

**YOUTH LINK: NI 'Churches together building excellence in youth work'**
**Christmas Break:**

Our offices will be closed Monday 24 December to Tuesday 1 January 2019 Inclusive.

**'Remembering the Past; Shaping the Future'**

As a CRC core funded partner Youth Link has been piloting an education programme entitled **'Remembering the Past; Shaping the Future'** aimed at addressing sectarianism and building an inclusive society and future based on the common good.

During the programme students are invited to participate in an envisioning exercise in which they present "newspapers" depicting the kind of society they would like in 20 years. The envisioning sessions were piloted with 198 participants in post-primary schools and youth groups across Northern Ireland. The posters that were produced represent the voice of young people and provide a snapshot into some of their concerns and priorities. The emerging themes are analysed in the following paper: [Twenty years into the future: The voice of young people living in Northern Ireland / the North of Ireland.](#)

A selection of the posters are currently on display at the Community Relations Council.

**EA Consultation:**

[www.eani.org.uk/publications/consultations](http://www.eani.org.uk/publications/consultations)

The Education Authority (EA) has launched a 12 week public consultation on the proposals for a new funding scheme for Regional and Local Voluntary Youth Organisations, this will close on Tuesday 5th February 2019 at 4pm.

**Training Programme**


Click the **Training Programme** for course information or visit

[www.youthlink.org.uk](http://www.youthlink.org.uk)

**Christmas Greetings**

The staff and volunteers at Youth Link wish you joy and peace this Christmas and in the New Year.


**BA Honours Degree**

Youth Work, Communities & Practical Theology  
(JNC) validated by Staffordshire University

**Interested in youth work?**


Consider a professionally recognised degree combining youth work and theology that is tailored to the challenges of working in Northern Ireland.

- Learn by doing by combining study and practical work
- Explore how faith interacts and informs youth work practice

Find out more at our upcoming **Open Days** in the New Year:

**Tuesday 15th January and Tuesday 26th February @ Youth Link**

There is an afternoon information session at 1:30-3:00pm

**Limited places available.**

To register a place on an open day/information session, please contact us on (028) 9032 3217 or via email to [cymi@youthlink.org.uk](mailto:cymi@youthlink.org.uk)

**'Reach Out, Enrich Within'**

Youth Link's **Reach Out, Enrich Within** Programme, in partnership with Oasis Youth Portadown, delivered an OCN Level 1 Award in Youth Work Practice, with a group



of 19 young leaders, aged 14 - 18 years old. This qualification formed part of their preparation for their volunteer role, in the annual Oasis Intercultural Summer Scheme. Participants represented a range of diverse backgrounds, including Polish, Lithuanian, Portuguese, as well as the two largest traditions in Northern Ireland."


**Transform Project Achievement & Awards Celebration**


On Saturday 17 November 70 participants and staff from Phase 1 of the Transform Project

attended a celebration event in The Mellon Inn, Omagh.

The event was a huge success with young people representing each of the cohorts in attendance. Gordon Woolsey, Transform Project Co-Ordinator, Colette Slevin, Mencap Head of Children, Young People and Families and Ryan Lilley, Youth Initiatives Lisburn Team Leader provided an overview of Phase 1.

Young people were presented with certificates to mark their achievements and the event concluded with entertainment by Joel Mawhinney.

Transform is delivered in partnership with Youth Link: NI (Lead Partner), Mencap and Youth Initiatives and is supported by the European Union's PEACE IV Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

For more information on the Transform Project or Phase 2 of the programme, contact Project Co-Ordinator Gordon Woolsey on [gordon@youthlink.org.uk](mailto:gordon@youthlink.org.uk)

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