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### 1. Introduction

- 1.1. As part of planning for the 2024-2025 period, the Education Authority has engaged through face to face and online meetings with the interim Regional and Local Advisory Groups to seek their views on the needs of children and young people to inform planning and funding priorities for this period.
- 1.2. The Education Authority engaged with members of the Regional Advisory Group on the 19 January to present this update, reflecting on current investment for 2023-2024; evaluation of gaps identified based on the Regional Youth Development 2023-2026; and identified emerging needs to date for the 2024-2025 period.
- 1.3. Members provided feedback at this meeting and in addition were provided with an online response link for any additional comment until the 6 February. This paper presents an analysis of the information provided by sector to inform funding needs and priorities for the 2024-2025 period under Regional Development and Regional Project Funding.

### 2. 2023-2024 FUNDED PROJECTS CONTINUED IN 2024-2025

- 2.1. The initial release of funding awarded in 2023-2024 focused on three priorities: the wellbeing of children and young people; the voice of children and young people; and supporting the recruitment and development of volunteers. Additional funding was made available through a second release designed to develop curriculum resources and frameworks to support the delivery of youth work and youth work training.
- 2.2. Based on an analysis of the funding awarded in these areas (Appendix A) funding and delivery is currently secured for the following assessed needs in 2024-2025;
  - Regional Youth Voice Project.
  - Emotional Health and Wellbeing Support South West Locality.
  - Emotional Health and Wellbeing Support For LGBTQI+ Young People.
  - Emotional Health and Wellbeing Support Children and Young People in Care.
  - Volunteer Recruitment and Development (until September 2024).
- 2.3. Regional Development Funding to support the development of curriculum resources and frameworks to support youth work in the areas of; Life Skills, Wellbeing for All, Global Education, Gaming and Online Youth Work Delivery have a start and end to be completed within the 2023-2024 planning period. It is anticipated, provided the organisations have delivered in line with the agreed delivery plan, that the only required outcome of these projects will be the publication of the resources, support materials and frameworks. Therefore, additional investment should not be required to continue these projects, however an evaluation of materials created, including consideration of next steps to ensure their use and effectiveness may be required. This can only be assessed once all materials are received from the voluntary organisations awarded after the 31 March 2024.

# 3. INITIAL GAPS AND EMERGING NEED IDENTIFIED IN THE 2023-2026 REGIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- 3.1. Considering funding, which is already committed to within the 2023-2024 period of the Regional Youth Development Plan 2023-2026, the following areas need to be considered in the 2024-2025 funding priorities.
  - Recruitment and Development of Volunteers: this project to set to run until September 2024 with the
    currently successful organisations. These awards focus on four of the eight strategic themes of the Youth
    Work Volunteer strategy. In Addition, the six organisations participating are all uniformed organisations
    and there is no participation of faith based or Irish Medium organisations, whose local provision is
    predominantly operated by volunteers. Consideration in the 2024-2025 period of continued investment
    under the existing four themes, including building on the remaining four themes of strategy from
    September 2024 requires including engagement with the faith based and Irish Medium Sector on the
    Volunteer Strategy.

- Part-time Staff Development & Training: Workforce development is successional in nature, in 2023-2024 the Education Authority invested in Level 2 Youth Work training, including providing this provision through the medium of Irish. It would be recommended to continue this work, considering initial feedback from those currently delivering on these awards to; review the target areas and numbers for delivery; and consideration of a level three award to facilitate youth workers gaining a Level 3 qualification to take on Leader in Charge roles. In addition, considering the level of local voluntary youth organisation registration, considering bespoke support in this area within the faith based sector.
- Geographic Gaps in Supporting the Emotional Health and Wellbeing Needs of Children and Young People: There is currently funding in place to support the wellbeing for the needs of children and young people through youth work in the southwest locality. Funding was not awarded in the east locality and the north locality funding ended on the 31 March. The Special European Union Programmes Body (SEUPB) through PeacePLUS will be making investment of €25m through Youth Organisations for Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing until 2027. The outcome of these awards is due in April 2024, only after this can the Education Authority determine any allocation of funding to address gaps in provision regionally to support children and young people's emotional health and wellbeing needs.

