

# What's Next, Why Now?

Reframing our thinking on youth work

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# Youth Work in Ireland is in the Main Good

- Rooted in communities
- Strong foundations and history
- Diverse offering
- Good support from Government
- Really good workforce - paid and voluntary
- We know youth work works



# Progressive Universalism

Every young person should have the opportunity to be involved in youth clubs, groups, organisation and programmes

Targeted supports for young people facing adversity in their lives



## So Why Now?

- We owe to young people and young people need it
- Adolescence is a time of huge transition
- Unprecedented change
- No roadmap



## The 5 Cs

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Critical Thinking
- Creativity
- Connectedness

Empathy

Resilience



# Post COVID-19 Environment

- Young people were left behind
- Concerns about mental health
- Safe spaces



# The Digital World

- The Digital Divide
- We have left young people to navigate digital learning by themselves



# Foróige's Digital Strategy

- Digital Literacy
- Digital Skills
- Digital Engagement
- Digital Citizenship
- Digital Safety

Young people must be empowered to be dynamic creators and change makers not passive consumers or recipients of technology





# Policy Opportunity

- Reform of Youth Service Grant Scheme
- BOBF2
- National Youth Strategy
- Updated LGBTI+ Youth and Youth Participation Strategies



## What Is Next?

- Volunteer Led Youth Work
- Hubs/centres for universal youth work
- Mentoring
- Youth Participation
- Targeted youth work



**Thank You!**

