

UPCOMING EVENTS



Check out the new Youth Outreach Project logo!

It was designed by Lauren Scanlon from Finn Valley College and created by Sinead Hogan, LYIT.

BEBO

Check out the new Youth Outreach Project Bebo page!

You can now find us at:

www.bebo.com/YouthOutreachP

You can check out photos of past events such as games and variety competitions and keep up to date on upcoming events, feel free to drop us a comment!

GAMES AND VARIETY COMPETITIONS

See inside for details of the 2008/2009 Games and Variety Show Competitions. Keep the following dates free!

- 14th December 2008 Variety County Finals
- 21st February 2009 Soccer County Finals
- 21st March 2009 All Other Games Co. Finals
- 7th February 2009 Variety Area Finals

What's the Craic?

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Check out our new logo on page 8!!

Welcome to the fourth edition of the Youth Outreach Project Newsletter. Inside you will find details of all the events which have taken place in Donegal Youth Service over the past few months. The Variety Show and Games Competitions are now complete for 2008 and preparations have begun for 2009 finals!!



Our website is now online! You can visit the website at www.donegalyouthservice.ie and all youth clubs now have their own pages, so feel free to update your pages as often as you wish! For details on how to update your club page, contact Sheena in DYS.

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We also have our new YOP Bebo page!! Members can become friends of the YOP and gain information on upcoming events, give suggestions. See inside for more details.

If you have anything you would like to add to the next edition of the newsletter, please email Sheena on sheena.boyle@donegalyouthservice.ie



GAMES GAMES GAMES!!!!

ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONS!!!

The All Ireland Finals of the annual Youth Club Games Competition took place in University of Limerick on the 4th/5th July. Young people from across Donegal competed in Unihoc, Hip hop, Table Tennis, Table Quiz, 5-a-side Soccer, Basketball, Chess and Draughts in the final.

Pictured are the St. Brigid's Youth Club (Clonmany) winners in under 18 female 5-a-side soccer and Club Oige Chroist Ri, winners in under 18 male five-a-side soccer and winners in the Under 18 Basketball category. Participants from Fanad Youth Club achieved second place in the under 15 female 5-a-side soccer. Young people from Glengad Youth Club achieved second place in the under 15 Unihoc final while the hip-hop team from Glenswilly achieved third place in their event. Participants from Doneyloop Youth Club, Malin Head Youth Club and Fanad Youth Club also took part in the table tennis and quiz events. Young people from Donegal participated fully in the events and represented their county with pride in Limerick. Congratulations to all who took part.

The Games competition runs on an annual basis beginning in February each year with the County Finals. The competition is open to all Youth Units affiliated to Donegal Youth Service and we have seen many young people from Donegal Clubs emerge as All Ireland winners in the past.

Teams and individual competitors can take part in the following events in the competition:

5-a-side Soccer	Basketball
Unihoc	Hiphop
Chess	Draughts
Table Tennis	Table Quiz

Ask your club leader for details!

ANNUAL YOUTH CLUB MEETING

During the 2007/8 Youth Club year, 106 adult volunteers completed accredited Child Protection Unit of Ireland Child Protection training, this was facilitated by Charlene Logue, and 15 adult volunteers successfully undertook and completed Accredited Youth Leader training, also facilitated by Charlene Logue. 12 adults also completed accredited First Aid training as provided by First Aid +. 57 young people participated in and received accreditation in NOCN Personal Development training as facilitated by Sheena Boyle.

Young people who won medals in the National All Ireland Games Competition and National All Ireland Variety Show Competition 2008 were presented with CD covers and a copy of the newly launched CD '7 Steps Up' competition winners featuring among others Donegal group 'Boy Number 7'. Volunteer Achievement Award National winner Mary Mc Fadden of Club Oige Chroist Ri and nominees Stephen Mc Namee of St. Johnston YP and Brid Mc Grenra Doneyloop YC were presented with tokens of appreciation for their hard work and dedication to youth work during 2007/8. Finally, Doneyloop YC received a plaque as winners of the Youth Club of the Year 2007/8. This is an annual award, presented to the youth club with the most consistent participation in local, regional and National events. If you are volunteering in a local youth club and would like to get involved with DYS programmes, or are thinking of forming a youth club, please do not hesitate to contact Charlene Logue, Senior Youth Worker on 07491 29630 or 0863817959



