



ARDOYNE
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Annual Report 20-21

Chairperson's introduction



Ardoyne Youth Enterprise strives to promote, develop, and support the voluntary and community sector and in particular those organisations offering youth services and support to children and young people aged 5 to 25.

The health and wellbeing of our young people lies at the heart of our ethos, however, 2020-21 was a very turbulent year for young people and the community, and for the youth and community services that support them.

In March 2020, Covid 19 brought an abrupt halt to all our face-to-face work for an indefinite period and left everyone uncertain about the future. The crisis worsened community inequalities and many of the issues that affect young people. At Ardoyne Youth Enterprise, we immediately re-evaluated how we deliver our work so we could best support young people through the pandemic. Thanks to the strong relationships built over the years, we were able to adapt quickly and offer a blended Covid 19 response programme of online outreach, group work and support for crisis intervention initiatives, moving to face-to-face outreach, stalls, and group work when restrictions allowed.

With your support, we continued to work hard to develop services, opportunities and strategic gains to youth organisations and young people, and to play a pivotal role in community development and service delivery in Ardoyne, Marrowbone and across North Belfast.

Thanks to my colleagues on the Board of Directors, our staff and partners, Ardoyne Youth Enterprise also successfully managed the change to a new Director. We are extremely grateful to Shane Whelehan for giving his expertise and dedication to AYE for many years, and for facilitating the transition in the spring of 2020. We were delighted to welcome Thomas Turley as our new Director, and we have greatly benefited from his years of experience and his deep understanding of the needs of the youth and community sector, the Ardoyne area, and its neighbours.

As an organisation, we find ourselves in a stronger position at the end of a very challenging year. We continue to be widely recognised as a provider of youth and community support, as a supportive and dependable organisation that fosters partnerships to enhance services for everyone in Ardoyne and its neighbouring areas.

Some of the highlights of the year:

- A sustained programme of youth outreach and early intervention to keep in touch with young people who faced severely reduced access to clubs and activities.
- Supporting community spirits through a virtual music festival, writing competition and talent show for young people, a sunflower and hula-hoop challenge with Ardoyne Association and delivering family activity packs for the Community Foodbank.
- A guide to Covid 19 community support services for North Belfast Advice Partnership and delivering crisis support together with our partner organisations.
- The fourth year of our Monkstown Ardoyne diversity and empowerment programme for young people with Monkstown Boxing Club, second year of our Uniting Opportunities programme with Ashton Community Trust and continued mentoring programme with R City.
- An increased programme of OCNNI courses to support emerging young leaders, develop youth workers' capacity and respond to increased demand for training for youth clubs and GRACE Family Centre community volunteers.
- Strengthening our Welcoming Newcomers programme to promote the integration of migrants and asylum seekers and support them through the crisis.

On behalf of the Board of Directors at AYE, I would like to thank everyone who contributes to the success of the organisation - local youth providers in Ardoyne and neighbouring communities, our staff and volunteers and our funders for their ongoing confidence in this project. I trust we can continue to work with you to help shape a better future for our young people in these challenging times.

Finally, I want to thank the young people of Ardoyne for your contributions to the community through a very difficult year. AYE and its partners will continue to support you through the next stages.

I hope the information you find here gives you a better understanding of our organisation and the wider community youth network in the Ardoyne, Marrowbone and Oldpark areas of North Belfast. We will continue to be responsive to local needs, using a collaborative approach to ensure that a high quality, effective and efficient youth service is delivered.

Yours faithfully

Sally Smyth, Chairperson

Partnership

Partnership is central to youth, community development and good relations work. It was crucial in dealing with the current crisis.



We joined forces with the Community Foodbank to deliver family activities packs and meals deliveries; and with North Belfast Advice Partnership to produce a guide to Covid 19 crisis support services in North Belfast.

We partnered with youth providers, sports clubs, Belfast City Council and the Education Authority to offer targeted support to young people and planned intervention programmes to defuse tensions at crisis times and potential flash points.

