



KCETB

Youth Office Profile

2022-2023



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Kilkenny and Carlow
Education and Training Board



Chief Executive Kilkeny and Carlow ETB - Ms. Eileen Curtis

Foreword

As Chief Executive Officer of Kilkeny and Carlow Education and Training Board (KCETB), I am delighted to introduce the KCETB Youth Office Profile. Education and Training Boards (ETBs) have a legislative responsibility in relation to youth work in Ireland as set out in the Education and Training Boards Act, 2013.

The Youth Office works to support the provision, co-ordination, administration and assessment of youth work throughout Kilkeny and Carlow. The Youth Office aims to encourage partnership in the youth work sector and to promote the common goal and purpose of youth work for the benefit of all young people.

This Profile reflects the mission of the Youth Affairs Unit in the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY). It highlights the range of youth projects funded through KCETB and operated locally by local youth work organisations.

The Profile provides an overview of the various grant initiatives funded through KCETB on behalf of the DCEDIY in 2022. Grant funding of over €1.1 million is being administered by KCETB in 2022, directly benefiting young people in Kilkeny and Carlow through their participation and engagement in a variety of youth work supports, programmes and initiatives. These are run by Carlow Regional Youth Services, Ossory Youth Services and Foróige DRUM Youth Project & Health Café, Kilkeny as well as by a host of voluntary youth work clubs and groups.

I would like to thank our youth officers Saoirse Prendergast and Mairead Donohoe for their ongoing work in the Youth Office and the members of the Youth Work Committee for their continued support and guidance. I would like to acknowledge also the guidance of our Director of Further Education and Training, Ms. Martha Bolger and our Adult Education Officer, Ms. Sarah Barron, together with our administrative staff team who have supported this work.

Youth Work and the Role of Education and Training Boards

Education and Training Boards (ETBs) have a legislative responsibility in relation to youth work in Ireland. This is set out in the Education and Training Boards Act, 2013, which states that the functions of ETBs, in relation to youth work are to:

“Support the provision, coordination, administration and assessment of youth work services in its functional area and provide such information as may be requested by the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs in relation to such support; and

assess whether the manner in which it performs its functions is economical, efficient and effective.”

(Education and Training Boards Act, Section 10(1)(j,k)).

The Education and Training Boards Act goes on to state (Section 10(6)) that “youth work” has the same meaning as it has in the Youth Work Act 2001, where it is defined that:

“Youth work” means 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 –

(a) complementary to their formal, academic or vocational education and training; and

(b) provided primarily by voluntary youth work organisations.

(Youth Work Act, 2001, Section 3).

In the Youth Work Act (Section 2(1)), a “young person” is interpreted as a person who has not attained the age of 25 years.

Aiding and enhancing the personal and **social** development of young persons

KCETB Strategy Statement 2022-2026

The KCETB Strategy Statement 2022-2026 highlights the importance of youth work. One of the strategic actions focuses on the continued co-ordination and delivery of national priorities:

Continue the roll-out of the Youth Work Plan to co-ordinate and deliver on national priorities

Three key actions under this :

1

KCETB will support youth services in providing innovative, responsive and inclusive services to young people in Kilkenny and Carlow

2

KCETB will further enhance our role as intermediaries for youth service provision operating in collaboration and consultation with Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.

3

KCETB will support the coordination, assessment administration and development of youth work services in Kilkenny and Carlow through the provision of targeted resources.

Who are we?

We are Kilkenny and Carlow Education and Training Board (KCETB), the largest education and training provider in counties Kilkenny and Carlow. We offer a broad range of education and training services to around 15,000 students and learners on an annual basis.

We manage 13 post-primary schools across the two counties and are the leading provider of Further Education and Training (FET). Through our FET Service, we offer a wide range of full-time and part-time courses, such as apprenticeships, basic education community education and Youthreach (for early school leavers) as well as student supports and services for employers.

We also manage music education through the Music Generation programme and we co-ordinate the delivery of youth services. We have history of responding flexibly to community and employer needs and aspirations. We want all of our students to *Flourish through learning with KCETB*.

What do we do?

- We support the education and training needs of almost 15,000 students and learners annually.
- We manage 13 post-primary schools and two colleges of further education and training in Kilkenny and Carlow.
- We are the largest further education (FET) service provider in Kilkenny and Carlow with an annual budget of €28 million.
- We promote music education through our Music Generation programmes.
- We co-ordinate the delivery of youth services for young people and provide funding of over €1 million annually.
- We are one of the largest employers in Kilkenny and Carlow with 1,377 staff.
- We operate an annual budget of over €80 million.



Vision, Mission and Values

Vision

To lead the development of high-quality education and training opportunities across Kilkenny and Carlow, engaging with learners and communities through all stages of lifelong learning.

Mission

To enable learners to reach their potential through education and to participate in the life of our area and country.

Values

KCETB is the largest provider of education, training and youth work opportunities in Kilkenny and Carlow. We recognise the importance of our role in our community and are aware of our responsibility to deliver high quality services. Our work is underpinned by our core values.

Value Learning

We value learning and place the learner at the centre of our work. We believe that learning has the power to change lives and build communities.

