

## "TALK ABOUT YOUTH PROJECT" WISHES YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

### 1: SUMMER PROJECT



For the month of July, we ran a whole range of activities which were fun, educational, cultural and historical with sport and outdoor education also in the mix. 60 young people aged 8 to 15 years of age availed of this bumper packed programme.

*From Left: Zoe Smith, Alanna Delaney, Taylor Hevey, Shauna Heeney, Megan Horan and Shauna Behan from the Talk About Youth Project, St. Andrew's Resource Centre in Pearse Street, Dublin, taking part in the Docklands Dip in Spencer Dock recently.*

### 2: STEM IN YOUTHWORX INITIATIVE

Some of the team have been trained in this NYCI programme and as a result were invited, along with some of our teenagers to participate in the International Maker Space Workshop hosted by Google.



### 3: HALLOWEEN

Trick or treat... here we have the Inbetweenagers enjoying their annual Halloween party.





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### 4: CAUSEWAY YOUTH EXCHANGE

The theme of this leg of the exchange program was **"Knife Crime and Teenagers"** with our project and partners from Liverpool and Chester. There were 36 young people with 8 youth workers and 2 leaders in training.

We spent the first 2 days in the "Shewsy Youth Club" from Everton in

Liverpool, the next 2 days in an adventure centre in Wales (Kingswood Colomendy), and the last day in "Saltney Youth Club" just outside Chester in Wales.



### 5: SIBERIAN EXCHANGE TRIP

**"Think Act React"** was the theme of this youth exchange with groups from Finland and Russia (Siberia).

This was the second leg of three, the first was in Finland, in the town of Kokkola in the winter of 2018, the second was in Russia, in the town of Krasnoyarsk in Siberia, with the third leg in Dublin next year.



### 6: BEYOND LABELS

**LGBTI+ rights and visibility youth exchange**  
**02-10/09/2018, Dublin**

The youth exchange BEYOND LABELS is part of a Human Rights Education programme "STAY HUMAN 3" that has involved around 180 young people from all over the EU. The exchange focused on LGBTI+ rights and campaigning. It brought together 40 young people from the Talk About Youth Project, the Netherlands, Spain, Slovenia, Lithuania and Romania to Dublin. The main aim was to learn how to raise awareness on LGBT+ issues and to promote our own campaign "DEAR ME", which was developed over a year ago by our LGBTI+ Youth Group "ALLSORTS".



### 7: LIFE CHOICE PROGRAMME

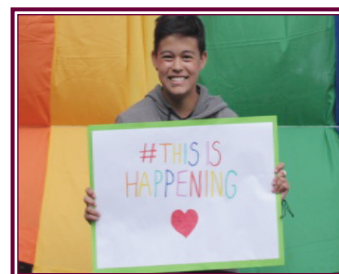
By now I'm sure you are aware that the Talk About Youth Project is home to 5 simulator babies. The babies were handed over to local young women, who cared for them for 2 nights. Taking home a baby is a beneficial experience for our young people, however the work which precedes it is of even greater benefit. It is a sex and relationships and life skills programme. It addresses issues like the effects of drugs and alcohol in pregnancy, peer pressure, contraception, STI's and the financial, aspirational and emotional consequences of having a baby.

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### 8: LGBTI + UNDER 18 YEARS DROP IN

We are delighted to be opening our doors for our first ever, under 18yrs LGBTI+ Youth Group. The doors were opened on Monday 12th November between 7 - 9 p.m. in the Junction. This will be a safe and inclusive space for young people to come together and have fun. The group will be supported by our Allsorts LGBTI+ Group.

Please contact Lisa Downes in the youth office, if you would like to find out more.



### 9: OUR VOICE PROJECT

The "Our Voice" integration project was run in partnership with the Irish Refugee Council to represent and promote the voices of young people from migrant and non-migrant communities. The project aimed to strengthen connections between young people and celebrate diversity.



The project brought together 20 young people from different backgrounds to get to know each other, share their experiences and stories. The young people collaborated for 6 months including a 5 day trip to Sherkin Island where they produced a film, song and stories to help promote a more inclusive world.

Watch this space for the launch of Our Voice project!

### 10: REEL YOUTH 2018

A big thank you to our amazing Art group who took part in this year's Reel Youth Collective. The group produced the first ever Stop Motion film to be seen in the Reel Youth film Festival. The film was called Creative liberty which addressed the passions that young people have and are often not recognised.

Again a big thank you to all the wonderful young artists in our community!

If you are interested in finding out more please contact Lisa in the youth office.



### 11: STAY HUMAN – HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMME

Gentrification, Cities of Today  
Youth Exchange Spain

A group of young people travelled to Spain in June to discuss and address the effect of gentrification. The youth exchange aimed to raise awareness among young people and build an understanding of how gentrification affects cities throughout the world, how it impacts differently to different groups, and especially how it is often connected to many human rights issues.

If you would like to get involved in the Stay Human (Human Rights) Programme contact Lisa in the Youth Office.

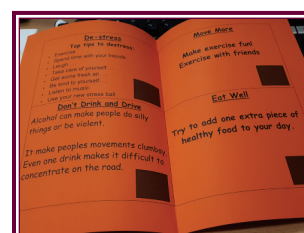


### 12: YOLO: You Only Live Once

This health promotion programme runs throughout the year, with the highlight being Health Promotion week in November. This year there were workouts with Gloucester Street, Music, Healthy Eating, De- stress games, Glow football, Outreach work, Alcohol awareness and a fun day in Tayto Park.



For information on any of the youth project programmes, drop into the youth office or ring us at 01-6771930.



Huge thanks to all our young people, volunteers, families, St. Andrew's Resource Centre, funders and partner organisations for all their support during 2018.