We supported local youth clubs to set up an EA funded coordinated outreach detached service in the Ardoyne and Marrowbone area.

We ran the fourth year of MADE, a youth diversity and empowerment partnership with Monkstown Boxing Club, supported by North Belfast Strategic Good Relations Programme (NBSGRP). NBSGRP also enabled us to deliver:

- cross-community OCNNI Level 2 courses for young leaders;
- intensive mentoring for at-risk young people in Ardoyne and Shankill;
- support packs and online activities to support young people and keep spirits up
- support for newcomer families in need and a continued programme of workshops to increase our communities' capacity to integrate new migrants.

We worked on community cohesion initiatives with North Belfast Advice Partnership and Ardoyne Association.

We supported members and partners through online and socially distanced youth providers meetings and information sharing. We provided communications support for community groups in the Urban Village area.

Board member of: Crumlin Ardoyne Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership; North Belfast Strategic Good Relations Partnership; Glenbrook Surestart, Development Trusts NI.

Chair of: Crumlin Ardoyne Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Youth Sub-Group.

Member of: Ardoyne Education Task Group; Ardoyne Marrowbone Sports Forum; Greater Ardoyne Tension Monitoring Group; North Belfast Family Support Hub; North Belfast Urban Villages Steering Reference Group; TASCIT steering group.

- ⇒ 3,000+ hours of youth work
- ⇒ 3,555 outreach engagements
- ⇒ 449 referrals to youth clubs and services
- ⇒ 17 young people in mentoring programme
- ⇒ 48 young people in planned intervention groups
- ⇒ 128 participants in accredited training
- ⇒ 58 participants in online talent show and writing competition
- ⇒ 12 youth work volunteers
- ⇒ 772 activity kits and support packs
- ⇒ 35 phone data vouchers
- ⇒ 70 hot meals
- ⇒ 12 outreach stalls

Supporting young people and the community

In 2020-21, our 4 part-time youth workers ran a busy support, outreach and development programme with the help of volunteers, trainers and partner organisations. We also provided wider community support in Ardoyne and wider North Belfast.

In a year marked by lockdowns and restrictions, we delivered, facilitated and commissioned over **3,000** hours of online and face-to-face youth work. We were unable to conduct indoors drop-in and had to reduce our face-to-face group work but we greatly increased online support, outdoor activities and street outreach.

OUTREACH

We had **3,555** outreach engagements with young people (April to July: 315 online engagements – August to March: 3,240 engagements through street outreach and in three outreach stalls).

We made **449** referrals to youth clubs, activities and support services.

32 children and young people joined in our online talent show and **26** in our story writing competition.

GROUP WORK

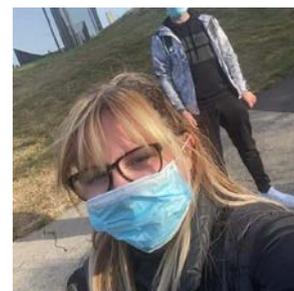
18 young men took part in our MADE diversity and empowerment programme.

14 young women took part in our Uniting Opportunities young women's group.

16 young men were involved in our older lads group.

MENTORING

17 young people received mentoring support.



TRAINING

12 youth leaders, volunteers and aspiring youth workers participated in OCNNI Level 2 training in youth work practice.

21 young people and **5** vulnerable adults participated in OCNNI 1 training in personal motivation.

28 young people participated in OCNNI 2 training in leadership and mentoring skills (youth leadership, peer mentoring, mentoring skills).

20 young people participated in OCNNI Level 2 training in mental health awareness.

18 young people participated in OCNNI Level 1 diversity and good relations training.

24 young people participated in OCNNI Level 2 diversity and good relations training.

116 course participants achieved an OCNNI qualification.

VOLUNTEERING

20 young people contributed to our videos promoting positive mental health, Covid 19 measures, hula hoop fitness challenge and International Women's Day.

