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Your Youth Work Sector Update

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NYCI News

Upcoming training, deadlines, and calls

- [Understanding and Responding to Racism: Building Anti-Racist Practice in Youth Work](#) Feb 11
- [FAQ Event: Artist and Youth Work Residency Grant Scheme](#) Feb 17
- [Young Voices EU Youth Dialogue - Cork](#) Feb 17
- [Empowering Youth Workers Through AI & Other Emerging Technologies Pilot](#) deadline Feb 17
- [National Youth Consultation on Human Rights](#) Feb 19

- [Applications now open - Become a Local Champion](#) deadline Feb 20
- [SPARK Youth Arts Festival 2026](#) Feb 20 - 26
 - [Creativity and Wellbeing in Youth Arts Webinar](#) Feb 23
 - [SPARK FAQ Event: Artist and Youth Work Residency Grant Scheme](#) Feb 24
 - [Creative Facilitation – 5 Ways to Wellbeing](#) Feb 25
 - [Fostering Creativity through Youth Work- What the Research Says](#) Feb 26
- [FAQ Event: Artist and Youth Work Residency Grant Scheme](#) Feb 24
- [NYCI Policy & Advocacy Forum](#) Feb 25

- [Express Interest – Host Site-Visits and Youth Focus Groups](#) deadline Feb 28
- [Young Voices Residential – Youth Workers & Young People](#) Feb 28 - Mar 1
- [Developing Funding Applications for Youth Arts Projects](#) Mar 4
- [Artist and Youth Work Residency Grant Scheme](#) deadline Mar 20

Resources you might like

- [Youth Information Web Resource for Young Refugees & Young People in International Protection](#) [Learn more](#)

Remember to check out our [News Feed](#) for regular updates.

Express Interest – Host Site-Visits and Youth

Focus Groups

NYCI is developing a new national research study to assess the Socio-economic Value of Youth Work in Ireland. This study

will build on NYCI's landmark 2012 report and will produce an updated, robust evidence base that captures both the economic and social return delivered by the Youth Work sector. **Deadline:** 28th February

[Register interest >>](#)

Applications now open – Become a Local

Champion

Recruitment is now open for the NYCI Local Champions project 2026, and we are looking for young people (18-25 years) who have benefited from youth work to apply and become youth work advocates. **Deadline for applications:** 20th February

[Find out more >>](#)

Empowering Youth Workers Through AI & Other

Emerging Technologies Pilot

We're inviting youth workers to take part in the pilot of a new online course designed to build confidence in AI and emerging technology within youth work settings. Designed to be useful for all skill levels, the course itself is practical, supportive and

focused on helping all youth workers understand what AI is, what the risks are and how it can be used safely for everyday admin and Organisational needs. **Deadline to apply:** 17th

February

[Find out more >>](#)

Member News

YWI: Youth Work Ireland Week 2026

This year Youth Work Ireland Week will take place from Saturday April 11th – Saturday April 18th. From exciting projects to life-changing support, youth services make a real difference and this week is all about shining a spotlight on that impact.

[Find out more >>](#)

Irish Girl Guides: New Chief Commissioner

Announced

Irish Girl Guides has welcomed a new Chief Commissioner. Aisling Claffey Healion has been appointed to the role, succeeding Amanda O'Sullivan, who has served as Chief

Commissioner since 2019.

[Find out more >>](#)

ECO-UNESCO: Young Environmentalist Awards

2026 Deadline Approaching

Register now for the free Young Environmentalist Awards, open to groups of young people aged 10–18 creating environmental action projects. Once registered, groups receive their submission folder for which the completion **deadline is Tuesday 10th February.**

[Find out more and register >>](#)

Is your organisation an NYCI Member?

As well as advocating on your behalf, NYCI provides advice, networking and development opportunities, and expert training in all areas of youth work, including child protection, development education, equality, arts, health, and more.

[Find out more >>](#)

Vacancies

Foróige: [Various roles nationally](#)

Other Youth Sector News

DEY: Foras na Gaeilge Summer Camp Scheme

2026

Foras na Gaeilge is providing funding for appropriate Summer Camps through Irish for young people (3 to 18 years of age), which aim to strengthen the Irish language through a mix of activities. This is a nonprofit scheme to keep the camp fees low for the young people. **Deadline:** 9th March

[Find out more and apply >>](#)

Women's Aid: Too Into You Campaign

Women's Aid will be running a fun and engaging collage making event to celebrate self-love, healthy relationships and the launch of the Too Into You campaign on Friday 13th

February. More details to follow.

[Find out more about Too Into You >>](#)

Highlight your Event or Update

Send your news, events, and activities for inclusion in the next edition of Clár na nÓg, the youth sector newsletter, to

charlie@nyci.ie

Format: keep submissions concise (three lines or shorter).

Include a link to your website where readers can find out more.

The E-Bulletin goes out to over 5,000 subscribers with an interest in youth issues. It is a great opportunity both to let the sector know about the fantastic work your organisation does and to target youth workers and those interested in youth work issues directly.



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