

## Background Information

Youth Work Ireland is proud to present The New Volunteer Recognition Pin. Across the country Volunteers give up their time and energy to help and support young people by running youth clubs and schemes, supporting programmes, supporting organisations as advisers, fundraisers and as members of local and the national boards. No award can truly recognise the effort volunteers have made and continue to make on behalf of young people through youth work. This award is a small thank you and token of recognition to all our volunteers.

The scheme is based on recognising length of service through the presentation of pins in three categories; Bronze, Silver and Gold. The pins were designed for Youth Work Ireland by Garrett Mallon, a talented Jeweller who has worked with Youth Work Ireland over the years on Volunteer Achievement Awards.



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## THE NEW VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PIN

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*Youth Work Ireland values its  
Volunteers*



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## BRONZE PINS

1. The award is open to all volunteers

of Youth Work Ireland who are registered with their local youth service. Volunteers will include Junior leaders, volunteer youth leaders, board members or any other role given voluntarily to a member youth service (fundraising, support with finance, legal advice etc.)

2. Volunteers must have been Garda vetted in order to be eligible for the award
3. Volunteers must have completed one of the following training courses:

- Youth service basic training or equivalent
- Volunteer induction programme
- Board or other induction programme or training

And have worked for 6 months post completion of their basic training.

Where no training has been offered, Volunteers who have met 1 & 2 above and have worked a minimum of 12 calendar months will qualify.

The Bronze Pin award will be made locally on the basis of Local Youth Services records. Regions will submit a list of awards to Youth Work Ireland National Office for information and record keeping purposes and as a register for future awards (Silver & Gold)



## SILVER PINS

1. The silver pin award is eligible to all Youth Work Ireland Volunteers who meet the criteria for the Bronze award and who have worked in a service(s) for 5 years
2. Volunteers must have been Garda vetted in order to be eligible for the award
3. Volunteers must have completed one of the following training courses:

- Youth service basic training or equivalent
- Volunteer induction programme
- Board or other induction programme or training

And have worked for a minimum of 5 years from completing training with the youth service as a volunteer.

Where no training has been offered, Volunteers who have met 1 & 2 above and have worked a minimum of seven years will qualify.

The Silver Pins award will be made locally on the basis of Local Youth Services records. Regions will submit a list of awards to Youth Work Ireland National Office for information and record keeping purposes and as a register for future awards (Silver & Gold)



## GOLD PINS

1. The gold pin award is eligible to all Youth Work Ireland Volunteers who meet the criteria for the Bronze award and who have worked in a service(s) for 10 years.
2. Volunteers must have been Garda vetted in order to be eligible for the award
3. Volunteers must have completed one of the following training courses:

- Youth service basic training or equivalent
- Volunteer induction programme
- Board or other induction programme or training

And have worked for 10 years with a member youth service or within youth work after completion of their basic training

Where no training has been offered, Volunteers who have met 1 & 2 above and have worked a minimum of 15 years will qualify.

Application for Gold Pin should be made directly to Youth Work Ireland National Office and should be signed off by the Regional Director or appropriate representative of the organisation.