8 young people hosted an online study visit by UMASS students and staff.

12 young people volunteered to support youth workers on our MADE programme, gardening project, Flax Street Clean up outreach stalls and making packs for the community foodbank.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

360 North Belfast families received our sunflower and hula-hoop challenge kits.

We delivered **772** support packs and activities packs,

72 hot meals and **35** phone data vouchers to families and young people across wider North Belfast.

158 senior citizens received Christmas cards from our young people.

Over **3,000** people joined in our virtual music festivals, film night and online lecture. Altogether, these events received over **20,300** views.

We produced **2** guides to Covid 19 community support for North Belfast Advice Partnership, on www.ardoyne.org and delivered to North Belfast groups and families.

Some highlights in the following pages



Reaching out to young people

Our youth workers mainly work with young people who do not usually engage with youth services in the area.

In 2020-21, the outreach detached and drop-in service was severely disrupted by the Covid crisis so we found other ways to engage with young people.

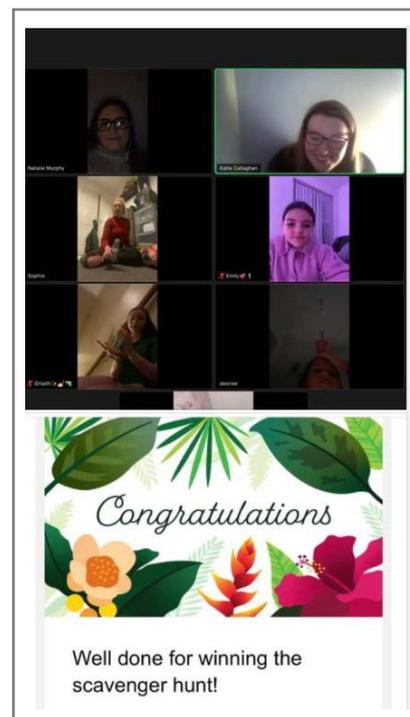
Engaging with young people online

During lockdowns, our youth workers kept in touch with young people with a 'mentoring through online gaming' initiative, online homework club, creative challenges etc. One to one support was also provided where necessary.

Summer interventions

From the summer, we resumed our street outreach work and held targeted intervention events.

In Summer 20, we organised trips for small targeted groups, in line with government restrictions and to ensure maximum safety for our young people. We also held targeted outreach programmes in Halloween and Christmas holidays.



Street outreach

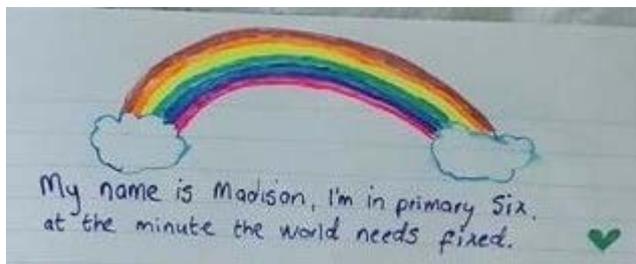
Throughout Autumn and winter, the team was very busy with outreach work, engaging with young people on the streets of Ardoyne and Marrowbone, holding information stalls, helping to minimise anti-social behaviour and ease tensions at interface areas. We had a strong presence at interface potential flash points at difficult times, and were delighted to work together with other community groups to keep the area largely trouble-free.

Thanks to a partnership between local youth clubs, a new Empowering Young People Outreach Detached Project, an enhanced outreach programme has been unrolled, providing much needed support. Our team coordinates its efforts with the project to ensure that more times and parts of the district are covered.

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Of course, the main role of outreach-detached work is not to manage crisis situations but to support young people through early intervention and encourage them to get involved in youth clubs and activities. We made 449 referrals to youth clubs, activities and support services.

