



Youth Work Ireland
Cavan Monaghan

"Be Young, Be You, Belong"

Annual Report

2018 - 2019





Chairperson's Address

Welcome one and all to the annual general meeting of Youth Work Ireland Cavan Monaghan. This event is a wonderful opportunity to express in person our thanks and appreciation to our communities, stakeholders, staff, and of course the young people of counties Cavan and Monaghan for whom we exist. We consistently strive to meet your needs and interests and to provide spaces where you can meet friends while you grow and develop into even more outstanding young people. We continue to try to have our AGM truly reflect the organisation and its ethos and to involve our young people who are, after all, the stars of the show.

It has been another year of consolidation and growth for Youth Work Ireland Cavan Monaghan. We have welcomed new staff and additional projects and have had yet more young people engaging with our service. We have been innovative and creative in our provision of services across our projects and summer camps. Quality provision of youth work services, the participation and involvement of young people and engagement and contribution to our communities remains high on our priorities and we are excited to continue into the next year.

Of course, our work cannot be done in isolation and there are so many people and organisations to thank for their contributions and support over the past year. Collaborative relationships and successful working partnerships are crucial to providing the best service we can to young people and I offer my sincerest thanks for all those who have been involved in any way. Thank you to our many stakeholders, community organisations and funders for all of your assistance and involvement.

My thanks also to the voluntary Board of Youth Work Ireland Cavan Monaghan who give up their own time and expertise in order to ensure we continue to advocate and serve the young people in our catchment area. We welcome new members and thank outgoing members for the part they have played in building and maintaining the organisation. It is humbling and a source of great pride to have been involved with the organisation over the past few years. I also encourage people in the local communities to get involved as a board member or volunteer or in whatever way you can so that we can continue to be truly representative of the communities we seek to serve.



Chairperson's Address Cont.

To our staff, who give so much to their work and whose relationships with our young people and hard work behind the scenes make youth work possible, I convey my sincerest gratitude and admiration. Thank you for showing up every day and bringing enthusiasm and creativity to your work. Thank you for your planning and administration which isn't the most exciting element of your job but which is essential and necessary none the less and makes everything else possible. Thank you for all that you do to make our young people feel safe and welcome in our many projects. Most of all thank you for striving to be better and do better, for bringing creativity and enthusiasm to your work, for thinking outside the box and for empowering our young people to have the resilience to make the right decisions. You are the lifeblood of Youth Work Ireland Cavan Monaghan and at this AGM we celebrate you and your successes.

Finally, I would like to extend the greatest note of thanks to the young people of Cavan and Monaghan for whom we do what we do. Our purpose is to ensure that the young people in our catchment area have somewhere to go, something to do and someone to talk to. We are committed to the provision of quality service, designed around your needs and interests and being a support and advocate for you. We will continue to champion you, to revel in your achievements, to stand with you always and to listen to your requests and suggestions. Thank you all for allowing us to be part of your journeys, for getting involved and for keeping us humble. Your value cannot be measured but we recognise your worth.

We look forward to new challenges and successes in the future and to continue working in partnership across both counties.

Thank you all,
Shirley Donegan
Chairperson of the Board of YWICM.



Regional Director's Address

Our AGM gives us the opportunity to take stock and recognise all of the pieces of work that have been achieved, the milestones accomplished, the challenges overcome and the targets we have hit. It is my continued privilege to work alongside my staff colleagues and our hugely dedicated volunteer team towards our vision, to support the young people in Cavan & Monaghan who draw so much benefit from this great service. When I was drafting this report I began to list the achievements of the projects over the past 12 months, but before reaching March I realised that should I include them all in this report I would be personally responsible for global deforestation. Notwithstanding some key pieces are deserving of special mention.

Firstly however I must thank the staff team who have enabled all of this work to take place; this team comprised of both paid staff and volunteers continue to astonish me with their commitment, passion and dedication to the organisation and the young people we are privileged to support. This year we welcome a number of new faces to the staff panel and I would like to take this opportunity to wish them a very happy, fulfilling and successful career.

