

## Churches together building excellence in Youth Work and Ministry

### Christmas Greetings

The staff and volunteers at Youth Link wish you joy and peace this Christmas and in the New Year



## TRANSFORM PROJECT



The Transform Project held its Closure event on 18<sup>th</sup> November in Girdwood Community Hub. The last 4 years have seen 480 young people aged 14-24 fulfil their

potential, develop skills and confidence and gain OCN qualifications. Messages were received from Minister for the Economy NI, Gordon Lyons, MLA, Minister Roderic O'Gorman, T.D., Irish Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration, and Youth and Gina McIntyre, Chief Executive of SEUPB, who said: "Segregation is still a part of daily life for many thousands of young people, who have very little opportunity to socialise with someone from a different background. All of the young people who took part in the Transform project however, were able to mix with and learn from someone who comes from a different culture. In so doing, they will become positive agents for change within their own community. This is one of the core objectives of the EU's PEACE IV Programme." Gordon Woolsey, Transform Project Coordinator paid special tribute to all the young people and youth workers whose commitment and



dedication led to Transform's success, he also highlighted the unique and valued partnership between Youth Link, Mencap and Youth Initiatives.

**TRANSFORM**  
BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

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## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The Youth Link Office will be closed from Wednesday 23rd December 2021 to Monday



Clonmore Youth Club had a fantastic start with their Bright Project. Youth Link Staff members, Chris and Darren commenced delivery of this 6 week project with young people who will learn more about themselves and their communities over the next six weeks.

## CONGRATULATIONS & HEARTFELT THANKS TO PADDY



It's hard to believe that the time has come to say "Goodbye" to Paddy White. Paddy has given 30 years of selfless service to Youth Link. Under his leadership, Youth Link has grown from strength to strength and has made a huge contribution to peace and reconciliation in N. Ireland. Thanks Paddy, may you enjoy many blessings in your retirement, knowing that your legacy will remain and for us, you will always be an inspiration! Thank you for everything!



## Professional Youth Work Training for Faith-based Organisations



Having recently completed EA funded OCN NI Level 2 & 3 Certificate in Youth Work Practice online courses, further online courses are due to complete in early 2022. It is amazing to see learners continue their professional development and move directly from the Level 2 course onto the Level 3 course. Many have used the OCN NI Level 2 & 3 Certificate in Youth Work Practice qualifications as a stepping stone to new jobs and for progression to the B.A. Hons. Degree in Applied Theology (Youth & Community Work) with JNC, delivered in partnership with Moorlands College.

Plans for 2022 courses commencing in February, are well underway. Recruitment for online OCN NI Level 2 & 3 Certificate in Youth Work Practice has commenced.

Full details are on our website:

[Youth Link NI - Level 1, 2 & 3 Certificate in Youth Work Practice](#)

## TRAINING PROGRAMME

Please [click here](#) for Training Programme 2021/2022 or visit our website [www.youthlink.org.uk](http://www.youthlink.org.uk)