Aim for Excellence

We aim for excellence in all of our services. We promote a culture of continuous improvement in our schools, centres and across our services.

Build Relationships

We build relationships with others that are collaborative and respectful. We recognise that working together is key to our success.

Promote Openness

We are accountable to others and promote openness and transparency. We know that, as a public body, we must maintain high standards.

Enhance Community

We recognise our role as a provider of services within our community. We are a learning organisation and work to enhance our community through our education, training and support services.

KCETB Strategic Goals:

- 1 Promote high-quality teaching, learning and service delivery standards, embracing new methodologies and innovative approaches.
- 2 Build our influence, promote our services and extend our reach, making KCETB the quality option.
- 3 Build the leadership capacity of our team by promoting a learning-for-all culture in KCETB.
- 4 Build a strong, robust organisation with capacity and potential.
- 5 Collaborate with our partners, building evidence and insights for future direction and new models of service delivery.

KCETB Services

- KCETB supports learners in reaching their potential and participating fully in their communities. KCETB promotes a culture of learning for all and recognises the importance of its role within communities across its two counties. The student is at the heart of everything it does as it strives for excellence in education, training and service delivery.
- KCETB is committed to high-quality outcomes for our learners and, as a learning organisation, believe that learning has the power to change lives and build communities. KCETB strives to make that a reality for students at all times, supporting their endeavors and celebrating their successes. We strive to ensure our students *Flourish through learning with KCETB*.

Overview of Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY)

The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth's (DCEDIY) mission is to enhance the lives of children, young people, adults, families and communities, recognising diversity and promoting equality of opportunity.

Youth Affairs

The mission is to provide out-of-school supports to young people in their local communities. This enables them to overcome adverse circumstances and achieve their full potential by strengthening their personal and social competencies.

This is carried out by:

- providing effective youth work, and associated opportunities for young people
- enhancing existing services and initiatives in relation to young people
- monitoring the youth work supports and services to ensure both quality of service and value for money
- supporting the alignment of youth policies and services to help ensure an integrated and co-ordinated approach to young people's needs
- liaising with the EU and the Council of Europe on youth policy and the implementation of EU programmes for youth

Funding of the youth services provision aims to work alongside formal education in order to engage young people from 10-24 years of age to realise their maximum potential. This is done by respecting their rights and hearing their voices, while protecting and supporting them as they transition from childhood to adulthood. (www.gov.ie)

Engage with
Young People
10-24
years

National Policies and local plans supporting Youth Work

The National Youth Strategy is one of three whole-of-government strategies developed under the overarching National Policy Framework, Better Outcomes Brighter Futures (BOBF).

The other two are the National Strategy on Children and Young People's Participation in Decision-Making (2015) and *National Early Years Strategy* (forthcoming).

The *Children First Act 2015* was signed into law by the President on 19 November 2015 and was rolled out on a phased basis.

It provides a legal basis for elements of the *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children* introduced in 2011.

National Youth Strategy

The *National Youth Strategy, 2015-2020* has its basis in BOBF and, in particular, its youth-specific commitments. The purpose of the *National Youth Strategy* is to co-ordinate policy and services across Government and other stakeholders so as to enable all young people aged 10-24 years to realise their maximum potential. (DCYA and ETBI, 2016).

The *National Youth Strategy* is a universal strategy for all young people aged 10 to 24 years, while having particular regard to those young people who are experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, the poorest outcomes and, therefore, in most need of support. (DCYA, 2015a).

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The aim of the National Youth Strategy is:

“to enable all young people 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.” (National Youth Strategy p.22).

Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures

Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures - The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People 2014-2020 (BOBF) is the first overarching national policy framework for children and young people (aged 0-24 years), developed and led by the then Minister for Children and Youth Affairs on behalf of the Government. Almost all policy areas have a direct or indirect effect on children and young people's lives. The purpose of the framework is to coordinate policy across Government to achieve better outcomes for children and young people. (DCYA, 2014a).

Vision:

"Our vision is to make Ireland the best small country in the world in which to grow up and raise a family, and where the rights of all children and young people are respected, protected and fulfilled; where their voices are heard and where they are supported to realise their maximum potential now and in the future." (BOBF p.22).



Active and healthy, physical and mental well-being



Achieving full potential in all areas of learning and development



Economic security and opportunity

BOBF identifies five national outcomes areas, namely



Safe and protected from harm



Connected, respected and contributing to their world

National Strategy on Children and Young People’s Participation in Decision-Making

The *National Strategy on Children and Young People’s Participation in Decision-Making* focuses on the everyday lives of children and young people and the places and spaces in which they are entitled to have a voice in decisions that affect their lives.

The priority objectives in this strategy are that children and young people will have a voice in:

- decisions made in their local communities
- decision-making in early education, schools and the wider formal and non-formal education systems
- decisions that affect their health and well-being, including on the health and social services delivered to them
- the courts and legal system

The participation unit in the DCEDIY ensures that children and young people have a voice in the design, delivery and monitoring of services and policies that affect their lives, at national and local level, and is committed to ensuring the inclusion of seldom-heard children and young people in participation structures and initiatives.

