

limerick youth service



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Annual
Review
2013/14



Foreword

The period 2013/14 was a time of opportunity, challenge and celebration for Limerick Youth Service. We turned 40, offered a varied menu of youth work experiences and engaged in both external and internal change.

Despite the challenging economic climate that saw the youth work sector suffer disproportionate cutbacks over the past 6 years, Limerick Youth Service continued to deliver services through a wide variety of projects and programmes.

There have been a raft of changes in Statutory bodies and Government departments resulting in new agreements and arrangements in respect of how funding is administered and by whom. In addition there have been significant additional demands in terms of reporting, Governance and accountability, Quality Assurance and external audit.

In recognition of the changing needs of communities, their populations and their young people, Limerick Youth Service has changed how and where we work

Limerick Youth Service continues to engage with the National Quality Standards Framework (NQS) and will roll out the NQS for Voluntary led groups and clubs in early 2015.

The Organisation is delighted that The Charities Regulatory Authority has been established and looks forward to developments for the Sector in this regard. In 2014 Limerick Youth Service was deemed compliant with The Governance Code.

Over 3,000 young people across Limerick participated in youth projects, clubs, cafés and programmes while 160 learners engaged in second chance education and further training programmes at the Community Training Centre and Youthreach projects each year.

As a leading provider of a variety of quality programmes for young people, Limerick Youth Service recognises that without the support of many individuals and organisations, regionally and nationally, we could not achieve what we do.

We would sincerely like to thank the many people who keep Limerick Youth Service robust, vibrant and relevant to young people – the Board, staff and volunteers engaged throughout Limerick.

Catherine Kelly
CEO
Limerick Youth Service

Mary English
Chairman
Limerick Youth Service

'To Support & Encourage young people to be active participants in shaping their futures'



Celebrated 40th anniversary with a host of events over 12 months starting with the Ger Mc Donnell Charity Cycle and ending with a reunion celebratory event

Delivered 'Moving Up' Primary School Transition Programme in 20 primary schools

Facilitated Limerick City & County Youth Bank in Rathkeale and the Northside of the City

Highlights 2013-2014

Facilitated Limerick's two Comhairle na nÓg

2nd place Youth & Enterprise Category in National Pride of Place Awards December 2013

Opening of Rathkeale Youth Hub by Minister for Children & Youth Affairs Charlie Flanagan in May 2014

Planning granted for Northside Youth Space with construction to begin in early 2015

Volunteers
honoured at Youth
Work Ireland National
Volunteer Achievement
Awards in Leading the
Way, Behind the Scenes
and Stepping Up
categories

Finalists in Youth
Work Ireland's Irish
Youth Music Awards
2013

Hosted and
participated in
International Youth Work
events

Established
new youth clubs in
Corbally, Kilfinane
Queen of Peace
(Janesboro)

Won Best Film &
Actress at Let Limerick
Exhale Anti-Smoking
Short Film Awards
in 2013

Represented
Ireland at the Alliance
for Bakery Students &
Trainees Conference in
successive years
winning the
John Butler Award
in 2014

Child Protection
Training delivered to 400
staff & volunteers in the
period 2013/14

Five new Trainers
trained in the delivery of
the NYCI Child
Protection Awareness
Programme
in December 2014

Eight staff
trained in the
Junior Leaders Train the
Trainers IT Scotland
programme. They in
turn delivered the
training to 60
young people

Annual Staff
conference addressed by
Minister for Education
Jan O Sullivan

Endorsement of our
Organisation with
compliance of The
Governance Code
www.governancecode.ie

Development of
work with new
communities and
minority groups,
including
ICAN Belong Youth
Diversity group

Volunteers

From youth clubs and programmes to the running of events and in governance through Limerick Youth Service's Board and subgroups, volunteers remain the backbone of Limerick Youth Service and without their support we would struggle to provide our services.

- 440 active volunteers engaged in Limerick Youth Service
- Over 350 past & present volunteers attended 40th Gathering Celebrations
- 90 new volunteers participated in Starting Out Induction Training
- 26 volunteers honoured in annual Volunteer Celebration Evenings
- Increased volunteerism from young people in community initiatives.



Youth Information & Communications

Youth Information & Communications continued to provide a comprehensive and easy access to information for young people, adults and youth work practitioners. It is a central tenet of the work of the Organisation.

Youth Information was active in raising awareness of youth issues and continued to portray a positive image of young people in the print and social media.

- E-zine newsletters circulated to 1,100 subscribers weekly and online.
- 500+ articles each year online and in newspapers & journals
- Radio & community debates on youth affairs
- Active website, Youtube, Facebook and Twitter presence.

Youth

Limerick Youth Service engaged people each year in a range of programmes and events across the city. As part of the Reconfiguration of Limerick Youth Service into an Integrated Youth Service.

