

YOUTH LINK: NI 'Churches working together to build excellence in youth work and ministry towards a just, peaceful and flourishing society based on the common good'

Youth Link: NI Looks to the Future



Today we are announcing that we will work with Moorlands College to deliver a Christian youth work degree through a new centre called Moorlands NI @ Youth Link.

Moorlands College is a renowned non-denominational Christian college, respected for its rich theological teaching and practical training in youth work and ministry.

From September 2020 Moorlands will offer a BA Hons in Applied Theology (Youth and Community Work) with JNC, delivered through study blocks held at the Youth Link premises in Belfast, and through placements arranged

with local churches and other community networks.

Students will also attend two study block weeks per year at Moorlands' Christchurch campus in Dorset, where they will join with other students from that campus as well as those from Moorlands' Midlands and South-West centres.

Since 2011 almost 140 students have graduated from the existing degree course delivered at Youth Link in Belfast, with a very high proportion going on to secure employment in local churches and communities where they are helping to transform the lives of children, young people and families.

We hope to build on that success and we believe that the flexible nature of this course, and the fact that it will be the only Christian youth work degree in Ireland with JNC professional recognition, make it an attractive choice for students from all across the island.

The new course looks to the future needs of the Church and society and will equip students graduating in 2023 and beyond with the skills they need to best serve our churches and communities.

Additional information available from Sharon Raine (Sharon@youthlink.org.uk);
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Welcome to CYM Students



At the start of another academic year we'd like to welcome CYM students back to their studies. Pictured is the new cohort who recently undertook Keeping

Safe Training with Gordon Woolsey, Transform Coordinator and Keeping Safe trainer.

Youth Link Chairperson

Simon Henry, National Youth Officer, CIYD, will be Youth Link Chairperson effective from 1 October 2019. Sincere thanks are expressed to the previous Chairperson, Barbara McDade, for the service that she has given.



~ Farewell ~

Farewell and thanks to Cathy and Carole as they move on from Youth Link. Carole is retiring from her role as Admin Officer after 27+ years! We wish them well for the future.

Launch of New Resource

On Friday 27th September 2019, Youth Link launched a new resource for youth workers and educators - **'Remembering the Past; Shaping the Future'**.



The resource centres on pursuing the common good and has been described as a game-changing resource which can empower a generation of young people to be agents of change and history makers (Rev Dr Johnston McMaster).

The launch took place in the Malone Lodge Hotel in Belfast and in excess of sixty people attended the event.

For more information, see www.youthlink.org.uk.

~ Training Programme~

Recruitment to Youth Link training programmes for 2019/20 is well underway, including the following:

- OCN Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice
- Apprentice Peace Programme

For further information visit www.youthlink.org.uk.