The work of the participation unit is guided by *Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)* and is directed by the belief that children and young people are the citizens of today and not just the adults of tomorrow.

LGBTI+ National Youth Strategy 2018-2020

The *LGBTI+ National Youth Strategy 2018-2020* was published on 29 June, 2018 and is a world first. It was a key commitment for the Department as part of the 2016 *Programme for Partnership Government*.

The strategy is making a significant contribution towards the government’s broader commitment to continue to strive to ensure all LGBTI+ young people are visible, valued and included in Irish society.

**The LGBTI+
National Youth
Strategy
2018-2020
a world
first.**



KCETB Youth Work Plan 2018-2022

The KCETB Youth Work Plan reflected the priorities as set out in the National Youth Work Strategy to enable young people to maximise their potential, respect their rights and have their voices heard as they transition to adulthood. The plan was developed through consultation with key stakeholders within the youth work community but most especially with young people ensures that it charts a future course which will enhance the lives of young people in Kilkenny and Carlow.

KCETB Priority Youth Work Goals

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Strategic Goal 1:

High quality youth work provision and practice

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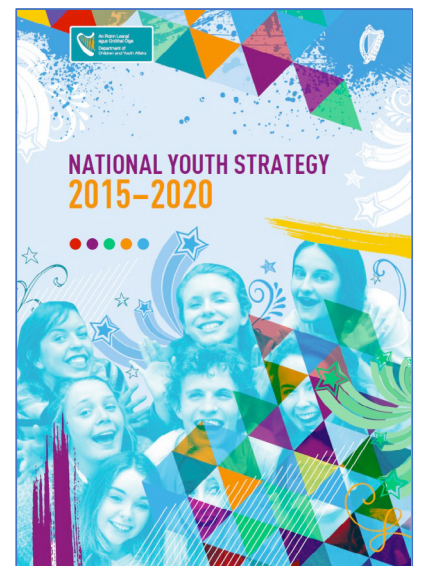
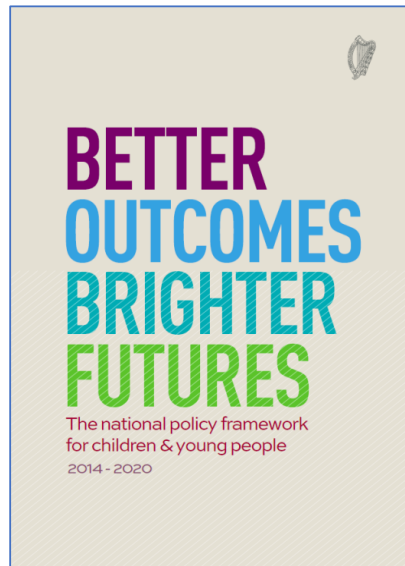
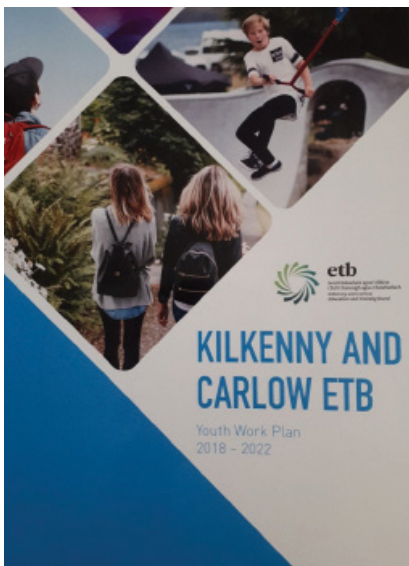
Strategic Goal 2:

Promote the value and importance of youth work

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Strategic Goal 3:

Develop a culture of good governance and oversight



KCETB Youth Office

The Youth Office of KCETB works to support the provision, co-ordination, administration and assessment of Youth Work throughout Kilkenny and Carlow.

The Youth Office aims to encourage partnership in the youth work sector and to promote the common goal and purpose of youth work for the benefit of all young people.

The Youth Office is responsible for the administration, governance and oversight of over €1.1 million annually. The funding comes from the DCEDIY to local youth services and local voluntary youth clubs through a variety of grant initiatives each year.

The DCEDIY grants directly benefit young people in Kilkenny and Carlow through their participation and engagement in a variety of youth work supports, programmes and initiatives. These initiatives are run by Carlow Regional Youth Service, Ossory Youth Services and Foróige DRUM Youth Project & Health Café, Kilkenny as well as a host of voluntary youth work clubs and groups.

KCETB also works with the DCEDIY, as a strategic partner, to support the delivery of the Youth Information Centre in Kilkenny and the UBU Your Place Your Space youth funding scheme in Kilkenny and Carlow which provides almost €1 million for targeted youth services locally.

