



# Clare Youth Service Club/Project Newsletter

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## Show Racism the Red Card

Show Racism The Red Card, an anti-racism charity, acknowledges that racism changes, as do the experiences of Black and Minority Ethnic communities in the UK. They achieve this through:

- Producing educational resources
- Developing activities to encourage people, including young people, to challenge racism
- In parts of the UK, challenging racism in the game of football and other sports.

Racism can take many forms, ranging from verbal abuse to outright physical attacks to a person or property. Racism can also be non-verbal, for example denying a person from a minority ethnic background a job or entry to a restaurant or shop, purely on the grounds of their colour, nationality or religion. This is known as race discrimination and is illegal.

There are many reasons why people are racist. If someone is taught to be racist from an early age by a family member, these attitudes are likely to stick with the person throughout their life. Often, when asked, racists are unable to explain why they hate people of a different skin colour, nationality or culture. Racists commonly use people of different ethnic backgrounds as 'scapegoats' on whom to blame their problems and make sweeping negative generalizations about these groups of people. The racist comment "They take our jobs and our homes" is one of the most frequently cited "justifications" for racism. This is simply not true.

If you are a school pupil and have verbal racism directed at you, then you should tell your parents and a teacher. If it is physical violence to your person, make sure you tell a teacher, your parents. Racists are much weaker when they realize that they do not have the support of many people.

If you are older and come across racism in the workplace, you should tell your employer and friends. Schools and employers have a legal duty to treat all racist incidents seriously and action will be taken.

If you hear one of your friends being racially abusive towards another person, have the courage to tell them that you think this is wrong. Try asking why they are doing that and if they are your friend they will listen to you and hopefully change their behaviour. Try to get them to apologize. For more info please visit [www.srtrc.org](http://www.srtrc.org).



## YWI National Finals 2011

The YWI National Finals 2011 took place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of June. Many youth clubs from all over the Ireland came to the University of Limerick to give their best in Hip Hop (Kilrush), Table Tennis (Buzz Stop Café), Quiz (Kilmihill, Quiz), and soccer (Kilfenora). It was great to see so many young people and volunteers being so dedicated and enthusiastic showing their talents. Medals have been won in every category. We like to thank everyone who took part in the Finals and hope you enjoyed it and everyone entered the spirit of the game.



**Kilrush Hip Hop Group, National Finals 2011**



**Kilfenora Soccer Team, National Finals 2011**

## LGBT Night

Around 50 people attended the LGBT meeting in Ennis 16<sup>th</sup> of June. The information night was hosted by Clare Youth Service and Clare VEC. It was primarily aimed at parents, young people aged 16-25 and those working with young people and families.

TD Dominic Hannigan (Labour) was one of the key speakers that evening followed by Patrick Mc Elligott (electrician) and Bernadette Nolan (mother from Cork) describing what it felt like when they told or have been told about coming out. Rebecca Murphy (Developing & Training Officer with BelongTo) said that quoting a survey in 2009 people will not tell anyone they are gay until they are 17. Furthermore she said that 20% of LGBT people under 25 had attempted suicide and the isolation around identity can often be dangerous as homophobic bullying.

Siobhan Maguire, LGBT rights officer with the Union of Students in Ireland, supports young gay people in third-level colleges. Brian McManus, CYS, carried out some awareness campaigns aimed at fighting negative attitudes to gay and lesbian people. Seamus Bane, Clare VEC, said the work is helping to clear old prejudices.

**The Junction:** A Youth and Community building developed by Ennis Town Council and Clare Youth Service to serve the Youth and Community needs. The building is located on Cloughleigh road and will facility multi-purpose use by the community. It includes a kitchen / craft room, a project / meeting room, an arts space and an open plan youth café. Currently the Junction is open to the community on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 10-11am to visit for coffee and read the newspapers. Young people and volunteers with the support from Youth Workers are currently fitting out the building and some of the programmes starting in September include:

- Youth Café
- Life Skills
- Youth Information
- Intergenerational Programme
- Young Mothers Group
- Developmental Programmes

Programmes will offer opportunities for young people and older members in the community to build relationships and work together.

For more information on the building or to sign up for any of the programmes Contact Jean Tierney, Project Manager, Cloughleigh Road, Ennis. Tel: 065-6845356 / 086-1568650



**Volunteers and staff of Clare Youth Service at the launch of The Junction Saturday 18th June 2011**



The official opening of "The Junction" took place on Saturday 18th June 2011 and was performed by Frances Fitzgerald, T.D Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, and Councillor Tommy Brennan, Mayor of Ennis

## **• Dates for your Diary • Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

The Ennis Music Project, Lahinch Beach Bash 2pm – 6pm  
Line-up includes: Brendan & John Fearandloathing, Trading Faces, 39 Shots, Capital Joy, Evan & Eoghan, Sam Lavery, Dan Griffin, mynameisJohn, and guests.

**Free entry**  
**This event is run by Clare Youth Service and is strictly drug and alcohol free.**