### 4. ENGAGEMENT WITH REGIONAL ADVISORY GROUP

- 4.1. On 19 January 2024, the Education Authority invited the interim Regional Advisory Group members to participate in a workshop to outline the planning process for funding in 2024-2025 as agreed by the Funding Programme Board. Based on a previous engagement with the Regional Advisory Group in October 2023, initial areas for development in 2023-2024 were revisited with members which were:
  - Considering geographic gaps in emotional health and wellbeing support for children and young people in the context of PEACEPLUS investment.
  - Level 3 Youth Worker training.
  - Scoping and shaping delivery actions for Youth Work against:
  - 1. Environment and Sustainability.
  - 2. Youth Work and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.
  - 3. Youth Work and Deaf or Partial hearing children and young people.
  - 4. Vaping.
  - 5. Ending Violence Against Women and Girls pending strategy implementation.
- 4.2. Members affirmed the initial areas for development presented and were invited to provide input on areas not noted as part of the presentation to be considered within the assessment of need for funding priorities in 2024-2025. Outlined below is a summary of information provided as part of this discussion:

# 4.3. Needs of Children and Young People:

Members noted the need to support the development of staff skills to respond and support children and young with special education needs and disabilities, from behavioural and emotional based needs to more complex medical needs.

With reference to emotional health and wellbeing, members also expressed the need to look at how we support the emotional health and wellbeing needs of volunteers and staff, and that this should form support against the volunteer development delivery.

Members noted evidence provided as part of the Girl Guides' Girls' Attitudes Survey which highlighted concerns over harassment and bullying, particularly online, with a view to support gender specific work in this area, including with young volunteers within the sector. This was further echoed when working with girls and young women with Special Educational Needs or a Disability.

## 4.4. Operational Concerns and Considerations:

Whilst not directly an assessment of children and young peoples needs, members expressed the following operational concerns for the continued delivery of youth work within the sector:

<u>Funding to support youth workers to become professionally qualified:</u> It was noted that there were concerns on the availability and sustainability of professionally qualified youth work staff to support delivery, particularly how investments from PeacePLUS, will further limit the availability of staff for new and existing professional youth work posts. Funding was previously provided through the Youth Council for Northern Ireland bursary scheme and is not a function of the funding scheme for regional and local voluntary youth organisations.

Governance of Local Voluntary Youth Organisations: Some members noted that support was needed for Local Voluntary Youth Organisations in establishing appropriate governance arrangements to be a bona fide organisation, apply for funding and develop growth in the sector. This is currently resourced through Regional Strategic Funding. An evaluation of Regional Strategic Funding is part of the funding programme board workstream will look at the effectiveness of this funding to support member organisations through their nominated regional voluntary youth organisation.

<u>Day to Day Operational Costs:</u> Members expressed pressures that local and regional organisations are facing with increased overheads. In addition, reference was also made to the budgetary pressures in the operation of outdoor learning or outdoor education provision. The scheme will consider this as part of benchmarking for funding awards.

Together Building United Communities Camps Programme and Planned Intervention Programme Funding: Members noted that The Executive Office Together Building United Communities Camps Funding and Planned Intervention Programme funding should be considered in support of addressing the Good Relations and Living in Safety and Stability needs of the Regional Development Plan. This was noted and added to the presentation before sharing with members. Members were advised that this scheme is operated by the Education Authority on behalf of The Executive Office, relies on year-on-year funding and is awarded on a merit basis rather than through targeted means to address need.

4.5. Members were then provided with a link to respond by the 6 February 2024 with any additional needs that should be considered as part of the funding priorities for 2024 -2025.

