



Youth Work Ireland

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Youth Work Ireland's Youth Wave hits Abbottstown, Dublin, this weekend

Youth Work Ireland's Youth Wave takes place on Saturday 5th October 2024. Youth Wave is an annual celebration of our youth clubs and is a chance for youth club participants, workers and volunteers to come together at a national level to take part in fun, educational and interactive workshops and taster sessions where you can learn new skills, be entertained and have lots of fun! We are delighted to be at the National Indoor Arena on the Sport Ireland Campus. Over 300 young people from across our membership will take part in some of today's activities that include Badminton, Olympic Handball, Volleyball, Basketball shoot, Obstacle course, Tug of war along with some Space Hopper Racing! We also have a number of workshops around Face Painting, SDGs, Juggling and VR for you to sign up for.

"Youth Wave is a chance for youth club participants, workers and volunteers to come together at a national level to take part in fun, educational and interactive workshops where they can learn new skills, be entertained and have fun. Workshop themes have also include climate justice, video making, STEM Lego, circus skills and much more. At a time when physical education is such a priority and young people need to get away from screen time these youth-based activities are all the more important. This annual event is moving fittingly to the new venue of sports campus Ireland to further underline the importance of accessibility for all young people to sport and leisure activities." Said Dr Patrick Burke of Youth Work Ireland.

"Many young people do not have a safe place where they have a sense of belonging, where they have people who believe in them, or a place where they can form positive relationships with adults. Youth Work Ireland, through the clubs and projects run from our Member Youth Services, offers young people from every background a place to go, a listening ear, and support if they need it. We have over 200 clubs in communities all over Ireland. The local youth club is often the heart of the community where young people, youth leaders, adult volunteers, and staff come together to be part of something important. The youth club encourages participation and fosters a sense of belonging for young people, as well as training and support for volunteers." Dr Burke added.

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