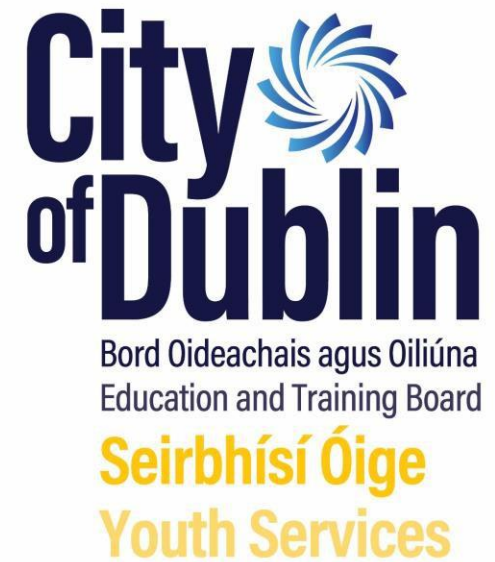


Presentation to Joint Policing Committee

30/01/2024

City of Dublin Youth Services



Defining Youth Work

In the Youth work act 2001, Youth work is defined as:

“a **planned programme of education** designed for the purpose of aiding and enhancing the **personal and social development** of young persons through their **voluntary participation**, and which is - **complementary** to their formal, academic or vocational education and training; and provided primarily by voluntary youth work organisations”

City of Dublin Youth Service Overview

- City of Dublin Youth Services co-operates and works with a broad range of statutory and voluntary agencies, both at city and at national level to enhance youth work provision. Our core philosophy is that we embrace community development principles to ensure social inclusion and empowerment of young people. By employing a young person-centred approach, we contribute to the development of vibrant community youth work enabling young people to learn, develop and grow.
- City of Dublin Education Training Board , through the City Of Dublin Youth Service, is also responsible to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) and the Department of Education for the administration of grant aid.

Our Role

- Support the Development of Youth Services and Voluntary Youth Clubs across the City of Dublin.
- Administering grant supports to Youth services and Voluntary Youth Clubs .
- Through our role as mid level governance agency, we support, monitor and promote development in partnership with Youth Services to ensure quality programmes for young people.

City Wide Data from 2022

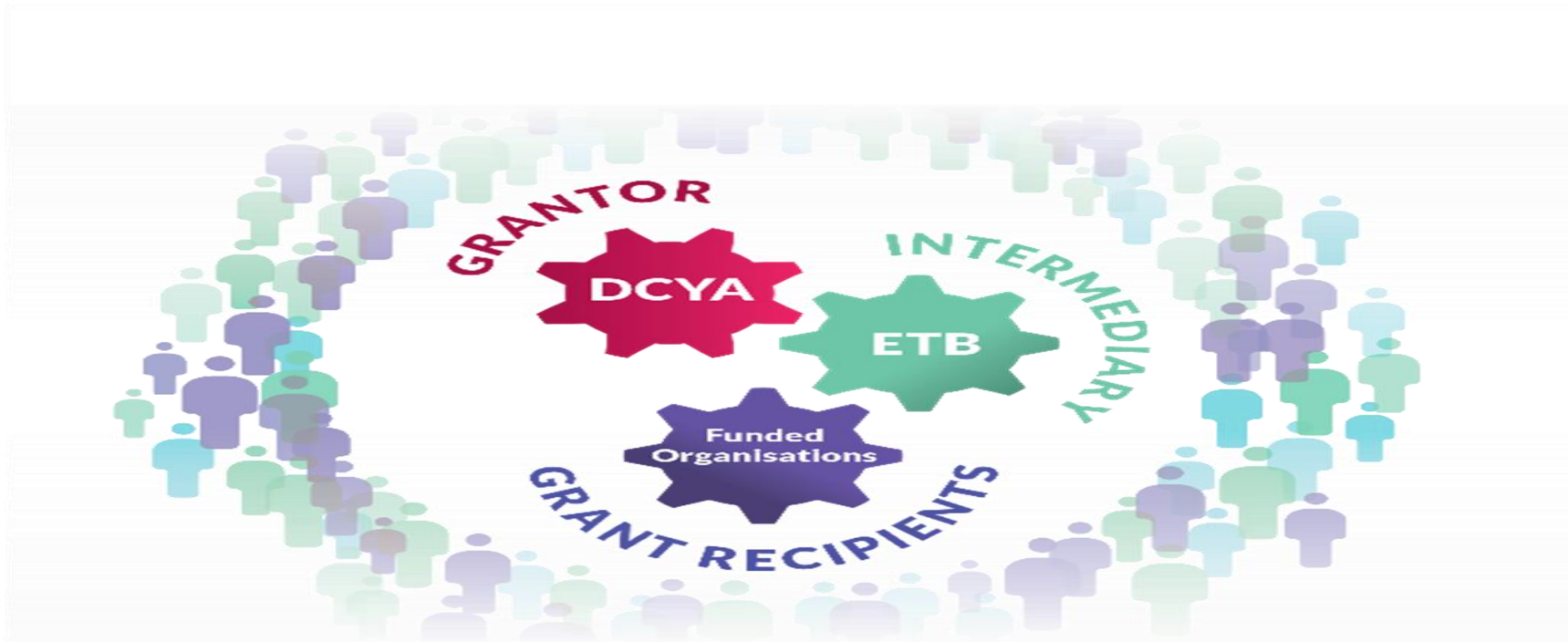
- 47 Community Based Youth Projects/Services
- Number of young people engaged in projects/services – 69,122
- Total of contacts for young people engaged in projects/services – 386,100
- Direct Delivery Hours provided by projects & services – 998,031.42
- Number of WTE posts funded under UBU – 229.22 /9% vacancy rate
- Total number of hours of access to facilities – 79,805
- Volunteer Led – number of young people 6835
- Number of Volunteers 1554