### FEEDBACK FROM SURVEY ENGAGEMENT – REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

5.1. In response to the "Consultation on Assessment of Need" survey a total of four regional voluntary youth organisations responded.

# 5.2. In response to the validity of the current Regional and Local Assessments of Need:

With regard to the relevancy of the current Regional Assessment of Need; 50%(2) of respondents rated it 4 out of 10 and 50%(2) respondents rated 5 out 10, one being not reflective and 10 being very comprehensive.

Rationale provided cited disagreement with how EA approaches assessing local needs, expressed the timeline to engage in this process is rushed, affirmed some existing needs, or provided population and participation statistics of Irish Speakers from the NI Census and those participating in Irish Medium Education. Except for reference to poverty, educational underachievement, mental health and wellbeing, responses did not provide sufficient evidence in the context of the current statutory duty placed on the Education Authority and Department of Education Funded Youth Work to determine that the existing Regional Assessment of Need does not remain relevant.

# 5.3. In response to the validity of current priority needs identified for 2023-2024:

Priority needs identified in 2023-2024, in the context of potential cuts for regional delivery, were providing safe and warm spaces for children and young people, the voice of children and young people and the development of volunteers.

50%(2) of respondents stated Yes 50%(2) respondents stated No. For those who stated Yes one provided no comment and another responded that they are so broad that it probably does and identified summer programme support as priority. For those who stated No, one respondent provided a breakdown of membership growth and operational capacity including capital infrastructure and one cited funding cuts post-covid and the need for research on what has changed post-covid for children and young people. No responses addressed if the priority needs remain the same and the reference to post-covid failed to recognise that the current Regional Assessment of Need took place post-covid.

# 5.4. Needs of Children and Young People:

For the remaining questions of the feedback survey, respondents provided valuable feedback on the needs of children young and linked support need with reference to workforce development. The table below provides a summary of these needs within the scope of the current Regional Assessment of Need and Regional Youth Development Plan 2023-2026, and those that need consideration as an emerging need in 2024-2025:

Within Scope of the Current Assessment of Need	Consideration of Emerging Needs
Community Relations, Equality and Diversity (CRED)	Harassment of Young Women
Diversity and Good relations (Including Accreditation)	Employability
Political Education	Child Criminal Explotation
Emotional Health and Wellbeing	
Youth Work Training up to Level 3	

# 5.5. Operational Concerns and Considerations:

Whilst not directly an assessment of children and young people's needs and outside the scope of the survey, it was noted that respondents expressed the following operational concerns for the continued delivery of youth work within the sector:

<u>Funding to support youth workers to become professionally qualified</u>: There was a response that referenced training up to Level 7 for youth workers. Funding was previously provided through the Youth Council for Northern Ireland bursary scheme and is not a function of the funding scheme for regional and local voluntary youth organisations.

<u>Capital Investment in Building Infrastructure and ICT</u>: Respondents cited the need for investment in buildings to accommodate the delivery of youth work, investment in digital infrastructure for voluntary organisations including devices, software, Customer Response Management (CRM) systems and improved broadband packages. Building and ICT infrastructure are capital funding investments, not determined by the Education Authority and beyond the scope of the funding scheme.

<u>Changes to the Current Funding Scheme for Regional and Local Voluntary Youth Organisations</u>: In response to the survey, the Irish Medium sector expressed a need for a dedicated Youth Work Irish Medium funding scheme. Legacy dedicated Irish Medium funding was retired with the implementation of the New Funding Scheme for Regional and Local Voluntary Youth Organisations. Whilst there is no dedicated Irish Medium Funding Scheme, Irish Medium Youth Organisations are eligible to apply to any of the six funding streams depending on registration status.

<u>Digital Skills/Training in Office 365 Platforms</u>: References were made to digital skills and training for staff in Office 365 Platforms. Whilst there would be a need for digital skills training, this should be aligned to the skills required to effectively report on Department of Education funded Youth Work linked to any future Management Information System.