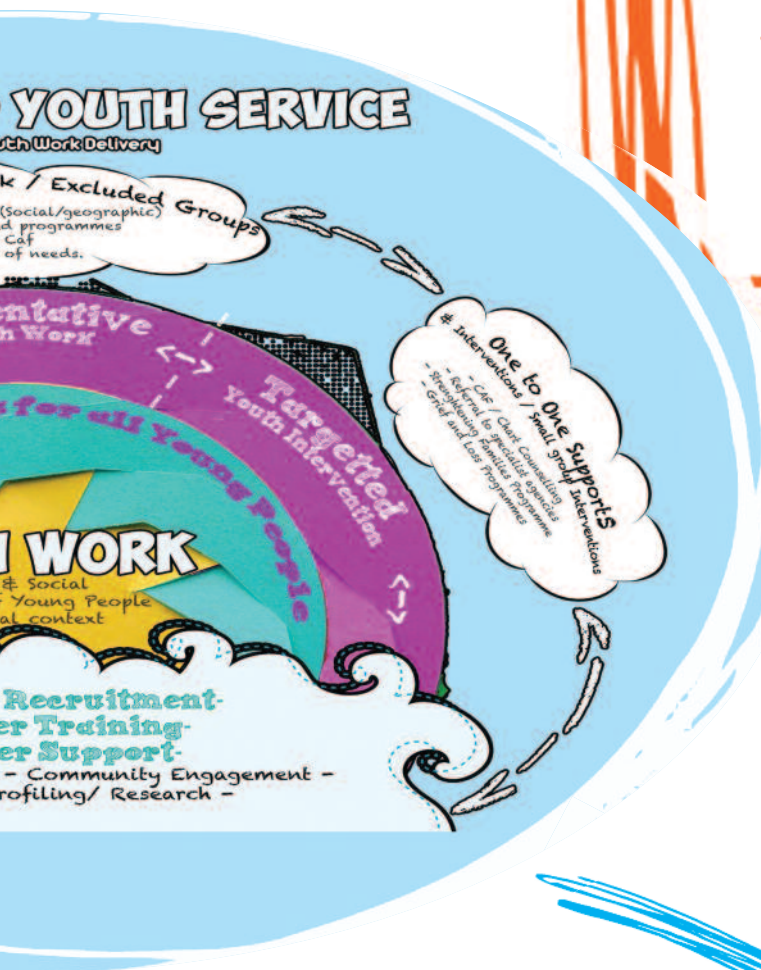


This aims to ensure that a young person has access to one or more areas of youth work of interest and need at a point of opportunity in Limerick.

- International Youth Work
- Youth Information & Communications
- Youth & Family Support work
- Comhairle na nÓg
- Garda Youth Diversion Projects

Work

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- Youth Cafes
- Youth Clubs
- Special Projects for Youth
- Signposting for Youth (Counselling initiative)

International Youth Work

Over 100 young people traveled to and hosted groups from 13 countries, forging new friendships, developing understanding of different cultures and broadening their horizons.

- **'SOS' -Share Our Stories Limerick:** capturing the 'cornerstones' of youth work
- **YELL La Fierve Limerick/France:** youth rights & empowerment
- **OSCE (Organisation for Security & Cooperation in Europe)** Youth Summit in the Ukraine.
- **LiberaMente Italia:** youth participation in European Parliament
- **Chew the Future Italia:** food sustainability & carbon footprint
- **Extend Malta:** effects of unemployment on young people
- **Samhains Like Us Limerick:** youth cultural project
- **OECD (Organisation of Economic & Cooperation & Development)** in Sweden
- **YouthBank Deutschland:** international conference in Berlin

YOUTH HUBS

Limerick Youth Service is working towards having four main hubs namely, City Centre, The Factory (Southside Youth Space), Rathkeale Youth Space and Northside Youth Space. In addition we continue to operate in community based halls and buildings throughout Limerick and come together for Regional Games, Discos, Youth Factor and other events. The hubs facilitate a range of groups to work with us or to rent space for their own programmes and courses.

Comhairle na nÓg

Facilitated by Limerick Youth Service and run in conjunction with Limerick City & County Council and Limerick & Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB), Comhairle na nÓg is a Youth Parliament representing the interests of young people in their community. In 2014 Limerick City & County each held their AGM in the University of Limerick and then formally merged. Issues researched and discussed by Comhairlí have been brought to teachers in-service (SPHE) and to the Dáil to inform future policies & practices.

Vocational Education & Training

Limerick Youth Service continues to be a provider of second chance education for early school leavers through a variety of programmes at our centres in Lr. Glentworth St & Nicholas St.

The following programmes were delivered throughout the year

- Abbey Youth Local Training Initiative
- Community Training Centre Programmes
- Youthreach

Abbey Youth: Local Training Initiative

Limerick Youth Service provides a 36 week LCETB funded Employability Skills Programme for young people in the King's Island, Lee Estate and Corbally areas of Limerick City.

Abbey Youth LTI offers vocational training opportunities for project-based learning to assist participants to achieve awards on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) and to develop the capacity to progress to further training, education and work.