Keeping young people's spirits up



The Covid crisis affected young people in many ways, disrupting their school work, closing down or limiting their youth clubs and activities, isolating them in their homes and heightening anxiety and isolation.

Keeping spirits up was an important part of our work throughout the year. We did this through many activities which also ensured that they knew we were available for them when they needed listening ears.

Sunflower challenge and hula hoop challenge

In spring and summer 2020, we partnered with Ardoyne Association, Ligoniel Improvement Association and North Belfast Advice Partnership to organise a tallest sunflower challenge for families and hula hoop challenge for children.

AYE made up 360 sunflower kits and sourced 500 hula hoops to be delivered by



North Belfast Foodbank and Ardoyne Association street reps. We made hula hoop skills demo videos with local children. Both challenges were a big success, with hundreds of participants in Ardoyne and Ligoniel.

Lockdown Talent show



We organised an online talent show, with participants aged 5 to 15, from both Ardoyne and Ballysillan. 32 children and young people sent us contributions ranging from singing, Irish dancing, hip hop, karaoke, singing, comedy, violin, piano to artwork. Their amazing contributions can be seen on our Facebook page: [ArdoyneYouthEnterprise](#).

New Lodge Arts and Urban Scale Interventions provided great prizes. We were very grateful to Our Lady's Primary School and North Belfast Alternatives for putting forward their talented young artists.

Children of Lockdown: writing competition with Paul McVeigh

We teamed up with local author Paul McVeigh for a series of online readings and a writing competition for children and young people.

Paul McVeigh won the Polaris Prize for his book *The Good Son*, about growing up in Ardoyne in the 80s, during the Troubles. He read extracts from his novel and answered questions online. The readings are on YouTube: [Paul McVeigh - The Good Son - Readings for Ardoyne Youth Enterprise](#).



Paul was the judge in the writing competition we set for children and young people in three age groups: under 12, 12 to 15 and 16+.

We had 26 contributions from all over Belfast and further afield, including some amazing talent, passion for writing, imaginative stories and poems, and honest descriptions of how the crisis impacted their lives. The Children of Lockdown stories can be read here:

www.ardoyne.org/children-of-lockdown

The project was supported by North Belfast Strategic

Good Relations Programme through Community Relations Council (AYE) and the Arts Council of Northern Ireland (Paul McVeigh).

Family Fridays

From January, the team helped the Community Foodbank with their Family Friday activities packs deliveries and more recently with their outdoors barbecue. We delivered 50 cooking and creative activities packs per week, a total of 450 packs.



We encouraged families to send us photos of their creations, and offered prizes for the most creative.



Support and activities packs

With generous help from our funders, we were able to provide more activities packs and support packs to our youth groups, as well as to local nursery schools, playgroups and newcomer families.

We helped Urban Scale Interventions, New Lodge Arts and Marrowbone Community Association to deliver bird boxes and arts

and craft packs to local children.

We were very proud of our young people who helped us write Christmas cards to residents in Bradley Manor care home.



Supporting young people in group work

Better days: Uniting Opportunities Young Women's group

In partnership with Ashton Community Trust and New Lodge Arts, we ran a 12-week programme for young women to raise awareness of mental health and explore issues of concern to them. 14 young women participated in the programme, which combines creative workshops, reflective sessions and physical activity.

The group created a banner and billboards to tell young people and the community that there are better days ahead. The banner adorns our garden fence in Flax Street and the billboards were displayed on Crumlin Road and Cliftonville Road. The young women worked with our youth workers, New Lodge Arts staff and artist Fionnuala Duffin on this project to support mental health

and boost morale in North Belfast.

'It has made me feel more comfortable with other people' Aoibhea

'It's helped me be more positive and to see the good through hard times.' Aimee

'I've enjoyed being able to come on and express my feelings.' Desiree

The young women also made a video on what had helped them through lockdowns. You can see it on YouTube: [Ardoyne Youth Enterprise – Better Days – Uniting Opportunities Young Women's Group](#).