# 6. FEEDBACK FROM SURVEY ENGAGEMENT – COMMON LOCAL NEEDS FOR REGIONAL CONSIDERATION

6.1. In response to the "Consultation on Assessment of Need" survey a total of 61 local voluntary youth organisations responded. The information provided by Local Voluntary Youth Organisations across all council areas has been reviewed to identify trends in need to develop any required regional or sub-regional response on a locality basis.

# 6.2. Needs of Children and Young People:

The below table provides a summary of these local needs either within the scope of the current Regional Assessment of Need and Regional Youth Development Plan 2023-2026 and those that need consideration as an emerging regional need(s) in 2024-2025:

Within Scope of the Current Assessment of Need	Consideration of Emerging Needs to be addressed regionally in 2024-2025
Emotional Health and Wellbeing	Cost of Living/Poverty/Food Poverty
Support for LGBTQI+ Young People and Gender Identity	Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) / Harassment of young women (online & offline) / Online Safety/Sexting
Supporting Young People Special Educational Need and Disability	Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) / Anti- Social Behaviour/Negative Community Behaviour
Drug Abuse/Misuse (Synthetic/Spice/THC)	Vaping
Peer Leadership	Gender Specific Programmes

Good Relations/Single Identity Work	Bereavement, Loss, Grief
Children in Care/Children Looked After	Volunteer/Staff Development to support the range of special education needs and disability presented through delivery
Inclusion (Focus on Racism)	

Of all the areas noted above, it would be important to note that vaping, drug misuse and supporting children and young people with additional needs appeared more frequently throughout the responses.

# 6.3. Operational Concerns and Considerations:

Whilst not directly an assessment of children and young people's needs, the following operational conc<mark>erns</mark> for the continued delivery of youth work within the sector through local responses were recorded:

<u>Changes to the Current Funding Scheme for Regional and Local Voluntary Youth Organisations</u>: It is important to note that in response to the survey a lobby response was provided by 17 respondents answering the question with mostly identical text with variations noted regarding local location and numbers of participation from Irish Medium Youth Organisations. These responses in the most part called for a dedicated Irish Medium Youth Funding Scheme. Legacy dedicated Irish Medium funding was retired with the implementation of the New Funding Scheme for Regional and Local Voluntary Youth Organisation. Whilst there is no dedicated Irish Medium Funding Scheme, Irish Medium Youth Organisations are eligible to apply to any of the six funding streams depending on registration status.

# 7. CURRENT SECTORAL INVESTMENT OUTSIDE OF THE EA FUNDING SCHEME FOR REGIONAL AND LOCAL VOLUNTARY YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

- 7.1. Based on the needs outlined, other investment outside of the Education Authority Youth Service core funding needs to be consideration to avoid duplication, these include:
  - Youth PeacePLUS Investment of 82m Euro until 2027/28 in the areas of Shared Education. (Information), Youth Programmes and Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing.
  - In addition to Youth PeacePLUS investment, there is an investment of €40m until 2027/28 in Shared Education in Formal Settings to support children and young people.
  - The Executive Programme on Paramilitarism and Organised Crime, which invests not only through the
    Education Authority circa £1.9m per annum, but also through local voluntary and community sector
    providers to address Living in Safety and Stability for our children and young people. An additional
    £400,000 provided by The Executive Office through the Education Authority to support planned
    interventions should also be considered in this area of work.
  - Significant Lottery Funding awards under the community fund, awarded on an ongoing basis and up to £500,000 to youth organisations.
  - Together Building United Communities Camps Programme provided by The Exective Office and administered by the Education Authority to support Good Relations work with children and young people.
  - Potential Department of Education & Department of Health Emotional Health and Wellbeing Framework funding in 2024-2025 to support youth work response in schools.
  - Potential Department of Education Fair Start Funding in 2024-2025 provided to Youth Services to address educational underachievement.