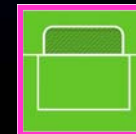
DYS AGM

Donegal Youth Service celebrates at the Youth Clubs Annual Meeting 2008

Donegal Youth Service held its Annual General Meeting 2008, celebrated its successes over 2007/8 club year and launched the 2008/9 club year on Wednesday 5th November at its headquarters 16-18 Port Road, Letterkenny. At the AGM an overview of the 2007 DYS year was delivered by outgoing Chairperson Mr. Stephen Mc Namee, noting highlights of the previous years projects and programmes. Information on the accounts of the company was delivered by Stewart & Mc Laughlin Accountants. An overview of all projects directly employed by DYS was given by Charlene Logue, Acting Regional Director, notably the DYS Community Employment Scheme, DYS Daybreak Programme, DYS Community Based Youth Work Consortium, DYS LOFT Project and Health café, DYS Planet Youth, DYS Youthlinks, DYS Youth Information Centre and the DYS Youth Outreach Project. After the AGM the Annual Youth Clubs Meeting took place. At this meeting, Charlene Logue Senior Youth Worker for the county and Sheena Boyle Youth Outreach Worker for the county launched the training, events, activities, and programmes for the incoming 2008/9 youth club year. Youth Club members and volunteers from the 33 youth clubs and projects across the county, attended and watched as young people from various youth clubs received gifts of acknowledgement from the Youth Outreach Project which coordinates and delivers quality programmes, activities and events for young people aged 5yrs – 25yrs right across Donegal. The Youth Work Ireland National Games and National Variety Show Competitions were launched. Information on grants, funding, training opportunities and other programmes was disseminated to all youth clubs present.



MALIN HEAD YC
U15 QUIZ TEAM



CLUB OIGE CHRIOST RI
U18 SOCCER TEAM



ST. BRIGID'S
U18 SOCCER TEAM



GLENGAD YC
U15 UNIHOC TEAM



FANAD
U15 SOCCER TEAM



VARIETY SHOW

Preparations are ongoing once again for the Annual Variety Show Competition.

The County Finals of the competition will take place in ... on Sunday 14th December. Doors open at 12, show starts at one!!

The competition is open to young people aged 11-19 and young people from Glengad and Malin Head Youth Clubs were successful at All Ireland level in 2008.

Categories are listed below:

- Spotlight
- Creative Dance
- Show Dance
- Solo Singing
- Group Singing
- Solo Instrumental
- Group instrumental
- Duais na Gaeilge
- Drama
- Comedy



For more information on the categories above or for information on how to enter, contact your club leader or Sheena in Donegal Youth Service (sheena.boyle@donegalyouthservice.ie or www.bebo.com/youthoutreachp)



Just a quick word about a wonderful youth-led event in Falcarragh Co. Donegal.

hydrÓgen was the brainchild of a group of members of the Youth Arts, Recreation and Drama Centre (YARD) in this the largest town in the Donegal Gaeltacht. The team conceived of a completely youth designed, developed and delivered festival - featuring workshops addressing youth issues (transport, sexual health and bullying) combined with fun events, bands nights, a comedy hypnotist show, youth art exhibition, indoor skateboarding and the making of video shorts!

Dubbed hydrÓgen - a play on the famous rock fest Oxegen - but highlighting the ÓG - this event will run for three days over various 'stages' within the newly opened YARD youth arts centre - an alcohol free youth café and drop-in venue in the middle of the town. This Falcarragh Féile takes place during the 'boring wasteland of TV repeats and endless mince pies and turkey and ham burps!' Scheduled for 27th, 28th and 29th of December, the 3-day jamboree will involve a mix of messing about, talking and sharing ideas and learning new stuff. Local talent will be showcased on the bands night on 28th and at the Karaoke competition on 29th. The whole shebang is being managed by a group of 22 teenagers, working as three teams - media, Decor/design, Technical and led by a gang of four gentle dictators (also 16-17 year olds) who try their best to oversee and coordinate the chaos. They are supported by the local Community Development Project (CDP) - Pobail le Chéile who organised a grant from Léargas - the Youth Work & Youth Exchange Bureau which will provide the cash to skill up the teams and buy-in some basic equipment and services. Paul Kernan the CDP coordinator said that "once we gave them the 'OK' off they went and our job now is just one of containment, keeping it 'do-able', possible and legal!" The 'concept' and sale of YouthPass 3-Day tickets will be launched during lunchtime on Tuesday 2nd December @ the YARD, Falcarragh and the festival itself kicks off on Saturday 27th December at 7pm. We are currently designing the stage and lighting rig, building the cinema room, designing the tickets and finalising the programme. If you would like to get more information (website won't be 'up' until 22/23 Nov - www.hydrógen.ie) call Paul on 0860841433 or the YARD on 07491 80112.