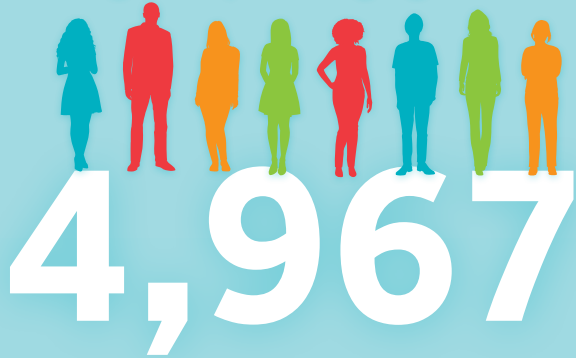


# KDYS Impact Report 2022

**KDYS**  
Kerry Diocesan Youth Service

## Young people engaged with



KEY: 244 Youth Clubs: 931  
Youth Mentoring: 29 Comhairle na nÓg: 26  
Cróige: 180 Killorglin Youth Centre: 43  
UBU: 670 Youth information: 2844

KEY = KDYS Gardaí Youth Diversion Project  
Cróige = KDYS Family Support Project  
UBU (Killarney, Tralee, Listowel, Castleisland and North Kerry)

## DID YOU KNOW?

KDYS is present in more than 30 locations around the county. KDYS also provides services **to young people and families** on an outreach and online basis.

KDYS **operates** from 9 youth centres in key locations, 5 are open for community use. In 2022, we accommodated over 60 community groups and services **across our centres**.

30 locations on Google maps – <https://shorturl.at/lwLU3>

## KDYS employed

65

full time workers in 2022



Social Media Reach  
175,535

YI Chat  
2,422

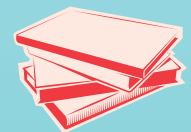


65  
Staff  
attended  
training

4.3  
average number of  
training attended  
per person

4

Staff took part in  
training ran by  
Hub na nÓg



All staff participated in  
self-directed learning

5

Staff  
graduated  
in 2022

5

Staff attending  
Further Ed  
/ Third Level

## Volunteers around the County

331 Volunteers supported Youth Clubs  
29 Volunteers supported Youth Mentoring  
20 Volunteers supported UBU Group Activities

65+

Young people took  
part in youth  
participation training

# KDYS Impact Report 2022

**KDYS**  
Kerry Diocesan Youth Service

"Workers' willingness to go the extra mile and extend themselves for the young people they work with."

"The work KDYS does is phenomenal and your dedication to young people is commendable."

"Pleasure to work together, have been a positive influence on young people."

"Can I just highlight that the presence of the male Cróige worker to meet this dad where he was at was the turning point in this case, it stopped 3 children coming into care."

A parent told me recently that I was "a diamond, and there was none better."

Said she is so grateful for the work that was carried out, that she feels it has changed her son's life.

"I am treated here by the staff like I am a human being and not just an addict"

"Since the access was taken over by Cróige it is much better we get to spend 3 hours together a month and do fun activities instead of 45 mins a week in a hall."

## Snapshot of KDYS Events and Awards 2022

**April 2022**

KDYS Killarney accommodation wing opens it's doors to Ukrainian families

**June 2022**

Berni Smyth, CEO, joins KDYS

**June 2022**

Nicola O'Sullivan, HR Manager, wins Connect Kerry 'Women in Business Award'

**September 2022**

KDYS welcomes Bernard Gloster CEO of Tusla

**September 2022**

John Slattery, Finance Manager, joins KDYS

**September 2022**

KDYS Comhairle na nÓg win a silver Kerry Community Award

**October 2022**

KDYS hosts Panel Discussion on Youth Mental Health for Kerry Mental Health and Wellbeing Week 2022

**November 2022**

KDYS Carnegie Youth Centre, Listowel wins 'Best Public Building', Tidy Towns Award 2022

**November 2022**

KDYS Strategic Plan (2023 – 2026) approved by the Board of Directors

**December 2022**

Public campaign to recruit new Board members commences

**December 2022**

KDYS celebrates long service awards with two of our most dedicated employees.