# 8. REVIEW/ADDITIONAL ACTIONS FOR THE REGIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION PLAN 2024-2025

8.1. Based on the feedback provided through sectoral engagement outlined below, delivery actions that should be maintained or built upon in the through the Regional Youth Development Action Plan 2024-2025

Regional Youth Development Plan Thematic Area	Maintained Regional Delivery Actions to support addressing the needs of children and young people	Actions to be built upon to support addressing the needs of children and young people
Living in Safety and Stability	• Drug Abuse/Misuse Programmes	<ul> <li>Child Sexual Exploitation Training and Resources for staff</li> <li>Child Criminal Exploitation Training and Resources for staff</li> <li>Addressing Antisocial behaviour</li> <li>Gender Specific Programmes</li> <li>Cost of Living/Food Poverty</li> <li>Ending Violence Against Women and Girls/Harassment of Young Women and Girls</li> </ul>
Health and Wellbeing	Supporting the Emotional Health and Wellbeing Needs of Young in North Locality and East Locality (Subject to PeacePLUS investment)	<ul> <li>Vaping Child Criminal Exploitation Training and resources for staff</li> <li>Bereavement, Loss, Greif Support for Young People</li> </ul>
Participation	<ul> <li>Regional Youth Voice Project</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Responding in year to thematic issues supported through Regional and/or Local Thematic Youth Voice Project</li> </ul>
Inclusion Diversity Equality and Good Relations	<ul> <li>Diversity and Good Relations Programmes</li> <li>Emotional Health and Wellbeing Support to LGBTQI+ Young People</li> <li>Emotional Health and Wellbeing Support to Young People in Care</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Supporting Children and Young People with Special Educational Need and Disability through Youth Work Training and Resources for staff</li> <li>Good Relations/Single Identity Work</li> <li>Dealing with Racism Training and Resources for staff</li> </ul>

Learning and achieving	<ul> <li>Peer Leadership         Programmes     </li> </ul>	Employability Programmes
Environment and Climate	<ul> <li>Environment and Sustainability Programmes</li> </ul>	Support for Young People through the Small Grants Programme
Workforce Development	Continued Development and support for the recruitment of volunteers in the uniformed sector	<ul> <li>Development and support for the recruitment of volunteers in faith-based sector.</li> <li>Development and support for the recruitment of volunteers in faith-based sector.</li> <li>Development and support for Youth Work Training to Level 3</li> <li>Development and support for Youth Work Training to Level 3 through the medium of Irish</li> <li>Development and support for Youth Work Training to Level 3 within the faith-based sector on a cross-community basis</li> </ul>

# 9. DEVELOPMENT OF DELIVERY WITH STATUTORY AND PUBLIC BODIES

9.1. Investment in priorities to be given consideration via direct delivery or support to the sector by the Education Authority, partnership with other public bodies or procurement include;

Area	Scope of Delivery/Response	Delivery
Vaping	Considering pending legislation changes for Northern Ireland, the Education Authority will work with the Public Health Agency to develop, guidance, programme, and resources to support an appropriate youth work response	Partnership work with Public Health Agency
Drug Abuse/Misue	The Education Authority will work with the Public Health Agency to develop, guidance, programme, and resources to support an appropriate youth work response	Partnership work with Public Health Agency
Gender Specific Work	Delivery of EA /Queens University Belfast endorsed X-BOX and Y-BOX training with the sector	Directly delivery by the Education Authority for the Sector

Child Criminal Exploitation	The Education Authority will work with the Safeguarding Board Northern Ireland (Including the Police Service Northern Ireland) to develop, guidance, programme, and resources to support an appropriate youth work response	Directly Delivery through Partnership with Safeguarding Board Northern Ireland and Police Service Northern Ireland
Child Sexual Exploitation	The Education Authority will work with the Safeguarding Board Northern Ireland to develop, guidance, programme, and resources to support an appropriate youth work response	Directly Delivery through Partnership with Safeguarding Board Northern Ireland

