What's Next, Why Now?

Reframing our thinking on youth work

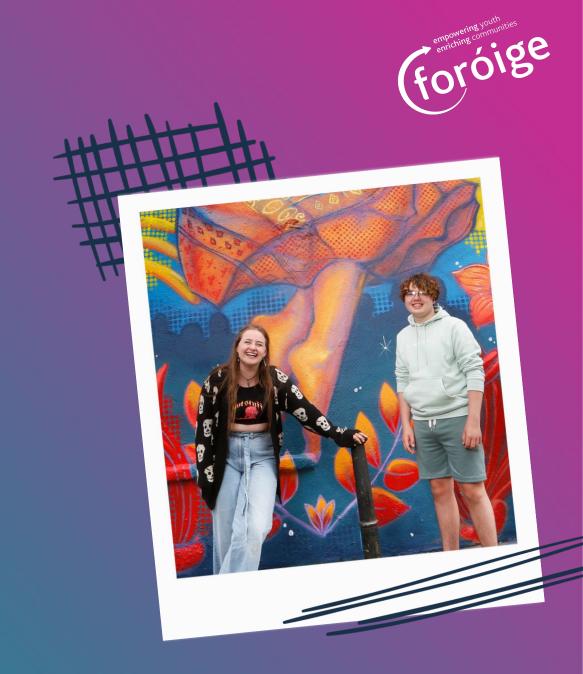
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Youth Work in Ireland is in the Main Good

- Rooted in communities
- Strong foundations and history
- Diverse offering
- Good support from Government
- Really good workforce paid and voluntary
- We know youth work works



Progressive Universalism

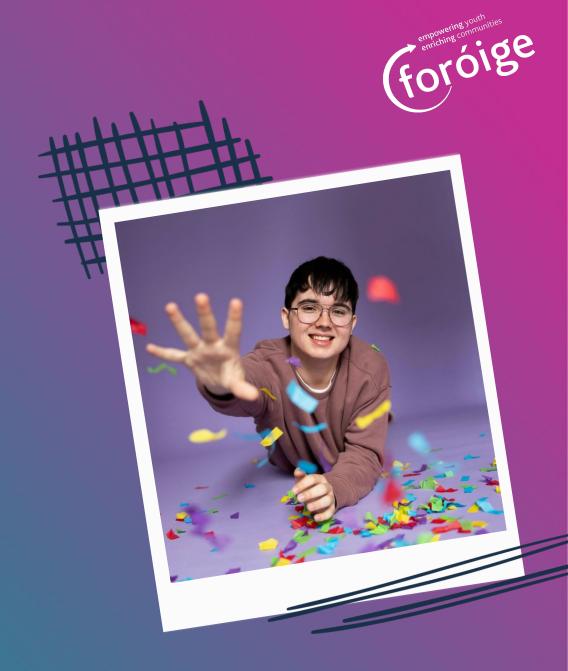
Every young person should have the opportunity to be involved in youth clubs, groups, organisation and programmes

Targeted supports for young people facing adversity in their lives



So Why Now?

- We owe to young people and young people need it
- Adolescence is a time of huge transition
- Unprecedented change
- No roadmap



The 5 Cs

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Critical Thinking
- Creativity
- Connectedness

Empathy Resilience



Post COVID-19 Environment

- Young people were left behind
- Concerns about mental health
- Safe spaces



The Digital World

- The Digital Divide
- We have left young people to navigate digital learning by themselves



Foróige's Digital Strategy

- Digital Literacy
- Digital Skills
- Digital Engagement
- Digital Citizenship
- Digital Safety

Young people must be empowered to be dynamic creators and change makers not passive consumers or recipients of technology



Policy Opportunity

- Reform of Youth Service Grant Scheme
- BOBF2
- National Youth Strategy
- Updated LGBTI+ Youth and Youth Participation
 Strategies



What Is Next?

- Volunteer Led Youth Work
- Hubs/centres for universal youth work
- Mentoring
- Youth Participation
- Targeted youth work



Thank You!