We boasted two hugely successful conferences over the last number of months. In March the Digital Health Conference took place in Cavan. This landmark event came about as the result of a huge effort on the part of a number of agencies working together through CYPSC and supported by Healthy Ireland. For our part I know everyone involved will join me in thanking both Michelle & Freda for their efforts in making the conference the huge success it was. This was followed in June with our IFI Health Conference driven from formulation to actualisation by Alan Ryan. Between the two conferences over 800 young people were in attendance across the two counties.

Our projects have continued to respond to the evolving, changing and complex needs of the young people they engage with. We have worked both harder and smarter this year utilising the full staff team as well as once again engaging powerfully in interagency work to ensure the most complete possible services are available to the young people of Cavan & Monaghan.





Regional Director's Address Cont.

We continue to grow with projects such as Comhairle na nÓg being delivered very successfully over the last year and key events and research being undertaken as a direct result around relationships for young people as well as hosting Monaghan's first ever Let's Talk event with local election candidates being grilled by young people.

We also continue to support the development of youth work on a national level through our continued work on the National Detached Youth Work project through Youth Work Ireland. To this end we have produced literature, research and publications which will have an impact far beyond the borders of our two counties.

While we continue to grow on order to meet the needs of young people in both Cavan & Monaghan much of the last 12 months has been spent consolidating our foundations in order to meet our value of sustainability and ensure this service will continue to carry out it's amazing work and meet the needs of young people far into the future. This work will continue will into the future but the foundations for a support structure that will be truly fit to drive this organisation into the future are firmly laid.

A special word of thanks as always must be extended to the Board of Directors; the volunteers who give so much of their time and energy to support the work of this organisation through their strategic oversight and governance. In particular I would thank our chairperson Shirley Donegan who so ably steers the organisation with a truly youth centred vision and focus.

I would finally thank all of our stakeholders, partners, members and ultimately I thank our young people; without you, your work & your energy none of us could do what we do, Thank you all.

Caolán Faux
Acting Regional Director



Overview of Youth Work Ireland Cavan Monaghan

Vision

‘That all young people in Co. Monaghan are empowered and supported to build better communities, where they are happy, listened to, respected and valued as individuals, to realise their potential’.

Mission

‘That as trusted partners of young people and their communities working to empower and support them, realise their potential and ensure their voices are heard by creating opportunities and safe spaces for them throughout our areas of work’.

Why do we do it?

We believe that all young people have the right to access youth service facilities. In Rural Ireland these services can be more difficult to access and so we endeavour to find new, innovative and creative ways to work effectively in our service delivery reaching as many young people as we possibly can.

Our Values

- Voluntary Participation & the Youth Work Relationship
- Quality Services
- Progressive
- Equity & Diversity
- Young Person Centered
- Volunteerism
- Fun & Enjoyment
- Partnership & Cooperation
- Sustainability



Strategic Objectives

- Ensure strong and inclusive youth work development in our areas of work, both in terms of capacity and understanding. Influence & create policies involving young people and youth work at local & national level.
- Ensure highly trained, well informed, passionate staff and volunteers for the provision of Youth Work in the community.
- Ensure our service is effectively managed and is sustainable in the long term, in particular secure financial stability.
- Be an effective advocate for young people in our community maximising their participation and empowerment.
- Ensure the most marginalised young people in our areas of work have access to our services and have their voices heard.

Our Funders & Partners in 2018 -2019 are:



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Youth Work Ireland
Cavan Monaghan

Include Youth Service

Include Youth service is an augmented service formerly known as our Early School Leavers Programme and is one which has been growing from strength to strength in recent years. With an ever growing staff team, Include Youth Service provide provisions across the towns of Clones, Castleblayney and Ballybay in response to the needs of young people.

Include Youth Service is a vibrant, exciting and responsive project, adapting significantly to the needs of the young people they work with. The young people have enjoyed great success this year after the First Year drop-in group won their category in the Eco Unesco Project, entered the X-hale Youth Awards with their self-recorded and edited video and took part in many more great projects.

The groups of young people engaging in Clones include Junior Drop In, Senior Drop In, First Year Crew, Young Men's Group, Stepping Out LGBT+ Group, Young Adult support group and a range of short term summer and occasional programmes.

