

YOUTH WORK IRELAND MIDLANDS

ANNUAL REPORT

A YEAR OF IMPACT, A FUTURE OF POSSIBILITY

2025





MESSAGE OUR CHAIRPERSON

As Chairperson, I am proud to reflect on another year of purposeful youth work across our communities. The Board's role is to provide strong governance, oversight and direction while ensuring that the needs, rights and voices of young people remain central to every decision we make.

The year has demonstrated once again why accessible, quality youth work matters. From practical learning and employment pathways to youth participation, international experiences, wellbeing supports and opportunities to influence decisions, our projects have continued to respond to what young people tell us they need.

The Board recognises that an exceptional team of staff and volunteers makes this work possible. Their dedication, professionalism and willingness to respond to changing circumstances are evident throughout this report. We also acknowledge the commitment of our funders and community partners whose support strengthens our ability to reach and support young people.

Our responsibility is not simply to oversee the organisation today, but to ensure that it remains strong, sustainable and responsive for the future. As we look ahead, we remain firmly committed to the Youth Work Ireland campaign "Youth Work for All": ensuring that every young person has the opportunity to access quality youth work, to be heard, to participate and to thrive.

ANNETTE BARR JORDAN

Chairperson



MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

2025 was a year that asked a great deal of our organisation. Across our communities, young people continued to navigate pressures around education, wellbeing, employment, relationships and their futures, while our teams responded to changing needs with energy, creativity and determination.

What stands out most is what was achieved in the midst of those challenges. Young people gained qualifications, secured employment, developed new skills, travelled, led projects, had their voices heard and, perhaps most importantly, experienced the confidence that comes from knowing they can succeed.

None of this happens without people. I want to recognise our staff and volunteers for their professionalism, flexibility and unwavering commitment to young people. Their ability to adapt, build relationships and create opportunities is at the heart of our work.

We are equally grateful to our funders, community partners, schools, agencies and supporters who continue to believe in the value of youth work and make this work possible.

To every young person who took part, contributed, challenged, created, learned or simply kept going this year, thank you. Your achievements are what make our work matter.

GERALDINE LACEY

CEO



2025

AT A GLANCE



Our Impact

BY THE NUMBERS



5317

YOUNG PEOPLE



255

VOLUNTEERS



60

STAFF



17

PROJECTS



22

CLUBS

Real People. Brighter Futures.

2025

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



UBU

Youth Work Ireland Midlands' three UBU projects support young people across Mullingar, Athlone and Tullamore, working within local communities to provide safe spaces, relationships and opportunities.

Through targeted youth work, projects respond to local needs, support wellbeing and participation, build skills and confidence, and help young people connect with their communities and wider opportunities.

Longford
Westmeath ETB

Laois Offaly
ETB

ATHLONE YOUTH PROJECT



MULLINGAR YOUTH PROJECT



TULLAMORE YOUTH PROJECT



YOUTH DIVERSION PROJECTS

Youth Work Ireland Midlands delivers four Youth Diversion Projects . Working in partnership with young people, families, communities and statutory services, the projects provide relationship-based youth work, targeted supports and positive opportunities. Each project responds to local needs, helping young people build confidence, develop skills, strengthen relationships and make positive choices for their futures.

ACORN & AMETS



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An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt
Department of Justice

FUSION



ALF



YOUTH INFORMATION



OTHER PROJECTS

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT



WESTMEATH COMHAIRLE NA NÓG



ROSCOMMON COMHAIRLE NA NÓG



VOLUNTEER LED CLUBS

WESTMEATH
12
CLUBS

OFFALY
6
CLUBS

Rural Clubs Volunteer Meeting

3 CLUBS
ROSCOMMON

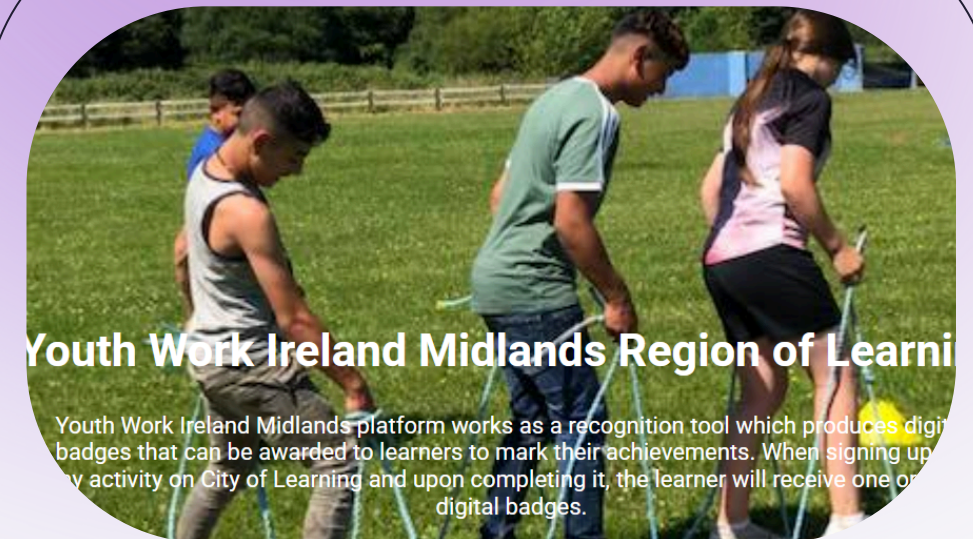
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LONGFORD



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES



YOUTH EXCHANGES



DIGITAL BADGES



ORGANISATION INFO

LINKTREE TO ALL OUR SITES



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THANK YOU

See you next year!