Community Training Centre

The Community Training Centre provides on providing education and training opportunities for early school leavers between 16 and 21 years through the following:

- Level 3 Employability Skills
- Level 4 Pathway to Employment
- Level 5 Contact Centre Operations
- Level 5 Business Studies
- Leaving Cert Applied
- City & Guilds Diploma in Proficiency in Baking Industry Skills
- Skills based training in Restaurant, Deli, Kitchen, Horticulture and Woodwork
- Over 300 young people engaged at one point in the Community Training Centre during 2013/14.

Over all the Community Training Centre not only focused on learner's education and training but on their well-being and personal development.

Youthreach

Youthreach is an integral part of the national programme of second-chance education and training in Ireland and is a central part of the Government's contribution to the achievement of a lifelong learning society.

The programme is directed at unemployed young early school leavers aged 15-20 and offers participants the opportunity to identify and pursue viable options within adult life. It provides them with opportunities to acquire certification at Junior and Leaving Cert level.

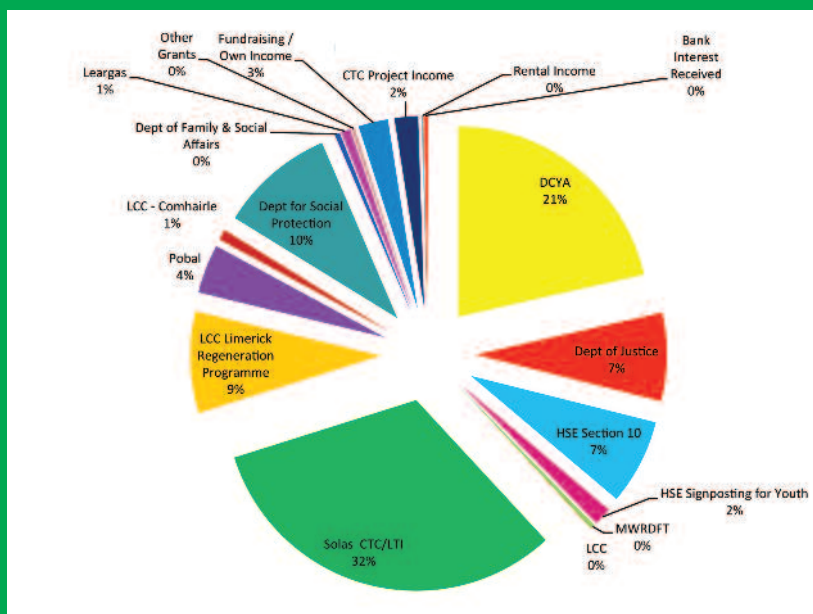
Funding

Limerick Youth Service works in partnership with a number of bodies including Youth Work Ireland, SOLAS, the Health Service Executive, TUSLA the Child and Family Agency, the Irish Youth Justice Service, Limerick City and County Vocational Education Committees (Limerick & Clare Educational Training Board since July 2014), the Department of Children and Youth Affairs, West Limerick Resources Ltd, Department of Social Protection, An Garda Síochána, Pobal, Limerick City and County Council, Leargas, PAUL Partnership, Mid-West Drugs & Alcohol Forum (formerly Mid West Regional Drugs Task Force), Rathkeale Community Council, The City Of Dublin Youth Service Board (CDYSB) and the many voluntary and community groups and individuals who have and continue to support Limerick's young people.

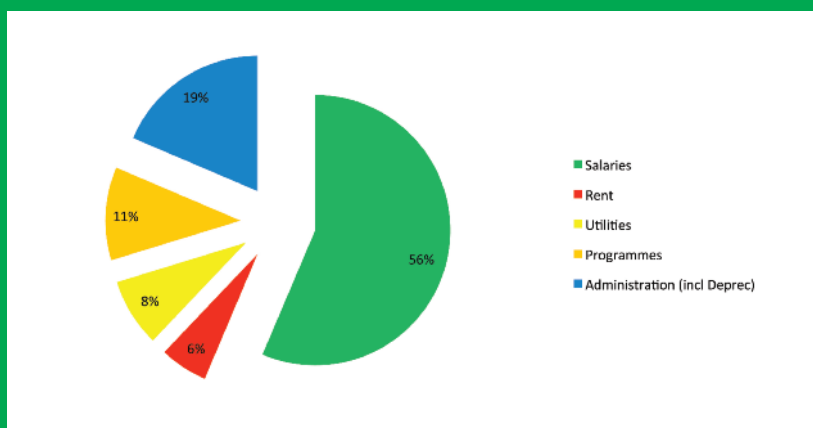
Funding comes on an annual basis on foot of application forms, plans and a report on the outcomes of the plans submitted the previous year.

There is always a deficit in funding and Limerick Youth Service actively fundraises and applies for once-off funding to meet shortfalls. Despite the severe funding cuts in the past six years, the Organisation has managed to secure staff positions and keep all areas of work operating to capacity.

Income



Expenditure



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