Responsible
for the
**administration,
governance and
oversight** of
**over €1.1
million**
in 2022

Youth Office Functions:

- Governance and monitoring of funding to UBU projects and services on behalf of the DCEDIY.
- Administer the Local Youth Club Grant Scheme and other similar schemes which provide small grants for volunteer-led youth groups.
- Review, consider and process grant applications from funded organisations and voluntary youth clubs.
- Report to the DCEDIY on projects and services funded through KCETB, including validation annual reports and funding applications.
- Work collaboratively with local youth services to meet the needs of young people aged 10-24 years in Kilkenny and Carlow.
- Identify and evidence the needs of young people and the priority areas and target groups of young people to be addressed through the DCEDIY area profile, needs assessment and service requirement tool.
- Provide training, support and development opportunities to staff and volunteers in the sector.
- Promote the positive impact of youth work in the lives of young people.
- Contribute to the development of youth work at a national level by working with Education and Training Board Ireland (ETBI), the DCEDIY and other bodies.
- Support the sustainability of youth work through advocating for appropriate resources to meet the needs of young people.

Equality,
Disability,
Integration
and **Youth.**

Overview of Youth Service provision

The Youth Office play a crucial role in supporting, developing and monitoring local UBU Projects whereby we engage directly with the youth organisations and strive to ensure that the voice of the service providers and young person are captured throughout the UBU process. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with Carlow Regional Youth Service and Ossory Youth in the ongoing development of the UBU Scheme.

Ossory Youth

Ossory Youth is a voluntary, non-profit youth work organisation working with and for young people within the Diocese of Ossory, covering Kilkenny and parts of Laois and Offaly. Ossory Youth was officially established in 1985 and has operated out of Desart Hall since then.



Mission Statement:

To **support** young people to **connect, experience, learn and grow.**

Strategic Aims:



Contribute **positively** to the lives and **well-being** of young people



Nurture and sustain the valuable contribution that volunteers make to the lives of **young people.**



Future-proof Ossory Youth for young people.

www.ossoryyouth.com

Carlow Regional Youth Service (CRYS)



Carlow Regional Youth Service is a local youth service for young people in Co. Carlow. CRYS provide a range of services and opportunities through community-based youth work programmes, drop in, specialised services for young people at risk, leadership training, etc.

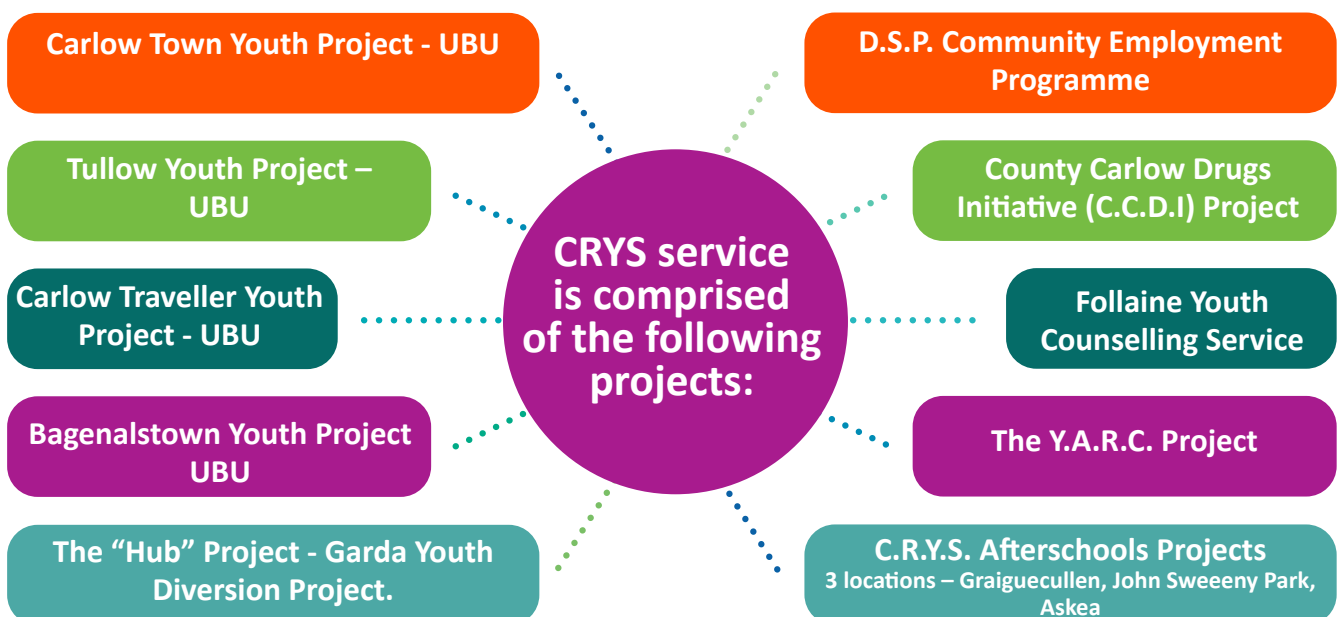
CRYS Mission is

“working to **empower** young people to achieve their **potential** through **quality** youth work”.

CRYS provide direct and added value to the communities and local organisations by:

- Directly providing youth work services and opportunities for young people within their communities,
- Continuing to develop evidence-based specialised programmes for vulnerable young people,
- Working in partnership with young people & their families, volunteers and service providers to achieve good outcomes for young people.
- Promoting the health of young people through a variety of health promotion initiatives and targeted programmes.