With young people traveling from rural areas all around Clones, the service is always looking for new and innovative ways to reach the many young people who need and want our service. We look forward to the growth of our Ballybay service and are excited to see what the next year brings for this ever changing, flexible and growing youth service.

"I attend the Youth Club weekly as I always feel welcome. There is a supportive, friendly and homely atmosphere and we have a sense of achievement when the youth workers help us achieve tasks we never would have had the chance to achieve." C.N. Age 18



Youthers CMX

Youthers has a steady flow of young people attending the service weekly with 20-25 young people attending daily, during term time is open 5 days a week with 2 part time Youth Information Staff Melissa and Olivia, 2 dedicated volunteers Sandra and Rachel and detached staff Alan, Sheila, Sandra, Cassandra, Stephen, and Lisa working with young people on Thursday and Fridays. We also had four students this year, Eimear, Cassandra, Hanna and Samantha who were a great help in delivering our service.

This year we had a music group running from September 18 in preparation for the Irish Youth Music Awards, with 3 Acts from Carrick taking part in the Regional Event in Castleblayney in February, Danielle Scotson, Niamh Stevens and HedCase. Hedcase won overall and represented Monaghan at the IYMAS National Day in May this year. They were the final act of the competition and they took to the stage by storm and rocked out Croke Park!

Time was taken this year to recruit some new young people to the service, and a new First Year Group has been formed, which has breathed a new lease of life into Youthers. With many who are in the group bringing more friends along to Drop in. Summer Programmes have also been dedicated to recruited new members into Youthers and are going very well. We have had sports, music, arts and crafts, dance and many fun activities to attract new young people to the service and look forward to a new term in September 2019!



Youthers CMX Cont.

Youth Employability - Ulster Bank Grant

Ulster Bank Skills and Opportunity Grant has benefitted so many young people in Carrick, in Stage 1 8 young people engaged in a Youth Employability Programme which provided them with TUTORING IN QQI LEVEL 3 and 4, Driving Programme including prep for theory test, learner permit and 12 lessons, as well as infidel courses to suit their needs to make them more employable like manual handling, first aid and child protection training. 6 of the young people returned to full time education in September 18 and two of them returned to Youthers as Volunteers as part of their college courses! Stage 1 ended in a residential to Carlingford, which was hugely enjoyed by all.

The remaining grant under Ulster Bank was then dedicated to the Young Men's and Women's Group in Carrickmacross, where the young people had the opportunity to up skill and explore career opportunities, which included safe pass courses, hair dressing, beauty, CV Prep and Driver Theory Programme and Driving Lessons. This grant has been invaluable to the service and the young people, as they have been given some many opportunities to grow and up skill to make them more employable in the future!

Don't Pour Your Dreams Away

The Don't Pour Your Dreams Away Campaign happened in September 2018 where YWI Cavan Monaghan, Integrated Development, Foroige and An Garda Siochana visit all 12 secondary schools in the first 2 weeks in September and deliver a workshop to students getting their Junior Cert Results about safe socializing and alcohol awareness. 900 students are in attendance at the workshops. Detached are then present on the streets and at local discos the around the time of the results to ensure young people's safety.



Castleblayney Youth Café

Castleblayney Youth Cafe continues to grow and develop its premises in the Wellbeing Centre. Successful applications for capital funding have meant we have been able to convert more rooms into office space not only for our organisation but also for fellow youth organisations which ensures that young people receive the most complete possible service & we continue to pioneer interagency models of practice.

Our young people continue to take part in events and programmes held locally and nationally including Cruinniú na nÓg, X-hale, Irish Youth Music Awards and Eco-Unesco. The Eco Club put a huge effort into their Youth for Sustainable Development Programme this year and were rewarded for their efforts when they won where the group won Junior Eco-Community Development Award. The groups also enjoyed various outings to Farmophobia, The groups also held their annual fancy dress Halloween and Christmas party's.

The LGBT+ Ally group has a busy year as it jointly held the Queer Ball and an LGBT+ Christmas party which were attended by groups from Cavan, Monaghan, Louth and Meath. Throughout the year the group had been working on an LGBT song, that they wrote and performed at the Christmas party. Since then the group have recorded the song professionally and are in the process of creating a music video for the song.

