



# Youth Work Ireland

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## **“Youth Funding Rapidly Falling Behind Other Community Groups – Two Tier System must be Avoided” says Leading Youth Organisation**

Youth Work Ireland has said increases to the main targeted youth projects supported by the DCEDIY (UBU projects) are now falling significantly behind other community groups who have been supported to meet inflationary and pay demands after a significant WRC ruling last October. UBU projects have had their funding increased by 2% this year while other community groups (known as S. 10, S. 39 and S. 56 organisations) have effectively received increases to cover staffing of 8%. The organisation, whose members work with over 100,000 young people, has said a two-tier system for community groups doing vital work locally has to be avoided by Government.

“Youth workers all around the country are doing hugely valuable work in local communities with the most disadvantaged young people through UBU projects supported by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY). Organisations in the areas of children, disability, homelessness, and substance misuse (known as Section 10, 39 and Section 56 workers) will receive an 8% increase following a WRC ruling while youth organisations have received only a 2% increase.” said Dr Patrick Burke, CEO of Youth Work Ireland

“This situation creates huge inequalities between different staff in local communities, unfairness between staff doing the same work and may lead to youth workers exiting from the sector and lead to industrial unrest. This is all public money, but some organisations are now at a disadvantage. We do not want to see a system where two members of staff in the same organisation doing similar work are treated differently. We cannot have a two-tier system in providing such vital community services.” Dr Burke added.

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