

Clare Youth Service



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History: Clare Youth Service had its beginnings in 1969 when it was established as Clare Regional Youth Council. Over the years it has changed and developed to become a leader in the field of Youth Services. It is a company limited by guarantee, with charitable status and is linked by affiliation to the National Youth Federation.

Aim: The aim of Clare Youth Service is to assist the holistic development of young people and those who work with them, so that they are enabled to participate fully in society, in a way which respects the equal worth of all.

Target Group: Our primary focus is the 12 -30 age group with particular emphasis on those affected by social exclusion.

Structure: Clare Youth Service operates under the guidance of a board of directors who are responsible for overall policy formulation and implementation. Day to day operations are carried out by professional staff and volunteers of the Service.

Funding: Core funding comes from the Dept. of Education and Science (through the National Youth Federation). A variety of Fas funded programmes are

provided on a contractual basis. Other funding comes from the Dept. of Community and Family Affairs, Clare Co. Council, Ennis Town Council, Co. Clare VEC, Shannon Development, Mid-Western Health Board, LEADER, Leargas. In addition, fundraising initiatives are supported by the business community and charitable donations.

Services offered:

Mainline and Disadvantaged Youth Work. Activities in this area includes training and support for over 300 volunteers involved in a network of youth clubs and projects throughout the county, personal and social development programmes, national and international exchanges, community based initiatives, sports and recreation programmes.

Community and Youth Training

The primary focus here is to provide education and training for young people who do not or cannot avail of mainstream provision in these areas. Through a person-centred approach emphasis is placed on building and enhancing self-confidence, social skills and overall personal development. Courses provide a blend of academic learning and practical skills with the ultimate aim of enabling participants to progress to employment or further training.

Youth Information Service

This service provides information in a relevant and understandable format to all young people and those working with them. The service is provided in a central location in Ennis, an outreach point in Shannon and as an Outreach service in schools and clubs around the county.