The young women have since progressed on to other groups, both with AYE and with other local organisations.

This programme was supported by the Department for Communities, T:BUC, Uniting Communities scheme.



Good relations and personal development: MADE

18 young men from Ardoyne, Marrowbone and Monkstown took part in our fourth six-month programme of personal and social development, the Monkstown Ardoyne Diversity, and Empowerment Programme (MADE).



The young men on the previous year's programme had bonded well together and were keen to continue to develop together, so we enrolled them for a second term.

Through online workshops and some face to face

activities, the young people explored good relations, equality and diversity issues and developed their confidence to become active citizens involved in community development and good relations.

Although their planned programme was disrupted by the Covid crisis, the young men still managed a go karting trip, walk and talk tours of the Shankill and Ardoyne, online workshop with a refugee from South Africa, Indian Culture Night, Foods of the World night, movie night, quiz night, pizza making night and a coastering residential.

Together, they worked on an OCNNI Level 1 in Diversity and Good Relations, and 17 of them received certificates. We are incredibly proud of their achievement, and of how they maintained their friendships through lockdowns.

Most of them have now gone on to other personal development and good relations group work with AYE, Ardoyne Youth Club, Monkstown Boxing Club and R-City.



Targeted group work: older lads group

Throughout the year, we engaged with a group of young men aged 15+ who were involved in previous programmes with AYE or connected with us through street outreach.



We supported them with job searches, stayed in touch through online sessions and outdoor drop-in sessions, involved them in cleaning up our garden, building garden furniture and generally preparing the space for outdoor group work.

Some of the young men also helped with a street clean-up and in supporting our summer intervention trips for younger age groups.

As most of their regular clubs and activities were curtailed, this provided an important source of mutual support and mentoring, as they were making the transition from school to the world of work. We are proud that all of these young men are now in employment.

Mentoring at-risk young people

We commissioned intensive mentoring programmes for at-risk young people in Ardoyne and Shankill, run with R-City Project. 19 young people were referred and only 2 chose not to engage with the mentoring programme. 129 mentoring sessions were completed.

Due to Covid19 regulations and restriction, mentoring supports were delivered using a blended approach – face-to-face, via telephone and online platforms. Building relationships using blended approaches took additional time for some young people, supporting them to build their confidence to engage and working to define expectations of the service.

Mentors were able to advocate on behalf of the young people, sharing their concerns and ensuring the young person's voice was heard.

Feedback through evaluation showed that all mentees felt supported by their mentor. All mentees stated that they would recommend mentoring to a friend.

Through self-assessment, participants shared how they have changed, areas they had improved on and skills developed as a result of their mentoring support. Common areas of improvement reported as a result of the mentoring process included:

- improved relationships/ friendships
- improvements in mental health – more able to manage stress/anxiety

- more self-awareness
- better understanding of consequences of own behaviour
- improved Communication – particularly with friends
- more understanding of when to ask for support.

Skilling young people and youth leaders

We support young people to seek training and employment. As an OCNNI accredited centre, we provide a growing programme of accredited courses. We also offer volunteering opportunities and encourage young people to value themselves as positive role models and ambassadors for their communities.

Young people sharing their expertise

We hosted an online meeting with students and academics from University of Massachusetts, where six young people from Ardoyne, Oldpark and Shankill areas spoke about the legacy of the Troubles, the impact on their lives and their roles as peace builders through cross community work.

The session was part of the University's Peace Building Studies Summer School.

'Thanks again for the session. It was fabulous! We'll be back next year.'

Professor Marie Breen Smyth

Accredited training

Our accredited courses aim to build a strong pool of future youth workers. We are an accredited delivery centre for Open College Network Northern Ireland and are constantly developing our courses.



In 2020-21, there was a big appetite for accredited training, and we increased our delivery in partnership with local youth and community organisations. We ran courses for New Lodge Youth Centre, Ardoyne Youth Club, Harmoni Hostel and RCity Belfast to Blanco programme, and

planned a social media course for GRACE Family Centre.