Our young people have once again been busy with summer programmes in the Café and this year has seen a mix of sports, arts & crafts, outdoor pursuits, samba drumming, dance and watersports taking place.



Bounce Back Youth Service

The ongoing collaboration between the ISPC and Youth Work Ireland Cavan Monaghan is key in allowing the Bounce Back project grow from strength to strength each year. Bounce Back has accumulated a high quality panel of volunteers without which their passion and commitment we would be unable to deliver the excellent service we do. Bounce Back Youth Service has seen an increasing number of referrals of young people which is testimony to the efforts from the team and the developing positive reputation within Cavan.

The Bounce Back South East project has run programs around the issues faced by young people in Cavan which included:

- Early School Leaver Prevention
- Sports and Drama
- Mind the Gap
- Mental health and Wellbeing
- LGBT Drop In's
- One to One Sessions
- Youth Café's (Ballyjamesduff, Bailieborough and Virginia)

Bounce Back South East participated in the X-Hale Awards 2019 and won a prize for the third year running. This year staff and young people also gave a presentation on how youth services will be funded in the future. This took place in Croke park in the presence of the Minister for Child and Youth Affairs Catherine Zappone and other professionals from all round Ireland.



Bounce Back Youth Service - West Cavan

One of the highlights of 2019 was the successful staging of a county wide digital health conference. The West Cavan staff and young people were very dedicated to this piece of work and held a successful day event reaching out to over 580 young people with the support of many other interagencies in March 2019. The theme for the conference was 'Be a Buddy not a Bully'.

Senior and Junior youth café members of Ballyconnell entered the St. Patricks Day Parade in which they were successful in winning Best Junior 2019. Meeting the needs in all catchment areas, West Cavan held the following programmes weekly: youth café's, study clubs, early school leaver prevention programmes, personal development programmes-which included Cooking, wellness, etc, soccer league, one-to-ones, tidy towns, we held regular focus groups with young people and finally our detached work.

Throughout the mid-term breaks in 2019, 3 multisport weeks were held in the Cavan leisure complex which BBYS SE kindly gave the young people of Swanlinbar, Ballyconnell and Belturbet the opportunity to come together to participate in various sporting activities.

This summer West Cavan offered five weeks of summer programmes which included: Life skills, Multisport and performing Arts to which all filled to capacity. They had three day trips with the young people to engage in canoeing, orienteering and a visit to the share centre in Lisnaskea.



LGBT+ Ally Groups

Our LGBT+ Ally groups offer a safe space for all LGBT+ young people and their friends to come along and chat with members of staff, make new friends or just chat with existing friends. The groups also take part in regional and national events as well as create their own local and regional events such as the Queer Ball and Christmas parties.

At the start of this year the LGBT+ Ally groups, attended the Colour Run organised by Monaghan Comraile as part of their theme of Equality in 2018 and were so thankful to accept €1000 donation from them, from the proceeds of the event. The Carrickmacross group were also delighted to receive a grant of €2000 from Monaghan County Council to reprint the very successful booklets they made called the A-Z OF LGBT.

The Ally groups also hosted a LGBT+ Christmas Party, where young people from Monaghan, Dundalk, Meath and Drogheda joined together for some Christmas festivities. Two members of the CMX group attended Belongto Peer Leader Training in Dublin, where they were given skills to work as Junior Leaders in their group. Some of the groups have also made a few trips to Drogheda to meet Boomerang LGBT+ group, where many friendships and bonds have been formed. More recently the Boomerang LGBT ally group visited Youthers CMX over the summer to meet up with the Monaghan Groups. The young people hosted 3 different workshops including creating Mocktails, making Sushi (everyone gave it a try but was not to everyone's taste!), doing a bit of art Scrafetti, followed by a trip to Dun a Ri Forrest park for a picnic and to chill out, have a chat together and make new friends.

