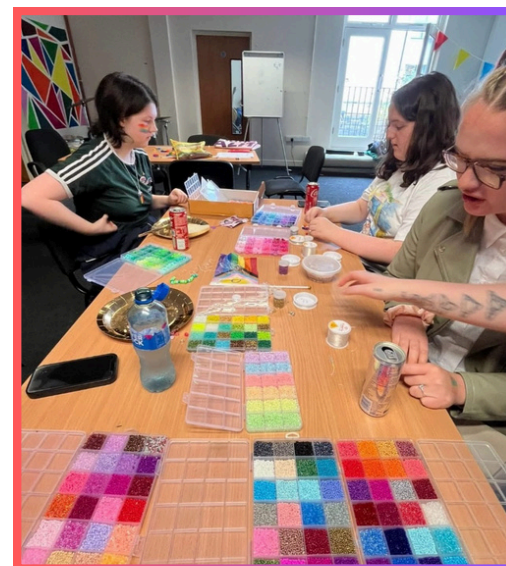
BATON OF HOPE
KILKEEL

WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER
SUICIDE PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

JOIN US
LINE THE
STREETS AT
2:00PM

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- STAND WITH YOUR COMMUNITY FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION.
- WELCOME THE BATON AS IT ARRIVES INTO KILKEEL.
- WALK IN SOLIDARITY WITH YOUR COMMUNITY THROUGH KILKEEL, COMMENCING AT THE SQUARE AND WALKING TO KILKEEL HARBOUR.
- PLACE YOUR WORDS OF HOPE UPON THE TREE OF HOPE



**Our North West YouthStart team
walked in Foyle pride to
celebrate acceptance and love.**



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.

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MEMBERS CONNECTOR EVENT & AGM

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S RIGHTS and social change.

Youth work supports young people to stand up for their rights and make a difference. Based on the UNCRC, it helps them build a fair, more inclusive world. This event looks at the challenges they face and how youth work can respond with creativity and impact.

THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2025

Members Conference

2pm - 5pm

YouthAction NI

14 College Square North,
Belfast, BT1 6AS

AGM

5.45pm - 6.30pm

**To register
Click QR Code**





Staff were delighted to support two members group recently to complete Encirc Tackling Poverty Funding grants, a targeted fund established by Encirc and administered by the Fermanagh Trust. Each group were successful in getting £3000.

Carrowshee Park Sylvan Hill Community Association will launch a community fridge and warm meals initiative, alongside workshops on budgeting, cooking, and energy-saving—fostering resilience and reducing stigma.

Action for Children will support vulnerable young people in supported housing with budgeting workshops, food and fuel vouchers, and essential winter clothing.





YouthAction NI
Warmly invites you to our

Membership Cluster Support Network

"GAMES WITH AIMS"

Tea/Coffee/Refreshments

Identifying Support



**YouthAction NI Armagh Office,
St Patrick's Trian, 38 Upper English Street,
Armagh, BT61 7BA**



Wednesday, 5th November 2025, 6-8pm



To register contact caelan@youthaction.org



MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT

This month we have been supporting our Northwest member groups with summer scheme delivery and OCN peer mentoring. We have worked with 43 young people from Melmount Community forum in Strabane and Northwest Islamic Youth. Children took part in arts and craft, cooking, visit to parks, bowls, team challenges and bubble workshops and a bus trip to Oakfeild park in Raphoe. Our staff were supported by 10 amazing volunteers who are in the process of completing their OCN Peer Mentoring and OCN Youth Achievement Awards.

Watch out for our members October meet and greet. We have an afternoon tea prize to give away and in December we have our members wellbeing event. A morning of activities to chill, relax and network healthy lunch. For more details please email dominic@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



Shared Agenda for Peace

A programme supported by PEACEPLUS and managed by SEUPB

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Northern Ireland - Ireland

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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



For more information:
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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

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



OPPORTUNITIES



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Young at heart
80
YEARS



YANI CON



Have fun with others in superhero style with our Youth Comic Convention embracing all of pop culture- designed by nerds & geeks for nerds & geeks!!