128 young people and aspiring youth workers enrolled on our courses, and 116 qualified.



The 11 courses offered included Mental Health Awareness Level 2, Diversity within Society Level 1 and Level 2, Youth Leadership Level 2, Personal Motivation Level 1, Peer Mentoring Level 2, and Level 2 Award in Youth Work Practice. Our youth work course delivered 10 qualified youth workers.

We developed online and hybrid versions of our courses so we could deliver them throughout the pandemic. We added new courses to our portfolio and can now deliver additional courses in social media, youth justice, vocational studies and more.

Groups interested in running courses through AYE should contact our Director thomas@ardoyne.org

Volunteering

9 young people were engaged in a clean-up of our community garden

5 young people helped make packs for the community foodbank

7 young people helped in a community clean-up of Flax Street

10 helped in a community clean-up of the polytunnel at Our Lady's Primary School.

6 young people hosted a visit by University of Massachusetts staff and students



Strengthening the community

At AYE, we are very proud to be part of the impressive response from North Belfast community groups to the Covid 19 crisis. This was made possible by years of community development and relationship building between neighbouring areas.

We supported 79 youth & community providers through our Covid 19 guide.



Although restrictions have been easing, the crisis is not over and the impact in terms of poverty, trauma and social isolation remains massive. Groups across wider North Belfast and beyond continue to offer essential community response services.

Addressing poverty

With support from our funders, we were able to deliver 70 hot meals to

participants in our targeted groups through the summer, as part of community efforts to reduce poverty.

As part of our Welcoming Newcomers programme, we delivered phone and food vouchers to members of North Belfast Friendship Club.

We supported community efforts in Ardoyne, Ballysillan and wider North Belfast through the Covid crisis by sharing information, helping set up rapid response networks and referring families to each other's services.



Covid 19 response guide

In April and May 2020, we collated information about community response services in Ardoyne, Marrowbone, Oldpark, Ballysillan, Cliftonville, Woodvale and wider North

This guide tells you about places where you can access support if you live in:

- Ardoyne/Marrowbone
- Ballysillan
- Crumlin Road
- Ligoniel
- Oldpark/Cliftonville
- Woodvale

Where do I get help during Covid 19 crisis?

Helplines

COVID19 Community Helpline
Tel: 0808 802 0020 17 days a week 9am-5pm
Text: ACTION to 81025
Email: Covid19@advice.ni.net

NHS Tel: 111
If you think you have Covid 19 symptoms

Belfast City Council helpline
Tel: 0800 507 4695

Childline Tel: 0800 1111

Parent Line NI Tel: 0808 802 0400

Women's Aid 24 Hour Domestic & Sexual Abuse Helpline
Tel: 0808 802 1414 (open to women & men)

PSNI Domestic Abuse Helpline
Tel: 0808 802 1414

NEXUS 24 Hour Rape Crisis & Sexual Abuse Helpline
Tel: 0808 802 1414

Age NI Tel: 0808 808 7575

Rainbow Project LGBTIQ+ advice & support
Tel: 028 9031 9030

Covid 19 response for Refugees & Asylum Seekers
Tel or text: 079 7852 5870

Samsonline Tel: 116 123

Lifeline Tel: 0808 808 8000
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Addiction NI Tel: 028 9066 4434

More information on support services in North Belfast go to: www.ardoyne.org/what-on-in-ardoyne.html

The services in this guide are open to everyone across the community.

Belfast and put together a guide published on behalf of North Belfast Advice Partnership.

We updated the guide in March this year, and distributed 2,000 copies of the updated guide through our contacts in schools, youth and community groups. You can download 'Where do I get help During Covid 19 Crisis' here:

www.ardoyne.org/publications.html

We published a full version of the guide on our website: www.ardoyne.org/where-do-i-get-help-in-north-belfast.html

Thanks to Belfast City Council and NBSGRP for supporting this project.

