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Groups, Organisations & Activity's supported by St Monica's Youth Resource Centre Ltd.

This is how the funds raised from the bingo are used.

St Monica's Youth Resource Centre (The Centre).

The Centre has been operating in Edenmore since 1967.

St Monica's Youth Resource Centre Ltd (The Youth Centre).

The Youth Centre is a mainstream Youth Club serving up to 200 Young people per week. The activities we offer are, Arts and crafts, Music, Film, Computer and internet services, Cooking & Baking, sports activities, adventure sports and competitions. On the Youth Club nights, the volunteers will also help Young People with research and preparation for school projects. In addition to these activities the Youth Club and its Volunteer team runs residential holiday's and weekends for Young People, regular trips to local parks and beaches and trips to other events, such as, sports events, stage shows and the cinema etc.

The Youth Club provides all of these activities and services, but most importantly it provides the Young People of Edenmore and the surrounding communities with a safe and supportive environment. This safe space allows the Young People to be with friends and make new friends. The Youth Club allows the Young People to challenge themselves, physically, mentally and emotionally through all of the activities listed above and through their interactions with their peers and the team of experienced volunteers. The programme also allows the Young People to be challenged positively in terms of their knowledge and attitudes to and of the world around them.

St Monica's Youth Resource Centre, Community Employment Project Ltd (CE Project). (Dept of Social Protection)

The CE Project is based in St Monica's Youth Resource Centre Ltd. The CE Project provides employment support to Participants in Edenmore, Kilbarrack and Killester. The CE project works with adults who have experienced medium to long term absences from the labour market. Through supported, targeted work in the community, CE Participants get back in to the routine of daily work life. The CE Participants are encouraged to take up training and education courses to support them in to rewarding employment in the future.

St Monica's Youth Project Ltd (The Project).

The project is based in St Monica's Youth Resource Centre Ltd. The project provides support to Young People in the community who are between 10 years old and 21 years old. The specific target group are Young People who are identified as being at risk or at severe risk in the community.



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The Project operates primarily in St Monica's Youth Resource Centre. The Project also works in local primary schools and post primary schools providing support to targeted individual Young People or small groups of Young People who are presenting with challenging issues affecting their learning ability or attendance in education.

The Project provides support to Young People who experience social/emotional isolation in the community. The Project provides programmes to Young People based on the needs identified by those who refer the Young People to the service. These referrals can come from parents, schools, Social Workers, sports clubs, other Youth Services etc. Young People can also self-refer through our drop-in services.

The nature of the programmes offered to Young People are guided by the needs identified and the interests of the Young Person. The types of programme range from Cooking & Baking, Arts & Crafts and music and film to construction skills, bicycle maintenance, adventure skills, Afterschools homework and study support, Study classes in preparation for state examinations. and various residential programmes.

Although the Project is funded by the Dept of Children and Youth Affairs, this funding was significantly reduced during the recession. The current level of funding allows for the salaries of the Youth work staff with a very small budget to fund the services provided by the Project. St Monica's Youth Resource Centre has supplemented the Projects budget with an annual grant of between €7000.00 and €10000.00 to cover programme costs. St Monica's Youth Resource Centre also makes its Mini-bus available to the Project for its activities.

Edenmore Early Education Centre (EEEC).

The neighbouring early learning centre use the facilities in St Monica's for outdoor/sporting activities for pre-school children.

In 2010 EEEEC was asked to vacate their rented accommodation on the grounds of a local primary school. As the EEEEC had secured funding to build a new education centre, but did not have a site in the community, the Youth Centre offered the EEEEC a portion of land adjacent to its building on which to build. The Youth Centre released the portion of land (where the EEEEC now sits) back to DCC for this purpose. The Youth Centre did not receive, nor did we seek any financial or other benefit from this release of land. The Youth Centre saw this development as a positive and complimentary activity to have on our campus. DCC then leased the land to the EEEEC at a cost to EEEEC.

Extern Ltd, North Bay Garda Youth Diversion Project.

Extern provides services to Young People who are referred by An Garda Siochanna.

