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Youth Work Ireland/Limerick Youth Service

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First Ever National Youth Club App launched by Youth Work Ireland and Limerick Youth Service

Ireland's first ever App dedicated to youth clubs is being launched today (Oct 16) in Limerick. Pioneered by Youth Work Ireland and Limerick Youth Service and being rolled out through local youth services by Youth Work Ireland the My Youth Club App provides an easy, user friendly mechanism for parents and guardians to register their child in their local youth club, learn about upcoming activities and events and consent to participate in activities. The App will streamline how Volunteers manage registrations in their club, volunteer training and Garda Vetting. The APP will simplify many processes for clubs and for Youth Services a key issue for Youth Clubs.

"The My Youth Club App provides a simple means of communicating effectively to all members. Features include registration, news, scheduling, events, push notifications, chat function, reporting and much more. We see the APP as a necessary platform that will have a positive impact on the communities it serves and for young people in local communities. With this App and our new Strategic Plan also being launched today, Limerick Youth Service will build on these positives and support young people in facing the challenges. We will continue to place young people at the centre of all that we do, facilitate an integrated and collaborative approach to our work, prioritise learning, creativity and innovation and embed equality, inclusion, and diversity" said Fiona O' Grady, Director of Limerick Youth Service

"Many young people do not have a safe place where they have a sense of belonging, where they have people who believe in them, or a place where they can form positive relationships with adults. Youth Work Ireland, through the clubs and projects run from our Member Youth Services, offers young people from every background a place to go, a listening ear, and support if they need it. We have over 200 clubs in communities all over Ireland. The local youth club is often the heart of the community where young people, youth leaders, adult volunteers, and staff come together to be part of something important. The youth club encourages participation and fosters a sense of belonging for young people, as well as training and support for volunteers. This App will significantly enhance this work enabling youth clubs in the four corners of Ireland in maximising their impact" said Dr Patrick Burke, CEO of Youth Work Ireland

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