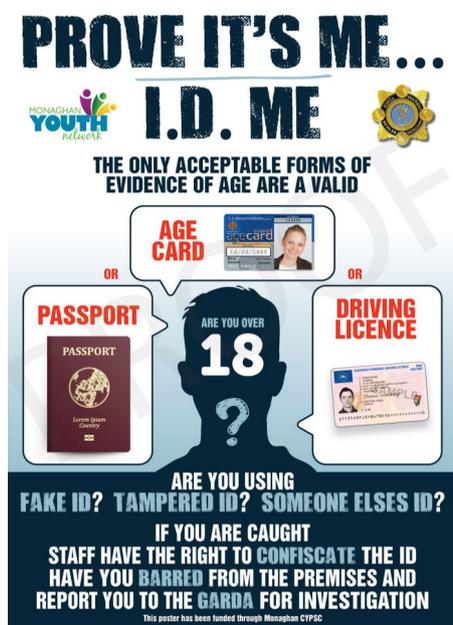


DETACHED YOUTH WORK

Youth Work Ireland Cavan Monaghan continues to grow and develop its Detached Project throughout counties Cavan and Monaghan. The Detached project provides a vital service to you young people who are otherwise unattached to youth service providers or those that require additional support at difficult times in their lives. Detached is known in Cavan and Monaghan for being a key player in Safe Socialising and community engagement, for working with the most in need and marginalised young people in our counties.

Our Detached Youth Workers continue to engage with young people every Friday night in Monaghan Town, Carrickmaross, Belturbet, Virginia, Ballyjamesduff & Baileborough. Underage drinking, drugs and mental health continue to be the dominant issues facing young people and workers tackle these issues most nights they are out. Our involvement in Safe Socialising committees continues to grow and develop and one of the areas we developed this year is the forms of identification young people are allowed to use when entering a licensed premises.

Nationally Youth Work Ireland Cavan Monaghan continues to lead out the national roll out of the Detached Youth Work Model to 10 Youth Work Ireland member services. So far we have had site visits from Limerick Youth Service and Ferns Diocesan Youth Service who watched our staff engaging with young people and the safety protocols now in place at junior disco events. We also provide advice to each service as their needs and issues grow.



International Fund for Ireland Projects

Youth Work Ireland Cavan Monaghan is involved in two International Fund for Ireland Projects. Our Peace Impact Project (PIP) works with marginalised communities on both sides of the border addressing key issues that are negatively affecting young people's lives, namely, anti-social behaviour, addiction, mental ill health and radicalisation. Throughout the year our PIP worker has been working on leadership and mental & sexual health programmes with young people engaged through detached youth work. The project was completed in June culminating in a Cross Border Mental Health Conference which was attended by over 160 young people from schools in Monaghan and Fermanagh. The conference, which was held in Omniplex in Monaghan, included three guest speakers who talked about their individual experiences of mental health, how they were able to overcome them and the importance of education and support networks.

Our Personal Development for Young People (PDYP) project, which covers Cavan & Monaghan, offers a one-to-one service for young people aged 16-24yrs who are not in education to recognise their true potential, identify their strengths and weaknesses, set goals and targets and develop an action plan to achieve them, take part in training courses and develop new skills. Throughout the year our PDYP worker has been engaging with young people on a one to one basis, offering support and guidance to them, allowing them to set goals and then finding the best way to achieve them. This has included safe pass training, manual handling training, driver theory test preparation, driving lessons and any emotional support needed during the learning process. Several young people have already found employment through apprenticeships or returned to education.



Comhairle na nÓg

This year was the first year that Youth Work Ireland Cavan Monaghan facilitated the Monaghan Comhairle na nÓg programme. The Comhairle is a Youth Council made up of young people from all across Co. Monaghan who the opportunity to be involved in the development of local services and policies.

Each year the Comhairle select a key topic to work on. In the past, Monaghan Comhairle have worked on topics such as Mental Health and LGBT+. This year the Comhairle decided to work on Promoting Positive Relationships amongst young people, this was to be an awareness campaign. The Comhairle developed a survey for young people to complete which was based on “Relationship”, questions such as “what is your understanding of consent?” and “what is understanding of the word Sexting?” were asked. The survey was collected over 500 responses and the Comhairle are currently working on producing the findings of the survey. Monaghan Comhairle na nÓg are also in the process of developing posters and a video to raise awareness of promoting positive relationships.

