

CROSS NATION YOUTH WORK PARTNERSHIP 2023–2028



Strategy

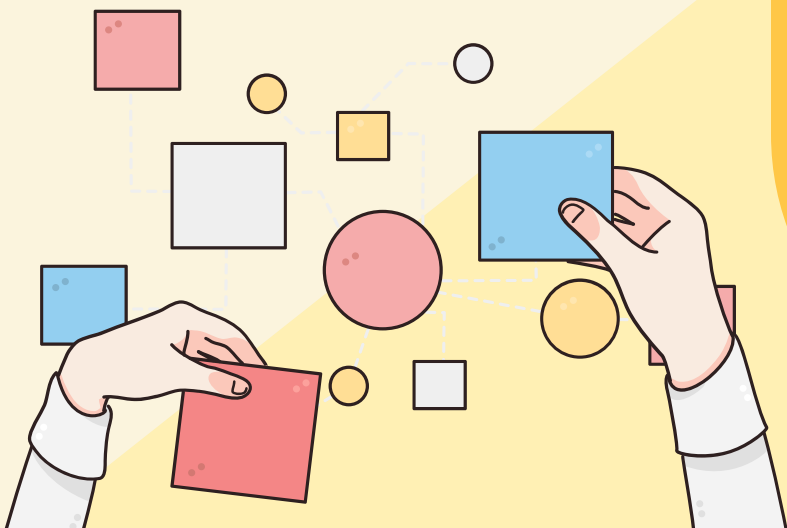
Championing Youth Work

Influencing Change

Growing Leadership

Building Connections

UK Youth, Youth Scotland, Youth Cymru, YouthAction NI and Youth Work Ireland are five leading youth work charities collaborating to improve the lives of young people.



YouthAction
NORTHERN IRELAND

Youth
CYMRU

Youth Work Ireland

UK YOUTH

youth
SCOTLAND

What we do

Within our collective networks we;

- Facilitate a diverse network of youth work organisations and cross sector partners, working with young people across Ireland and the UK.
- Deliver high quality youth work, workforce development, strong collaborations and partnerships; advocating for the needs of young people and youth work.

Context

- This strategy sets out our ambitions to work strategically together across the partnership. It acknowledges the changing relationships and political landscape between the countries and jurisdictions.

Our Vision

To create a dynamic movement for social change to enrich young people's lives, driven by the values and power of youth work.

Our Values

Our work is driven by these shared values;

- **Collaboration**. We work together to leverage our collective networks and influencing power to make a greater impact on and for young people.
- **Courage**. We challenge inequalities and have the courage to drive positive change for young people and communities across Ireland and the UK. We believe in an assets-based and strengths-driven approach.
- **Community**. We are focussed on building a deeper reconciliation of communities across Ireland and the UK. We build on the strengths of our communities and work together to build a shared understanding of our history and heritage.

We will ensure our partnership is distinguished by collaboration, openness and shared values led by the views of young people and our collective networks.

Our key objectives

As five leading youth work charities we are able to collectively leverage a powerful UK and Ireland partnership. We get to work together to achieve an impactful vision of change for young people. We will ensure that we;

1. **Champion** the value of youth work collectively across Ireland and the UK and build a greater understanding of its impact as a critical enabler for change.
2. Support young people and youth workers to **influence** change at a local, regional, national and international level.
3. **Grow** and develop a diverse, inspired, confident and skilled British-Irish workforce by developing opportunities to share learning, build connections and create innovation.
4. **Build** a shared cultural understanding, learning and **connections** across youth work communities across the partnership.

Key Priorities

OBJECTIVES	ACTIVITIES	SPECIFIC ACTIONS
<p>1 . Build a shared cultural understanding, learning and connections across the youth work community across our partnership.</p>	<p>Identify and enhance opportunities for young people and youth workers to build connections and learn about the cultural heritage across the partnership.</p>	<p>Mass convening across the isles (involving youth workers and young people).</p> <p>Leadership gathering and exploration for senior leaders across the partner organisations.</p>
<p>2. Support young people and youth workers to influence change at a local, regional, national and international level.</p>	<p>Establish a programme of activity to enable young people and youth workers to influence change.</p>	<p>Mass convening across the isles (involving youth workers and young people).</p> <p>Unite on a common youth-led campaign.</p> <p>Assess the potential of re-establishing BIPA Youth Panel.</p>
<p>3. Champion the value of youth work (including outdoor learning) collectively across the partnership and build a greater understanding of its impact as a key enabler for change.</p>	<p>Use programmes, projects and campaigns as opportunities to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop and deliver a cross-nation communications and influencing plan. Showing our combined impact and focussing on the stories of young people and youth workers.• Develop shared insights and resources to show the depth of work, areas of good practice and impact of youth work across the partnership.	<p>Develop a summary document that can be publicly used for promotion.</p> <p>Launch of the partnership strategy within and across the partner organisations.</p> <p>Summary review and progress document each year.</p> <p>Develop a specific communications plan.</p> <p>Mass convening across the isles (involving youth workers and young people).</p>
<p>4. Grow and develop a diverse, inspired and skilled British-Irish workforce by developing opportunities to share learning, build connections and create innovation.</p>	<p>Deliver regular “learning out loud” seminars across our staff teams, networks – sharing on our shared cultural heritage, the youth work policy landscape and cross nation insights.</p> <p>Design and deliver a cross nation’s leaders retreat to bring together a diverse cohort to share learning, develop connections and create innovation.</p>	<p>Non-accredited shared learning workshops through the Critical Youth Work Network (training, researching thinking, expression).</p> <p>Leadership gathering and exploration for senior leaders across the partner organisations.</p>