CRYS operates an integrated youth service model where all projects work together to secure good outcomes for young people.



Foróige in Kilkenny

Foróige provides a range of targeted and universal youth work services in Kilkenny. These include volunteer led youth clubs as well as a range of projects. The purpose of Foróige is to enable young people to involve themselves consciously and actively in their own development and in the development of society. All of Foróige's work is guided by a philosophy which views young people as unique, creative, can take responsibility, is interdependent with others, can make a difference to the world, have an influence and learn from every situation.

In addition to volunteer-led Foróige clubs and special interest clubs in Kilkenny city and county, Foróige also provide the following youth projects and services, which operate out of The Drum Youth Center in the city and The Old Courthouse Youth Centre in Castlecomer:

The Drum Project provides a range of both targeted and universal services to young people aged 10 to 24 in Kilkenny city and county, in both a one-to-one and group setting. Programmes delivered include Leadership, Citizenship, Health and Well Being, personal and social skills development, digital technology, arts and music programmes. Individual tailored interventions are delivered to young people addressing their needs and building their individual strengths and capacities. The Drum also offers a Drop In Youth Café, parents support and youth counselling services.

Youth Skills is a targeted youth employability skills initiative, which works with young people aged 15 to 24 to build their skills and competencies with the aim of (re)engaging them with education, training or employment.

Project Twenty One, a 21st Century employability skills project. This work has a particular focus on innovation, digital technology, alt spaces and creativity. This project engages a minimum of 200 young people per year in Kilkenny and parts of Carlow.

The Big Brother Big Sister mentoring programme that matches a young person (10-18 years) to a caring adult volunteer. A Youth officer is in place to support these matches.

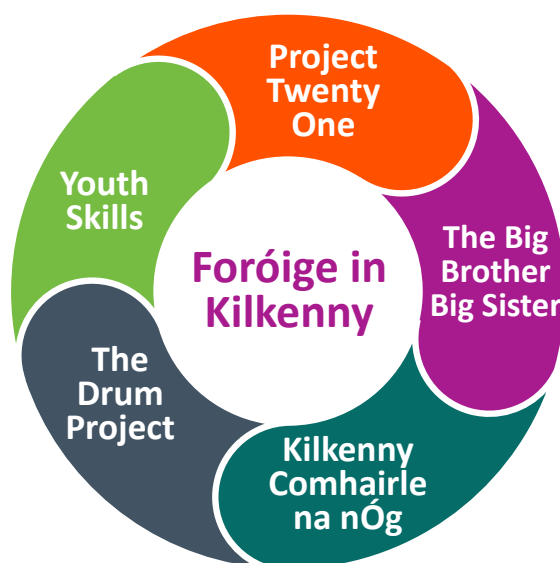
Kilkenny Comhairle na nÓg which is a youth council which gives the youth in Kilkenny the opportunity to be involved in the progress of local services and policies. This is delivered on behalf of Kilkenny County Council.

All of Foróige's programmes and activities are needs led, evidence based and outcomes focused

www.foroige.ie



young people
can
make a
difference
to the world



Your Place Your Space - UBU Scheme



UBU Your Place Your Space is a funding scheme which provides local services for young people.

UBU Your Place Your Space was developed in line with recommendations from the Value for Money and Policy Review of Youth Programmes (2014) through the previous Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA) which is now the DCEDIY. A series of recommendations were made in relation to the redevelopment of a new scheme to replace the existing four schemes

UBU Your Place Your Space aligns with the *Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures National Policy Framework*, the *National Strategy on Children and Young People's Participation in Decision-Making*, and the *LGBTI+ and National Youth Strategies*.

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.

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.