### 10. RESPONDING TO NEED THROUGH SMALL GRANTS

- 10.1. Based on the feedback on the needs of children and young people the Education Authority should increase its investment in the Small Grants programme (Priorities for Youth 4.20.5) in addition to the current annual programme of offer, to support children and young people regionally to act on and deliver social action in the thematic areas of;
  - Environment and Sustainability
  - Vaping
  - Drugs and Alcohol

# 11. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED FUNDING INVESTMENT AREAS FOR REGIONAL PROJECT FUNDING TO ADDRESS ASSESSED NEED

Area	Scope of Delivery/Response	Delivery
Linking Youth to New Careers (LYNC) Programme	Delivery of an employment programme to support succession planning for youth work delivery, development of youth work leadership skills, employability skills and career development	Grant Aid Assistance
Linking Youth to New Careers (LYNC) Programme through the Medium of Irish	Delivery of an employment programme to support succession planning for youth work delivery, development of youth work leadership skills, employability skills and career development through the medium of Irish	Grant Aid Assistance

Go Global Leadership Opportunities (Per Locality Basis)	Development and delivery of an international immersive experience to support the development of peer leadership, employability, citizenship, and social action within local communities	Grant Aid Assistance
Emotional Health and Wellbeing Support for Deaf Young People	Provision of wellbeing for all and early support for children and young people who are deaf or have partial hearing	Grant Aid Assistance

11.2. Depending on the availability of funding or pending the outcome of other funding bodies investments in youth work the following areas should be evaluated/considered within the 2024-2025 delivery period.

Area	Scope of Delivery/Response	Delivery
Emotional Health and Wellbeing Support North Locality	Based on the investment by 3.3 Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing by PeacePLUS in the Youth Sector, consideration of gaps in provision.	Grant Aid Assistance
Emotional Health and Wellbeing Support East Locality	Based on the investment by 3.3 Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing by PeacePLUS in the Youth Sector, consideration of gaps in provision.	Grant Aid Assistance

# 12. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED FUNDING INVESTMENT AREAS FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING TO ADDRESS ASSESSED NEED

12.1. Investment in priorities to be given consideration of Grant Aid Assistance to the sector under Regional Development should include;

Area	Scope of Delivery/Response	Delivery
Level 3 Youth Work Training	Deliver training to a minimum of Level 3, based on learning of staff numbers and council areas need based on Level 3 Training.	Grant Aid Assistance
Level 3 Youth Work Training Through the Medium of Irish	Deliver training to a minimum of Level 3 through the medium of Irish, on a per locality basis	Grant Aid Assistance

Level 3 Youth Work Training in the Faith Based Sector	Deliver training to a minimum of Level 3 within the faith-based sector on a cross community basis, on a per locality basis	Grant Aid Assistance
Recruitment and Development of Volunteers (Irish Medium)	Grant Aid Assistance to headquarter organisations to support the recruitment and development of volunteers in line with the Education Authority Youth Work Volunteer Strategic themes 1–4 within the Irish medium sector	Grant Aid Assistance
Recruitment and Development of Volunteers (Faith based)	Grant Aid Assistance to headquarter organisations to support the recruitment and development of volunteers in line with the Education Authority Youth Work Volunteer Strategic themes 1–4 within the faith-based sector	Grant Aid Assistance

12.2. Depending on the availability of funding or pending the outcome of other funding bodies investments in youth work the following areas should be evaluated/considered within the 2024-2025 delivery period.