The UBU Your Place Your Space Funding Scheme

- UBU Your Place Your Space is the targeted funding scheme for youth work nationally.
- The mission of UBU is to provide out of school supports to marginalised, disadvantaged or vulnerable young people (aged 10-24) in their communities, to enable them to overcome adverse circumstances and achieve their full potential.
- Each ETB completes an Area Profile Needs assessment and Service requirement to identify and prioritise the needs of young people who fall within the defined target group for UBU projects.
- Projects apply for funding through the ETB demonstrating how they will intend to meet the needs identified in the Service Requirement.
- Funded organisations are required to report annually as well as participate in the Performance Oversight and Engagement Framework, including 3 Planning Progress and Review Meetings annually.
- Funded organisations apply for renewal of funding annually.

Role of City of Dublin Youth Services in Relation to UBU Scheme

- The role of City of Dublin ETB under the UBU Your Place Your Space scheme is mid level governance.
- Administering funding to funded organisations.
- Reviewing, considering and processing grant applications from funded organisations and making recommendations to DECDIY.



VISION

All young people are enabled to realise their maximum potential, by respecting their rights and hearing their voices, while protecting and supporting them as they transition from childhood to adulthood.

GOALS

(1) "to provide young person-centred, community-based and out-of-school youth services to young people in need of support".

(2) "to ensure that each layer of the governance structure adds value to the direct work with young people". In the context of the UBU funding scheme, these layers include DCYA, Education and Training Boards (ETBs) and funded organisations.

TARGET GROUP

Young people aged between 10 and 24 years old who are experiencing marginalisation or are disadvantaged or vulnerable are the primary target group for youth services funded by the UBU scheme.

POLICY, FUNDING & SERVICE DELIVERY CYCLE

The first policy and service delivery cycle for the UBU scheme is based on a 3.5-year process of youth service planning, implementation and review. Subsequent policy cycles will be a three-year term.

MISSION

To provide out-of-school supports to young people in their local communities to enable them to overcome adverse circumstances and achieve their full potential by improving their personal and social development outcomes.

7 VALUES

Young people are free to participate in a wide range of quality non-formal educational activities.

Provision is rights-based, and young person-centred.

Empowering young people to reach their full potential.

Community-based activities.

Relationship building, listening, trust, acceptance, patience, and respect with a focus on early intervention and prevention.

Clarity of purpose.

Projects are maximised by promoting efficient, effective and transparent governance, management, and administrative arrangements.

PERSONAL & SOCIAL OUTCOMES

Communication Skills.

Confidence & Agency.

Planning & Problem Solving.

Relationships.

Creativity & Imagination.

Resilience & Determination.

Emotional Intelligence.

FUNDING STRANDS

Strand A provides funding for the direct provision of youth services.

Strand B provides funding to support the access of young people to existing youth facilities.

Strand C provides funding for capacity building.



Current Service Provision in Cabra Glasnevin Area

Funded UBU Service's

- Cabra for Youth €292,253 (2024 Allocation, Strand A Service Provision)
 - Strand A funding is for the direct delivery of youth services.
- Cabra Parkside community sports centre €379,663 (2024 Allocation, Strand B Facilities)
 - Strand B is funding to support the access for young people to existing youth facilities originally built using Young people's facilities and services fund 1 and 2.
 - DCC through Cabra Parkside community sports centre provided access to Cabra for Youth, FAI and DCC Sports Development officers.

Voluntary Clubs and Groups

- 177th Glasnevin Scout Group
- Annamoe Youth Group
- Order of Malta Cabra Unit

- Number of Clubs and groups that border these areas.

Cabra for Youth Service Provision

- Cabra for Youth currently operate out of 2 premises within the Cabra area.
 - Cabra Parkside Community Sports Centre. Shared building with 1 office and 1 youth work space.
 - St Bernards Hall, Faussagh Avenue.
- Currently employ 1 FT Project leader, 3 Youth workers (2.6 FTE) and 1 PT Administrator.
- Areas in which they cover include Cabra West A,B,C,D and Cabra East A,B,C primarily.
- Operating to a Service Requirement approved by DCEDIY that outlines groups and numbers of young people to be worked with over the year.