Connect with others through passions of Comics, Movies, TV shows & Gaming!

Design Comics, Stories & Art!

Cosplay
-Dress as your favourite character!

Comics in our Superhero Hideout Cafe

Video Games & Card games!

Refreshments will be provided!

Location

Youth Action Northern Ireland
14 College Square North
Belfast, BT1 6AS

Open to ages
16-24 years

Contact

ryan@youthaction.org to
sign up or scan QR Code



Date Friday 24th
October 2025
Time 5-8pm

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generation
Growing Up Better, Together

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YANI CON SPECIAL GUEST

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We're excited to announce that Leslie Hoffman will be joining our Youth Comic Convention for a Q&A.

REGISTER NOW

24th October 2025, 5-8pm
YouthAction NI, 14 College
Square North, Belfast

For ages 16-24



Use the QR Code or email
ryan@youthaction.org

Leslie Hoffman

Actress & Stuntwoman



ALL STARS CABARET

Fundraising Event

Join us for a spectacular evening of song, live music and entertainment,
performed by Rainbow Factory Tutors - The very best in show biz!

Tickets £25

Book now to avoid disappointment!
ticketsource.co.uk/youthaction-ni

Proudly hosted by



Pamela Ballantine MBE

6:45pm - Welcome drinks and nibbles

7:30pm - Curtain up

23rd October 2025

YouthAction NI, Rainbow Factory Theatre, 14 College Square North, Belfast

For more information contact: boxoffice@youthaction.org

Over 18's only



BEAMS

A young leadership programme for 16-25 year olds to:
Build communities, Empathy, Awareness & Migrant Solidarity

Through our programme, you will understand & engage on migrant issues, build your resilience, challenge misinformation and embrace compassion.

STARTING:

NOV 5TH

5.30PM-8.30PM



Location: YouthAction 14 College
Square North, Belfast



Contact:

nathan@youthaction.org

028 90 240551

The Rainbow Factory Presents...

Snow White



& The Black Forest Gateau

Written by Maire Campbell

Mon 1st - Sat 13th Dec
7pm Shows / 2pm Matinees Saturdays & Sundays
YouthAction NI, 14 College Square North, Belfast
Tickets £10 / £6 under 18's
ticketsource.co.uk/youthaction-ni / boxoffice@youthaction.org



Join in the conversation



**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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YOUTH WORK TRAINING

OCNNI Level 3 Certificate In Youth Work Practice

A course for young leaders, volunteers and paid workers who want to develop knowledge, confidence and skills in practice based Youth Work.

Thursday evenings
5pm - 8pm
Youth Action NI
14 College Square North,
Belfast BT1 6AS

Starting 30th October
2025 - January 2026

An OCNNI Level 2 Certificate
In Youth Work Practice is a
requirement for this course.

Course fees:
£145 members special rate /
£410 non-members rate

For more info contact Mary Jo Reid:
maryjo@youthaction.org



FUNDING



SPORT NI: OLYMPIC LEGACY FUND

The Olympic Legacy Fund is a £1 million investment by Sport NI and Crowdfunder UK aimed at enhancing community sports facilities to boost participation in sports. Projects can range from £1,000 to £50,000, with a deadline of February 20, 2026

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FORTE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Forte is a UK grant-making foundation supporting small and medium local organizations addressing issues in deprived urban and rural areas. They offer Small Grants (between £2,000 and £10,000) for organizations with annual incomes up to £250,000, and Major Grants (between £10,000 and £50,000) for organizations with turnovers up to £500,000, focusing on family support. Multi-year grants can total up to £100,000 over three years. There are no application deadlines

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Newry, Mourne
and Down
District Council



PROJECT

FUNDING

FUNDING FAIR



NEWRY, SLIEVE GULLION
& CROTLIEVE DEAS

WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER

2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

CLOUGHREAGH COMMUNITY
CENTRE, MILLVALE ROAD, NEWRY

OPEN TO ALL COMMUNITY,
VOLUNTARY & SPORTS GROUPS

**DROP IN
EVENT**

Chat to funders and
support agencies
directly