



Youth Work Ireland

BUDGET 2025

Pre-Budget Submission.



CAPITAL FUNDING

- Funding to renovate existing youth facilities.
- Funding to improve access for young people with a disability.
- Funding to develop new physical infrastructures for youth work services.



INFLATION ADJUSTMENT

- A 5% Inflation adjustment to the main youth funding streams.



COST OF LIVING

- Reverse the lower rates of social welfare and minimum wages for young people to enable them cope with the cost-of-living increases.



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YOUTH WORK STAFF

- 13% increase in all funding schemes to address the massive pressures relating to staffing.



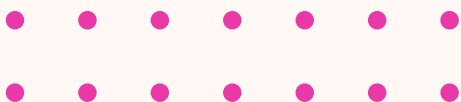
EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

- Fast track reform of Leaving Certificate and reintroduce the Early School Leavers Survey
- Conduct a substantial research study on “Emotionally Based School Avoidance”
- Increase support for literacy and numeracy work.
- Increase support for voluntary youth services who work with early school leavers and the hardest to reach young people.



HEALTH

- Funding to allow the national roll out of key health related programmes and projects.





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YOUTH CLUBS



- Extra funding to bring Youth Clubs back to pre-pandemic levels, allowing for the provision of universal youth work.



YOUTH INFORMATION

- Increase funding for youth information services and officers to cater for the needs of young people when it comes to accessing important information.



HOUSING AND HOMELESS

- Implement the Youth Homelessness Strategy
- Provide clarity for licensees in shared rented properties.
- Improve statistics of the impact of homelessness on young people.