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Press Release

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Youth Work Ireland Week 2026 Celebrates the Power of Young People to Get LOUDER and Drive Change

Youth Work Ireland is proud to announce the launch of Youth Work Ireland Week 2026 taking place from April 11th – April 18th across youth services nationally. The national week will celebrate the impact of youth work across the country.

Throughout the week, Youth Work Ireland’s 20-member youth services will host a wide range of events and activities in communities nationwide. These will include workshops, youth-led discussions, community events, showcases, and opportunities for young people to connect, learn, and share their experiences. These activities reflect the core ambition of Youth Work for All, that every young person, regardless of background or circumstance, can access supportive, empowering spaces where they feel a sense of belonging.

At the heart of this year’s celebrations is **LOUDER Youth**, a national campaign that shines a spotlight on young people who are speaking out, taking action, and creating change in their communities. From mental health and education to climate action, equality, and global justice, the campaign highlights the issues that matter most to young people today and the powerful ways they are responding.

LOUDER Youth is grounded in a simple but powerful idea: young people are inspired by other young people. By platforming the voices and stories of youth activists, the campaign aims to normalise activism as something young people do every day, while encouraging others to get involved and make their voices heard. It also demonstrates the impact of inclusive youth work in enabling young people to develop confidence, leadership skills, and a strong sense of agency.

Danielle Gayson, President of Youth Work Ireland said:

“Young people across Ireland are already leading change in their communities and through LOUDER Youth, we want to celebrate their passion, amplify their voices, and inspire others to see the difference they can make. This is what Youth Work for All looks like in action, it is creating spaces where every young person is supported to find their voice and reach their potential.”

The campaign will feature young people from across the Youth Work Ireland network, sharing their perspectives, experiences, and actions on a wide range of issues. Their stories will be shared across social media and through local and national media, offering an authentic insight into youth-led activism in Ireland today.

For more information on Youth Work Ireland Week 2026 and the LOUDER Youth campaign, visit <https://youthworkireland.ie/what-we-do/youth-work-ireland-week/> or follow Youth Work Ireland on social media.

Notes to Editor

About Youth Work Ireland

Youth Work Ireland is the largest youth organisation in Ireland, delivering quality youth work supports to over 75,000 young people each week. Through a network of members, dedicated youth workers and volunteers, it provides a wide range of programmes and supports that promote young people's personal development, wellbeing, participation, and inclusion.

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