Area	Scope of Delivery/Response	Delivery
Volunteer Recruitment and Development	Consideration of sustained investment on strategic themes 1–4 with existing organisations funded under the current volunteer recruitment and development due to end in September 2024.  In addition, evaluation of a second phase of funding in support strategic themes 5–8 of the volunteer strategy.	Grant Aid Assistance

# 2023-2024 Funding Awarded Analysis

# Rag Status Key

Project Continuing in 2024-2025 Period Project Ending within the 2024-2025 Period

Project not continuing in the 2024-2025 period

Funding Title	Funding Stream	Value of Investment	Status for 24/25
Recruitment and Development of Youth Work Volunteers in the Uniformed, Faith Based and Irish Medium Youth Work Sector	Regional Development Funding	£184,085.43 (Across 6 Organisations)	Funding published for delivery until September 2024 except for one organisation
Development of a Life Skills Framework and Curriculum for Youth Work	Regional Development Funding	£67,168.48	Project Delivery and Reporting Due 31 March 2024
Development of a Wellbeing for All Framework and Curriculum for Youth Work	Regional Development Funding	£56,339.50	Project Delivery and Reporting Due 31 March 2024
Development of Global Education Framework and Curriculum for Youth Work	Regional Development Funding	£67,000	Project Delivery and Reporting Due 31 March 2024
Development of Youth Work Practice through Gaming	Regional Development Funding	£67,128	Project Delivery and Reporting Due 31 March 2024
Development of Youth Work Practice through Online Methods	Regional Development Funding	£67,032	Project Delivery and Reporting Due 31 March 2024

Part-time and Volunteer Youth Worker Staff Development	Regional Development Funding	£95,000	Project Delivery and Reporting Due 31 March 2024
Part-time and Volunteer Youth Worker Staff Development through the Medium of Irish	Regional Development Funding	£41,556	Project Delivery and Reporting Due 31 March 2024
Regional Youth Voice Project	Regional Project Funding	£49,000	Funding Published for delivery until March 2026, will continue for the 2024-2025 Period
Youth Work Emotional Health and Wellbeing Support Project - North Locality	Regional Project Funding	£25,728	Project Delivery and Reporting Due 31 March 2024
Youth Work Emotional Health and Wellbeing Support Project - Southwest Locality	Regional Project Funding	£38,100	Funding Published for delivery until March 2026, will continue for the 2024-2025 Period
Youth Work Support for Children and Young People in Care (Linked to Emotional Health and Wellbeing Support Project)	Regional Project Funding	£49,687	Funding Published for delivery until March 2026, will continue for the 2024-2025 Period
Youth Work Support for LGBTQI+ Children and Young People (Linked to Emotional Health & Wellbeing Support Project)	Regional Project Funding	£47,497.76	Funding Published for delivery until March 2026, will continue for the 2024-2025 Period

# 2023-2024 Award Funding Scorecard Summary (Quarter 2)

Regional Project Funding	Engagement & Delivery
Emotional Health and Wellbeing Support to LGBTQI+ Young People	147 Programmes, 3,028 Young People
Emotional Health and Wellbeing Support to Children and Young People in Care	23 Programmes, 60 young people
Emotional Health and Wellbeing Delivery through Localities	96 Programmes, 320 Young People, in 45 local voluntary youth organisations
Regional Youth Voice Project	20 core young people recruited and completing training, with additional 20 young people engaged in wider activities and residentials

Regional Development Funding	Engagement & Delivery	
Frameworks for delivery and Curriculum Resources in Gaming, Online Delivery, Global Education, Life Skills, Wellbeing for All	On Track for Successful Completion by 31 March 2024	
Level <mark>??</mark> Youth Work Training	9 Courses Delivered, involving 37 Local Voluntary Youth Organisations with 89 staff/volunteers.  4 Courses Delivered, involving 14 Local Voluntary Youth Organisations with 60 staff/volunteers through the medium of Irish	

401 New Volunteers Recruited: 401
1452 Volunteers Accessing Training

Strategic Theme 1: Promoting the Youth
Work Volunteer Offer - 15 Activities with 77
local organisations with 101 Volunteers.

Recruitment and Development of Volunteers

Strategic Theme 2: Welcoming and Building
a Community of Volunteers - 15 Activities
with 379 local organisations with 861
Volunteers.

Strategic Theme 4: Celebrating the
Contribution of Volunteers in Youth Work
Delivery – 30 Events with 736 Volunteers