Virtual festivals

We held two virtual festival weekends to keep community spirits up during the winter of 20-21. Thanks to Michael and Dominic Mullan (Who Owns Ye), AYE, Cora Kelly and John McAlea, DJs Symmetrik and Paddy Gormley for their amazing concerts, which attracted a massive 20,300 views.

You can watch the concerts in the videos section of our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/ArdoyneYouthEnterprise/videos

Ardoyne Youth Enterprise presents - 12 to 14 March 21

VIRTUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL 2021

John McAlea and Who Owns Ye
Friday 12 March 8pm

Cora Kelly
Sun 14 March 8pm

SYMMETRIK

DJs Paddy Gormley and Symmetrik
Sat 13 March 8pm

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Welcoming Newcomers to North Belfast



Welcoming Newcomers is an integration programme to increase community capacity to welcome and settle new migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and their families.

In 20-21, we had to run this programme differently:

16 Small Worlds workshops

199 participants

98% feel they now understand more about migrants and refugees.

11 participating groups:

R-City, Ardoyne Youth Club, John Paul 2 Youth Club, New Lodge Youth Centre, Belfast Met Futures Programme, Ashton Breakthrough, Women's Tec, Marrowbone Youth Club, Our Lady's Primary School, Let Youth Lead CCRF, Bunscoil Bean Mhadagain.

We moved all our Small Worlds workshops online, and simplified the format to allow more groups to benefit. We were able to run 16 workshops for 199 participants. We offer these workshops free to schools, youth and community groups, where participants get to hear about newcomers' lives and the journeys that brought them here.

We supported 56 members of North Belfast Friendship Club and Family Comfort NI (two volunteer run organisations that work with newcomer families) through wellbeing and activities packs, phone vouchers to enable people to stay in touch with their

groups and with families abroad, signposting to local foodbanks and youth clubs, and providing administrative support.

We held one face-to-face outdoor event at Grow Community Garden for isolated migrants.

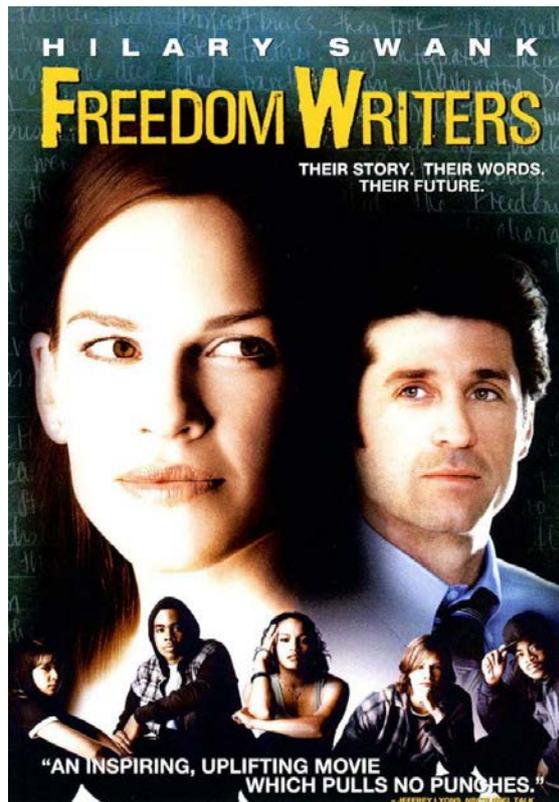
56 newcomer children and adults supported

Partners: North Belfast Friendship Club, Grow NI, Family Comfort NI, Shankill Alternatives and Belfast Friendship Club.

Once again, we were delighted with the warm welcome given by the youth and community groups that participated in the project. We were very impressed by the newcomers' graciousness in teaching local people about cultural diversity and migration issues.