This group was originally based in the Raheny area but were forced to vacate their premises at the end of their lease in 2016. With accommodation scarce in our communities, Extern approached us through the DCC area office to request our help. We offered Extern space in the Youth Centre and access to the facilities and resources of the centre. We made this decision as Extern is providing a valuable, complimentary service to our community.



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Organisations/Entities operating from St Monica's Youth Resource Centre.

Northeast Youth Work Network (the network).

St Monica's Youth project plays a pivotal role in hosting the network which brings all youth projects in the Northeast area of Dublin together to share knowledge, skills, experience and resources for the benefit of Young People. This network allows Young People to meet and work with Young People from a much wider catchment area. The pooling of resources, skills and talents has allowed the Youth Projects to do more, go further and challenge better. The relationships developed and nurtured through the network have led to greater opportunities both for Young People in the Youth Project but also for Young People in the Youth Centre. This work would be very much more difficult without the support and resources of the Youth Centre.

Edenmore Active Retirement Group.

The Active retirement group provide a social outlet for retired members of our community one morning per week. This group meets to play Bowls and Snooker and to have tea and chat together. Although this is not a Youth Activity, St Monica's believes it is a very important social outlet for these members of our community and as it operates on a Tuesday morning it does not interfere with our work with Young People.

Dublin City Council/An Garda Siochanna, Edenmore Safety Forum (Safety Forum).

The Safety forum is a DCC/Garda initiative to address community safety issues in the Edenmore community. This initiative started as a result of efforts made by the "Edenmore Community Safety Group". The Youth Centre was a founder member of ECSG. This forum meets 5 to 6 times per year in the Youth Centre. The meeting takes place in our meeting room on Wednesday evenings just before the Bingo starts.

Edenmore Boxing Club.

The boxing club operates in our sports hall 2 days per week and provides boxing training and events for young people from Edenmore and the wider community. The Youth Centre have had a long association with the boxing club, with the boxing club using the facilities of the club throughout. As well as running training sessions twice per week, the boxing club also uses our centre for competitions.

In our current development plan for the Youth Centre, we have included dedicated space to enable the Boxing club to operate more often. DCC has come to the Youth Centre and asked for this dedicated, boxing club space to be made larger. We have recently been informed by DCC that this increased space is a condition of our planned development.



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St Monica's GAA.

St Monica's GAA club use the sports hall on a weekly basis during the playing season for training junior teams.

Trinity School Boys FC.

This soccer club use the Youth Centre sports hall every week for their Junior soccer teams.

St Malachy's and St Eithne's National Schools.

Both local national schools use the centre facilities throughout the academic year for sports and educational activities. The schools also avail of St Monica's mini-bus for transport to school events.

Edenmore and Harmonstown Primary Care Teams.

As both Edenmore and Harmonstown health centres cannot accommodate large meetings, the Youth Centre was approached to allow the two primary care teams meet in our centre. The Youth Centre has used this opportunity to further develop its relationship with GP's and other health professionals who have assisted us with programmes for Young People in the past. The facility also allows the local medical professionals to meet without needing to travel outside our community and incurring any delays to patient care as a result.

St Monica's Youth Resource Centre Ltd also makes the centre available to public representatives for meetings and local groups for one off events.

It should be noted that the future of all of these organisations, groups and activities are at risk if St Monica's Youth Resource Centre cannot fundraise to maintain its services.



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Activities facilitated in St Monica's Youth Resource Centre.

Dublin City Council, Community Safety Forum.

Edenmore Primary Care Team (HSE).

Harmonstown Primary Care Team (HSE).

School Completion Programme (Dept of Education)

Community Employment Scheme (Dept of Social Protection)

Edenmore Drugs Intervention Team (EDIT)

Northeast Youth Work Network

Edenmore Active Retirement Group

Public Representative Meetings

St Monica's GAA

Edenmore Boxing Club

Edenmore Residents Association.

The Cavan Centre.

Choir Groups.

St Malachy's and St Eithne's National Schools.

Edenmore Early Education Centre