This year Monaghan Comhairle na nÓg became the first Comhairle in the country to develop an anti-bully policy, this was achieved by working alongside the ISPCC and was celebrated at an award ceremony in March. The Comhairle were also the first Comhairle in the country to develop a newsletter which has helped raise the profile of Monaghan Comhairle na nÓg and also keep other young people updated on the work of Monaghan Comhairle na nÓg. Members of the Comhairle regularly write up updates for the newsletter.



Comhairle na nÓg cont.

In May of this year, Monaghan Comhairle na nÓg hosted its first “Let’s Talk” event in the Ballybay Wetlands. This event was an opportunity for young people from across Monaghan to discuss issues that directly affect them such as Mental health, Youth employability, Transport and Climate Change. Invites were sent out to the local candidates who were running for election in the County Council elections in late May, a number of the candidates accepted the invite and attended the event. Young people had the opportunity to ask the candidates questions in relation to the topics that were spoken about. Overall it was a successful event and was beneficial to all that attended, both young and old.

Monaghan Comhairle have had a very year so far with other highlights including meeting the Minister of Children and Youth Affairs and the Ombudsman for Children and also presenting findings of some research they completed in getting a Safe Socializing message out to 12/13 year olds to the Joint Policing Committee in Monaghan, with more to come such as a cross boarder youth project and the AGM in October.





Journeys

The Journeys is a Peace VI funded programme with a cross border element. The programme has a focus of 3 elements, these being Personal Development, Good Relations and Citizenship. The programme focused on young people who are aged between 16 – 24 years of age, live in the Cavan and Monaghan area and are not in education, training or employment. The aim of the programme is to provide the participants with a positive change in their lifestyle and help the young people develop their soft skills, in terms of increase self-confidence, recognize positive relationships in their lives, improve their leadership skills and skills to support their own health and wellbeing and respect for diversity.

The programme enjoyed key successes this year with several team building days including a trip to Tanagh Outdoor Education Centre and going to Belfast for the Xceler8's Master Class event where the group got the opportunity to meet other cross border peace project's. The proudest event that the young people on involved partnering up with the Simon Community and Sleep Out Cavan to hosted a 'Sleep Out' outside Cavan Library to raise awareness & money for homeless people and families in the Cavan/Monaghan area. This was completed as part of the Journeys programme #DAYON. The group also attended the Cross Border Journeys Camp 2019 which provided great activities and created new friendships and memories that they will never forget!

The project now moves into its last phase of the programme where staff are focusing on helping the young people reach their goals in terms of securing a place in college, an apprenticeship or finding employment.



Amplify

Amplify is a Peace IV project providing support to young people aged between 16-24yrs. It is a needs led project that focuses on inclusion and supporting young people to reach their potential. Recruitment of participants is often the biggest challenge to a new project, however after a long recruitment process we are now engaging a brilliant group of young people who have diverse and unique personalities from different backgrounds. The young people engaged in the programme have a lot of complex individual needs which are being addressed through the programme. These issues in particular revolve around asylum seekers, language barriers and emotional trauma stemming from conflict in their home country. Other issues being addressed through the project include support for young people with learning difficulties, addressing social isolation and issues facing young people residing in care.

Amplify is unique in the sense that we are able to be flexible and creative in the activities and service that we provide. This allows us to mould the programme content to the needs, interests, and abilities of the group. Particular highlights of the group to date have been joint teambuilding day with Amplify Kilkeel and Amplify Louth and the completion of a Manual Handling training course. We have also addressed the area of community relations through an ongoing programme with Arts Ekta to explore a range of cultures, addressed the area of Citizenship and promoted the integration and community involvement of the group through ongoing volunteering with Clones Tidy Towns.

The project is now going from strength to strength into the new term. Having increased our profile and connections within County Monaghan we are confident in the growing success of the current group and the new group which will begin in January 2020. We look forward to the new experiences, successes, and challenges which the future will bring.