Supporting youth workers

We held a film night and an online lecture for youth and community workers on the theme of 'Freedom Writers'. We were inspired by Erin Gruwell, founder of the Freedom Writers movement, who spoke at the lecture. Freedom Writers empower young people in disadvantaged communities in the United States through alternative methods of education, encourage them to write about their lives and to make connections with established writers with similar experiences.



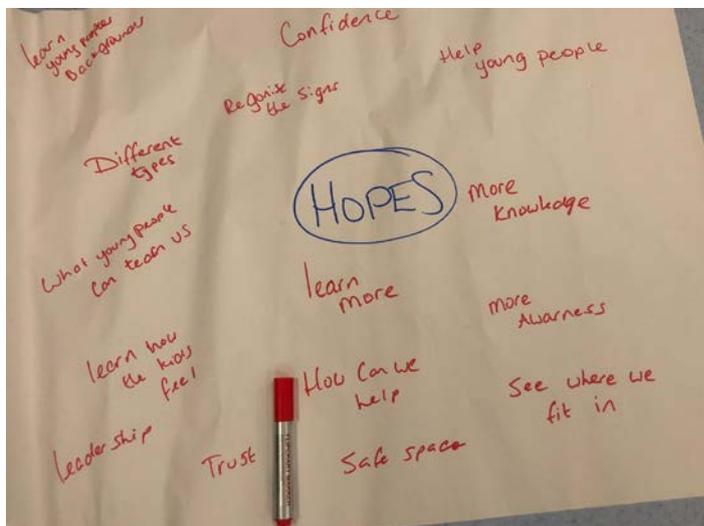
Are you involved in youth work and over 18?

Showing this Sunday 7pm the inspiring movie

Freedom Writers

Email us for the zoom link: communications@ardoyne.org or message: Facebook Ardoyne Youth Enterprise Twitter/Insta sayebelfast

#AYEfilmclub



We helped local youth clubs develop a successful bid for additional coordinated outreach detached work in the area, a much needed service when social distancing requirements mean that youth services have to limit numbers in indoors group work and drop-ins. We have been providing training and support for the new workers.

Community development through communications support



In 2020-21, we convened regular online meetings of Ardoyne and Marrowbone youth and community providers to coordinate our work. During Good Relations Week, we held a providers' networking breakfast in our community garden.

We increased our use of social media platforms to better reach out to young people and promote local youth, community and training opportunities. This was particularly important as many groups and individuals relied heavily on online communication to break isolation and develop crisis response services.



We developed a video [‘To beat the spread of Covid 19, everyone has a role to play’](#) for Urban Villages and an online ‘Wear Your Mask’ photo campaign, and supported young people through campaigns of positive messages. We also contributed a video by local community groups for [Virtual Belfast Pride](#).

We publicised the work of our members and partners in our AYE eNews, on social media and in the Urban Villages magazine FOCUS which is distributed to households in Ardoyne and Greater Ballysillan, and available on our website.

Urban regeneration

We have been working with SIB and North Belfast Urban Villages to develop the business case for the development of office, meeting and retail space at the development site on 497–501 Crumlin Road which we acquired in December 2018.

We completed work on our business plan in 2020-21, and are now moving on to the next stage of fundraising.

With thanks to our members, partners and funders

AYE Members

AMH New Life Counselling

Ard Eoin Ciceams

Ardoyne Youth Club

Community Restorative Justice Ireland

Glenbrook Surestart

Grace Women's Development Ltd

Holycross Boys PS

Holycross Pre-School

John Paul II Youth Club

Mindskills

Marrowbone Community Association

NB Housing

North Belfast Interface Network

PIPS Charity

RCity

Safer Neighbourhood Ardoyne
Partnership

St Vincent de Paul PS

YEHA

Funders

Belfast City Council

Department for Communities

Education Authority

Halifax Foundation NI

National Lottery Community Fund

Northern Ireland Community
Relations Council

The Executive Office

The Urban Villages Initiative





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