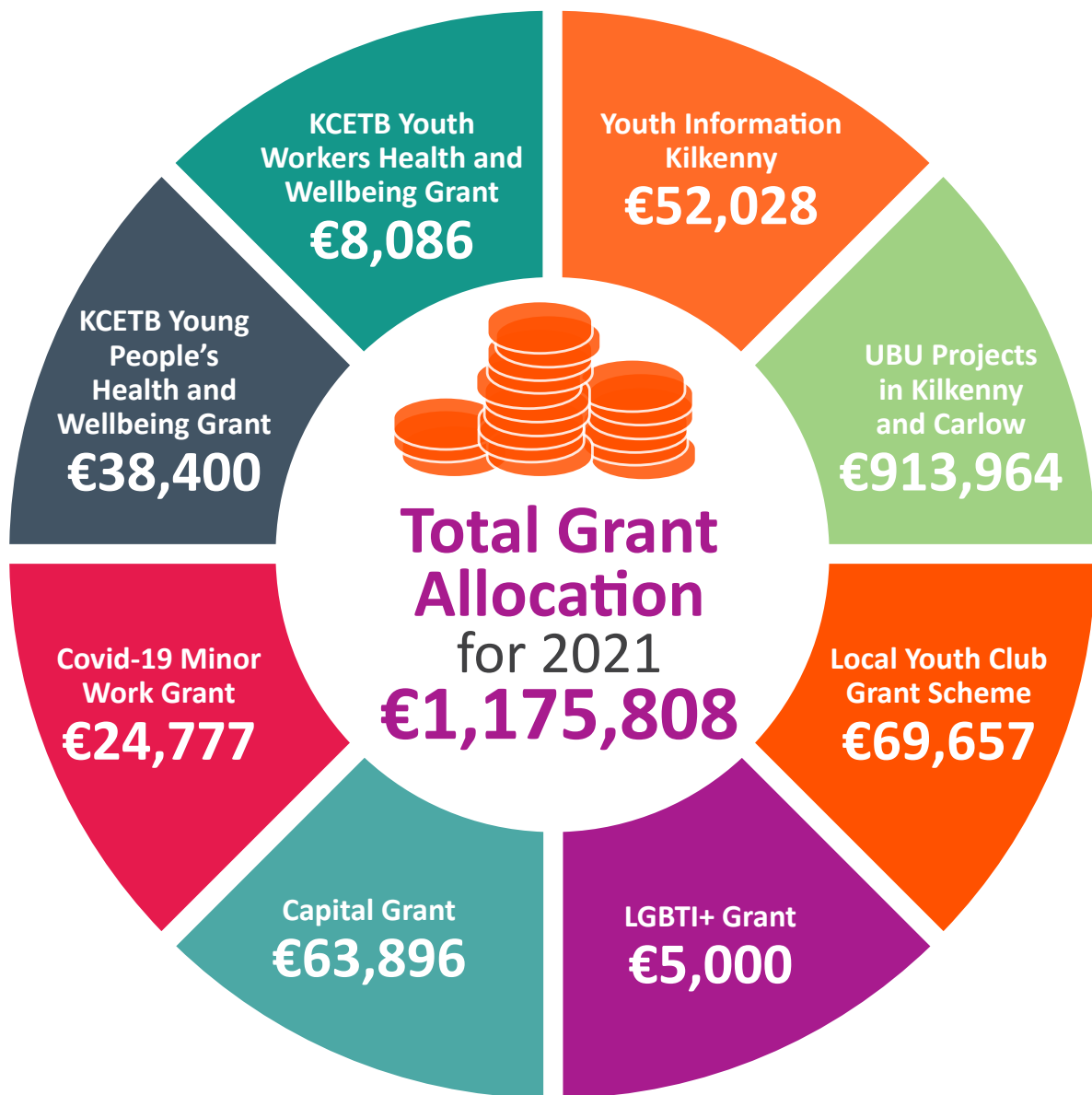
Values

- Young people are free to participate in a wide range of quality activities
- Provision is rights based and young person-centred
- Empowering young people to reach their full potential
- Relationship building
- There is clarity of purpose
- Projects are maximised by promoting efficiency and effectiveness

realise their maximum potential,
by **respecting their rights** and
hearing their voices

Funding:

In 2021, the Youth Office was responsible for the administration, governance and oversight of €1,175,808 million in funding from the DCEDIY to local youth services and local voluntary youth clubs through 8 different grant schemes.



This funding directly benefited young people in Kilkenny and Carlow through their participation and engagement in a variety of youth work supports, programmes and initiatives run by Carlow Regional Youth Service, Ossory Youth Services and Foróige DRUM Youth Project. The UBU Projects, Youth Information Centre and Foróige grant initiatives engaged with 4,017 young people in 2021.

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UBU Projects in Kilkenny and Carlow

In 2021, the following UBU Projects were funded by the DCEDIY through KCETB:

- 1 Kilkenny Gateway UBU Project**
(Ossory Youth)
- 2 Kilkenny Rural UBU Project**
(Ossory Youth)
- 3 Carlow Town and Environs UBU Project**
(CRYS)
- 4 Carlow Traveller Project**
(CRYS)
- 5 Tullow and Environs Youth Project**
(CRYS)
- 6 Bagenalstown and Environs UBU project**
(CRYS -commencing mid 2022)

**Total UBU
allocation
in 2021**

€913,964

Other funded Projects and Programmes

Youth Information Centre

Provides an information service to young people in Kilkenny city and county, through one-to-one work, education and awareness programmes.



1,142
Young People

were supported under the
Local Youth Club Grant Scheme 2021

Local Youth Club Grant Scheme 2021

The Local Youth Club Grant Scheme aims to support voluntary youth club activities for young people aged 10-24 years in their communities. Voluntary Youth clubs include Scouting Ireland, Foróige, Girl Guides, Order of Malta and No Name clubs.

Under the scheme 1,142 young people throughout Kilkenny and Carlow benefited who were supported by 285 volunteers.



285
Volunteers
Engaged with **23 youth clubs** in 2021

Young Peoples Positive Health and Wellbeing Grant 2021/2022

This Grant provides additional supports to young people experiencing poor mental health and elevated anxiety through the provision of positive mental health and wellbeing programmes inclusive of therapeutic interventions. CRYS, Ossory Youth Services and Foróige DRUM Youth Project & Health Café received funding under this initiative.