Cabra For Youth Service Provision

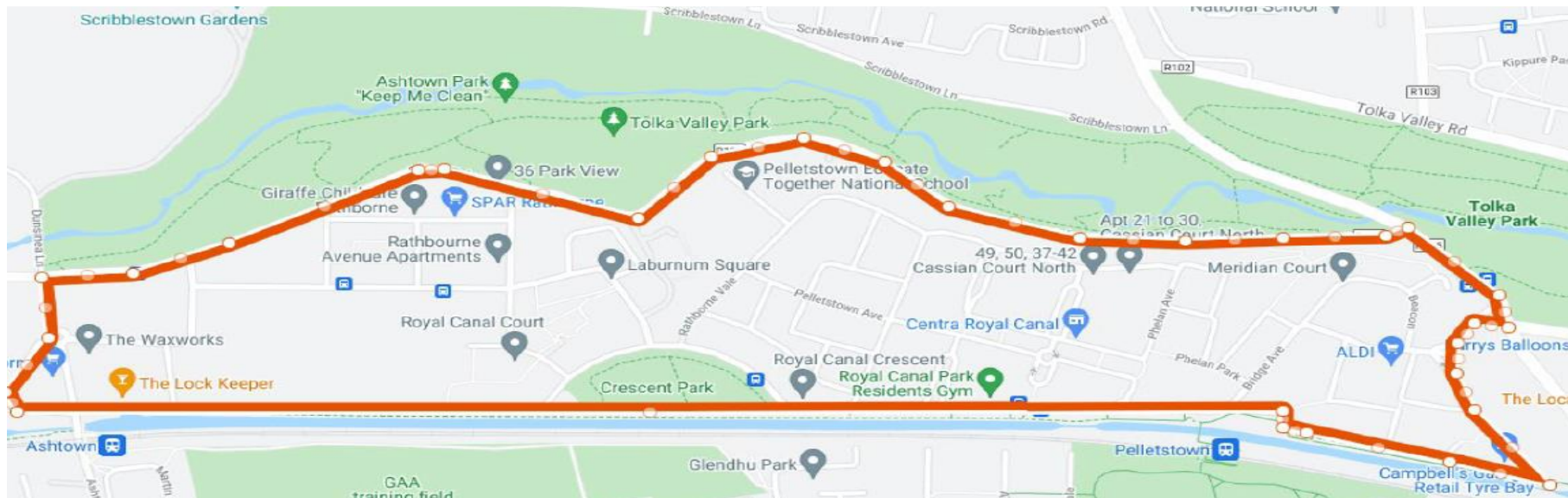
- Currently have 3 main target groups of young people as per their service requirement.
 - Young people aged 10/24 who are experiencing economic, social and cultural disadvantage who are living in an area of high deprivation (-10 or lower on Pobal maps). Issues affecting this target group include poor self-esteem, anxiety, poor educational success.
 - Young people aged 10-24 who are experiencing marginalisation, whose specific circumstances limit their opportunities. Issues affecting this target group include bullying, addiction, discrimination and lack of safe spaces.
 - Young people aged 14-24 who are vulnerable or at risk of not flourishing. Issues affecting this target group include young people at risk of becoming involved in anti-social behaviour and young people at risk of leaving the formal education system and low educational attainment.
- Based on resources it is envisaged that Cabra for Youth would work with at least over the year;
 - 50 Young people within Target group 1
 - 25 Young people within Target group 2
 - 15 Young people within Target group 3

Data – Cabra For Youth

- **January 2023 to October 2023 (Based on most recent PPRM Meeting)**
- 463 Sessions delivered to young people.
- Approx 2800 Contacts with young people.
- Programmes include Summer programme provided over summer months including trips out and interest-based programmes in-house. Other methods of working with young people included Drop in's, structured small group work focusing on small groups of young people giving youth workers the space to explore issues and develop young people's skills. Specific groups such as LGBTIQ+ groups, young men's groups, etc.
- **Info Based on Progress Report for 2022 (Full Year)**
- Approx 948 hours of service delivered to Young People
- 216 individual young people
- 2561 contacts

Community Needs Assessment in the Pelletstown and Royal Canal Park April 2023

- Following a request from DCEDIY to look at services available to young people living in the Pelletstown Royal Canal Park area.
- Overall aim was to gather data into the needs of young people living within the Royal Canal area with specific regard to community and service provision for young people.
- Dr Maria Quinlan was commissioned to complete the work of behalf of City of Dublin Youth Services.



Methods used and Key Findings

Methods used

- Consultation group with local residents.
- Focus groups with local residents including use of photo voice method of research.
- Focus groups with young people living in the area.
- Analysis of secondary data including demographic data analysis.

Key Findings

- Young people who participated in the research spoke about the lack of spaces available to them in proximity to their homes.
- Both adults and young people spoke of the lack of community, identity and belonging within the area.
- Residents felt community spaces where are after thought, squeezed into small areas and not fit for purpose.

Research recommendations

- Development of a volunteer strategy and to promote the development of volunteer led youth clubs within the area.
- Provision of mainstream youth support, eg Volunteer led youth clubs.
- Ensure young peoples voices are captured and young people are engaged with in the development of any new service developments.

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