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**Issue 26** 

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YOUTH LINK: NI

'Churches together building excellence in youth work'

### **Easter Greetings**

April 2019

Wishing you happiness, hope and peace this Easter time

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### Degree Programme Open Day

Our final Open Day for this year will take place on Tuesday 14 May 2019. If you feel you would be interested in the BA (Hons) Youth Work, Communities & Practical Theology Degree (JNC) through CYM and Staffordshire University please do give this event consideration.

The session will run from 1:30-3:00pm. If you are aware of others that might be interested please do encourage them to drop in on us.

These sessions are informal drop-in sessions that enable prospective students to have a quick chat, overview and discussion about the course.

Please let Suzanne know if you are planning to attend by emailing suzanne@youthlink.org.uk

For further information please click the following link: Degree-Programme-Open-Day-2019

### ~ Diverse Voices ~ Youth Celebration

On Saturday 23 March 2019 the Nigerian, Sudanese, & NICRAS Youth Groups hosted a joint event for young people in partnership with Youth Link. 70 Young People and Volunteers from diverse backgrounds, cultures and faiths, came together at St. Malachy's Youth Centre, for an



afternoon of food, fun, and

lively conversation. Young people presented their youth groups, and shared why they are

involved, and what it means to them.

Youth Link facilitated workshops with young people, supported by Volunteer Youth Leaders from the youth groups, who recently completed their OCN Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice. Young people participated in team building activities and discussed their vision for a better Belfast. Youth Link has secured a further one year funding from the Education Authority Youth Services Regional Outreach Scheme for 2019/20, and will continue to work in collaboration with these groups to build a Diverse Voices Young Leaders Network.

## Transform Project

A certificate presentation with participants from New Bridge Integrated College in Banbridge took place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Sixteen members of Phase 1 participated on the Transform Project from May until October 2018 with all 16 participants successfully completing the Level 2 Award/Certificate



in Personal Success and Well-Being. The group of young people aged 14-15 worked hard to achieve this qualification. Youth Link staff members Chris and Aoibhin attended the school for a certificate presentation.

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## Degree Programme (BA Hons)

Year 3 students enrolled on the ☆ BA Honours degree in Youth and Community Work and Practical Theology submit their research projects.

#### From left to right:



Mike has been evaluating the Saturday night Drop In at Youth Initiatives in Lisburn, Ross how Dromore High School responds to young people with behavioural problems, Daniel

the effectiveness of the Youth Club in Cullybackey Methodist and Phil an evaluation of T:BUC in the Edge in Ballynahinch.



Double click the Training Programme for all course information or visit our Website.

### Support Youth Link's Work

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Please consider supporting Youth Link's work by making a regular donation of  $\pounds 5 / \pounds 10$  per month via regular standing order to First Trust Bank re Youth Link: NI, A/C No: 97437099, Sort Code: 93-80-92 or via BT Mydonate. Thank you.

Easter Break: Our offices will be closed on Friday 19 April and will reopen on Monday 29 April 2019