LGBTI+ Grant 2021

The LGBTI+ Youth Service Scheme aimed to increase Youth Services contact hours with LGBTI+ young people to ensure that all LGBTI+ young people are visible, valued and included.

The initiative provided for additional youth worker hours specifically dedicated to supporting young LGBTI+ people and for any associated additional costs e.g. transport, or venue hire; the action arises primarily from the needs identified by young people themselves and the youth sector in the consultation process for the LGBTI+ National Youth Strategy.

260 young people were supported through this initiative through Foróige DRUM Youth Project & Health Café, Ossory Youth and CRY5.



Capital Funding Scheme/Youth Club Equipment Grant 2021

The DCEDIY provided Capital funding in 2021 to support small to medium capital projects in the voluntary youth services. This grant was open to Youth Services and Youth Clubs. Carlow Regional Youth Services and Ossory Youth received funding under the capital grant 2021.

The Youth Capital Funding Scheme was limited to youth projects and services in receipt of funding under the following schemes:

- UBU Your Place Your Space
- Youth Information Centre's scheme

The purpose of the grant to provide funding for expenditure to voluntary youth clubs that is capital in nature including a contribution to a once off purchase/installation, capital work to premises and ICT equipment.



Youth Workers Health and Wellbeing Grant 2021

KCETB developed this grant to support UBU youth work staff in dealing more effectively with work-related issues they might be experiencing due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

KCETB is aware of the huge challenges that the Youth Services face as a result of the COVID pandemic. Adapting and re-inventing ways of working, concern for young people presenting with more complex needs, finding a healthy work life balance and increasing workloads, has led to elevated stress levels.

The grant was used for counselling hours and mindfulness courses to help youth workers and related UBU staff address work place anxiety and stress and work-life balance issues due to COVID 19.



COVID-19 Grant 2021

This grant scheme was created in 2020 to support youth services and youth clubs to meet minor costs incurred as result of Covid-19 response measures. The grant was offered again in 2021 to support the costs associated with the re-opening of youth clubs/ services as a result of COVID-19 restrictions easing. Items purchased under this grant included face masks, sanitiser stations, wipes, outdoor seating, air purifiers, Covid 19 guidance training and Zoom training.

Carlow Regional Youth Services and Ossory Youth Kilkenny received funding under this grant scheme.



New Initiatives/ Grants 2022/2023

Youth Employability Initiative 2022

Following on from the 2018-2019 Youth Employability Initiative (YEI), the DCEDIY has secured funding through Dormant Accounts Funds to launch a Targeted Youth Employability Support Initiative (TYESI) over the course of 2021-2022. The initiative will be administered by Education and Training Boards (ETBs) across the country. KCETB was allocated €55,404 under this initiative for 2021/2022

*For this Initiative, Employability is defined as:
“the capacity to gain and retain fulfilling work.”*

Aim:

The aim of the Targeted Youth Employability Support Initiative (TYESI) is to engage and support the harder-to-reach young people aged 15 to 24 years who are not currently in employment, education, or training. The focus of the initiative is on soft skills and developing these in relation to employability. It is to assist young people to attain a level of confidence and agency to engage in currently available programmes or services,

Foróige DRUM Youth Project & Health Café, Kilkenny was successful in its application under this initiative. The Foróige Kilkenny TYESI will run from December 2021 to December 2022.

NEET's Research

KCETB, in collaboration with SETU, is engaged in a research project which focuses on young people who are not in Education, Training or Employment (NEET's).

The overall research question explores the models of best practice in engaging with NEET's young people in Kilkenny and Carlow. As part of the research project, SETU will hold focus groups with the Youth Skills Project run by Foróige DRUM Youth Project & Health Café in Kilkenny which is funded by the DCEDIY through KCETB.

SETU has recruited a researcher to work on the research project from December 2021-December 2023.

KCETB
was **allocated**
€55,404
under this
initiative for
2021/2022

New UBU Service Bagenalstown

Following a successful submissions process to the DCEDIY, KCETB has secured funding of €120,000 per annum for a full-time dedicated UBU Youth Service for Bagenalstown and South Carlow in 2022. Following a selection process, Carlow Regional Youth Services is the new provider. Funding for the service is very welcome and will greatly enhance the range of youth work programmes, supports and services available to young people in Bagenalstown.

- Bagenalstown, also known as Muinebheag, is a town on the River Barrow situated in South Carlow.
- It is 17km from Carlow Town, with a population of 2,837 people, 624 people; are aged 10-24 years.
- It is a town with an increasing youth population with estimations from CSO predicting a 12% increase in the rates of young people aged 10-24 from 2016-2021

We look forward to working with Carlow Regional Youth Services in progressing towards the establishment of the new service in 2022.

KCETB Ukrainian Youth Work Support Grant

Purpose:

To provide funding to support Ukrainian young people 10-24 years to engage with local Youth Services through the provision of a grant to promote engagement, participation and integration.

Rationale:

The youth sector plays an important role in supporting young people as they settle into their new communities, through the following:

- Providing a safe youth-centred space to promote integration and relationship building.
- The provision of universal and targeted youth supports and services.
- Providing opportunities to engage in recreational and fun activities.
- Providing an informal learning environment to enhance English speaking skills.