Club Development

Our Club Development Officer continues to grow our clubs base and this year has seen the creation of two new clubs in Co. Cavan. The first club was set up in Kingscourt with the help and support of two volunteers, Cassandra Taaffe & Shauna Kelly, who have been instrumental in developing the club on a weekly basis by increasing the number of young people attending and successfully applying for local youth club grants. The second youth club was set up in Cootehill with the help of four new volunteers and that club, which is only up and running a few weeks will continue to grow and develop its membership base as word spreads about the club.

Scotshouse Youth Service in Co. Monaghan continues to provide a high quality youth club to all of its members and has successfully applied for grants to redevelop rooms in Scotshouse Community Centre and change them into chill out spaces for young people. The youth club has also held a successful Community Youth Fun Day as part of The Big Hello community weekend initiative and an Intercultural . These clubs show the positive impact a club can have for young people in rural communities and we will continue to grow our club base in counties Monaghan and Cavan over the coming year so we can strive to reach more young people.



Fundraising

Throughout the year we have had a plethora of fundraising events in order to grow and develop our services around counties Cavan and Monaghan. Annual fundraising events which took place this year include table quizzes, bucket and church gate collections and a nationwide bag packing event held in Tesco's all around Ireland. Our staff and volunteers continue to give up their free time to shake buckets and pack bags that collect vital donations every year to support all of our services.

This year we had another large scale fundraiser with a Golf Classic taking place, to raise funds for our projects, on Wednesday the 19th June 2019 in the Nuremore Golf Club, Carrickmacross. Many teams took part including, the Local Gardai from Carrickmacross, Sign Engineering, McDuff Builders, Seamie Walsh Interiors and Callans of the Bridge. Teams took to the marvelous course for the afternoon, where they were treated to fantastic warm weather and stunning views and came back ready for the 3 course meal included in the fundraiser. Olivia Hobbs who dedicated so much of her time to the event, commented that many local businesses donated to the fundraising classic and showed their dedication to the improvement of young people's lives in the local area. Thank you to all who donated their time and money to the Golf Classic and any other fundraising event we held throughout the year.





Digital Health Conference

It is absolutely everywhere and yet in many ways we never stop to think about digital health. Following an identified need back in 2018 Bounce Back began to explore options to develop our work and highlight this area. Through CYPSC we were able to unlock funding through Healthy Ireland on a project that was to become one of the single most successful examples of interagency work in the youth sector ever to take place in this region.

The staff of Youth Work Ireland Cavan Monaghan & ISPCC are no strangers to working in partnership on Bounce Back but this was something new; the planning table featured colleagues and partners from Foróige, Breffni Integrated, CYPSC, CMETB, Cavan Youth Arts, Killishandra FRC, Teach Oscail FRC and still others besides.

We worked closely with schools in the run up to the conference and were delighted to run a number of competitions and focus groups which enriched the final conference to no end. We must offer special thanks to the Kilmore for sponsoring their fantastic Country Suite, which allowed us to accommodate almost 600 young people at the Conference for a day rich in facts and realistic in balance.

This was never a cyber hazard initiative; shocking and awing kids with it's horror stories, this was a Digital Health Conference; a celebration of the reality that is the advancement of the digital world and a toolkit for young people, parents and professionals to feel slightly more confident in ensuring that this phenomenal resource is used with balance, perspective and the respect it deserves.

The legacy of this conference has been far reaching with meetings being sought by the Education Sector's Curriculum development officer as well as invitations being extended to Youth Work Ireland Cavan Monaghan to send staff to Cyprus to participate and present at a European Digital Health Conference. The work continues with further bids being made in recent weeks to CYPSC's in both Cavan & Monaghan to build on the fantastic work that was celebrated in the Hotel Kilmore in March 2019.

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Priorities for 2019 -2020

- Continue to develop the systems required to support our work
- Ensure that every town in Monaghan has an active Youth Service open at the times Young People need it to be.
- Club Development
- Volunteer Support
- Continue to develop interagency work in the county
- Support LGBT+ Youth Service provision
- Continue to strengthen our existing services
- Branding and Promotion
- Launch West Cavan Project
- Launch new centres