Criteria for funding:

Funding is available to local Youth Services in Carlow and Kilkenny. This fund can be used to support young people under the following categories:

- Transport costs
- Language translation supports
- Therapeutic intervention supports
- Tutor/Sessional Worker supports
- Programme/ Materials

KCETB
have **secured**
funding of
€120,000
per annum



KCETB allocated
€17,940
to support
Ukrainian
young people

Resilience and Effectiveness Fund

This initiative is designed to address some of the cost pressures encountered by UBU funded organisations in recent times, and to help smaller organisations with less than two whole-time equivalent provide a more comprehensive service to young people. This initiative represents an opportunity to add value to UBU-funded organisations in each ETB area. KCETB was allocated €17,500 in 2022 under this Initiative by the DCEDIY.

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in 2022

KCETB Youth Work Committee:

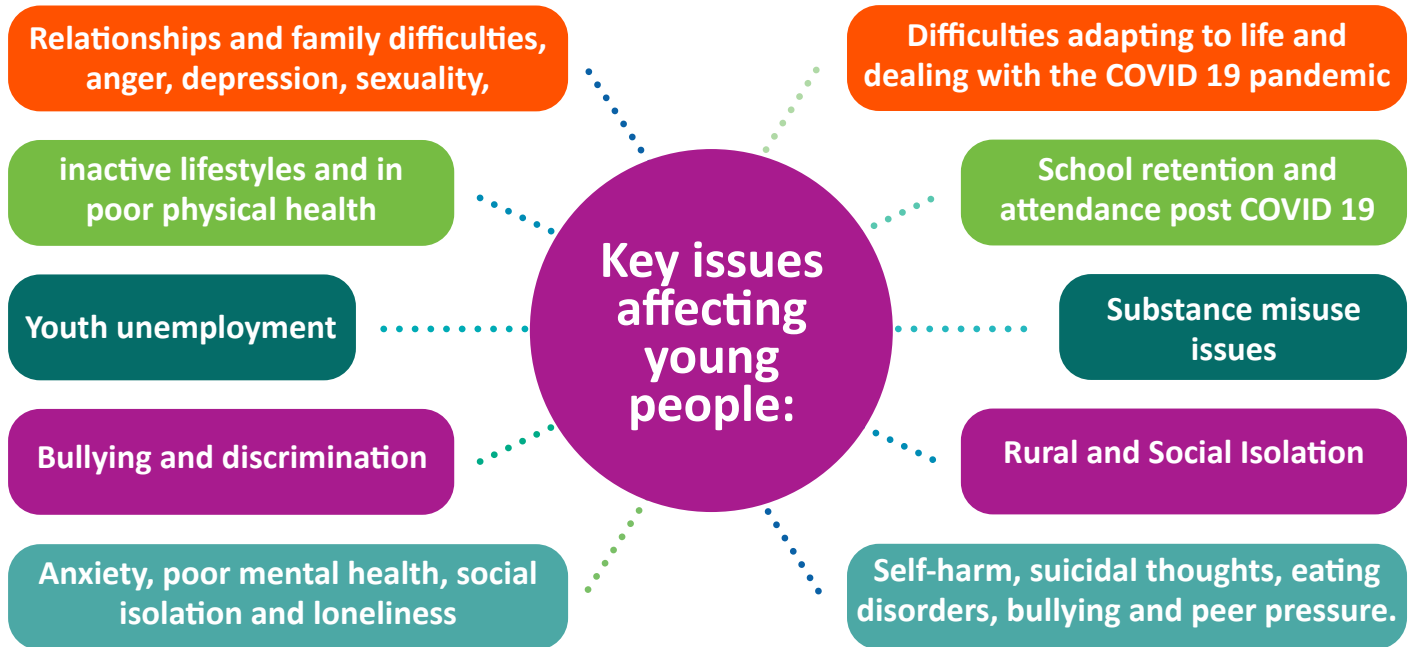
KCETB first established a youth work committee in November 2016 as provided for under Section 44(1) (b) of the Education and Training Boards Act 2013. KCETB has recently accepted nominations for the second term of office from representatives within the statutory and voluntary sector. ETBI has provided a template for the terms of reference for the youth work committee.

Duties of Committee:

The remit of the Youth Work Committee is to:

- Be informed of the youth work function conducted by KCETB;
- Inform KCETB of the information relating to youth work, received by it, from the Executive of KCETB.
- Provide oversight of KCETB youth work function.

Current issues affecting young people



Conclusion:

KCETB endeavours to support the continued delivery of targeted Youth Projects in Kilkenny and Carlow and to work in partnership with the youth work sector to promote the common goal and purpose of youth work for the benefit of all young people.

KCETB looks forward to continuing to work collaboratively with Carlow Regional Youth Service, Ossory Youth and Foróige DRUM Youth Project & Health Café, through the provision of targeted Youth Projects in Kilkenny and Carlow.

**We cannot always build the future for our youth,
but we can build our youth for the future.**

Franklin D. Roosevelt



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